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The Great Gatsby, great grapes, beautiful beaches and lavish landscapes are just a few of the reasons to visit New York's Long Island this summer.

Long Island's four regions are rich with possibilities. The South Fork is home to the world-famous Hamptons. The North Fork is wine country. The South Shore sports beaches galore, while the North Shore is filled with harbor side villages and historic mansions.

Ah, those mansions. During the 1920s, the upper echelon of high society on the North Shore aimed to outshine each other by fashioning massive mansions and European-style gardens. The opulent lifestyle inspired local resident F. Scott Fitzgerald to pen "The Great Gatsby." The May release of Baz Luhrmann's movie version of the novel comes just in the nick of time to spark visitor interest in Long Island for the summer travel season.

Although the movie was filmed in Australia, the places that informed Fitzgerald's masterwork are located on Long Island.

More than a dozen Gilded Age mansions are presently open to the public. Some are maintained as historic homes, while others have been turned into museums, art galleries or auberges for the affluent. Among the can't-misses are Old Westbury Gardens, the Vanderbilt Estate, and the Frick Estate at the Nassau County Museum of Art.

While the Gilded Age was a highlight of Long Island's last century, today, all glory goes to the grape. Long Island has become one of the country's premier wine regions. In fact, Wine Enthusiast places it among the "Top Ten Wine Regions in the World." Long Island Wine Country, largely based on the North Fork, has become a major producing region. There are more than 3,000 acres of vineyards and four dozen wineries with tasting rooms. Many of the wineries host tours, special events and concerts during summer and the harvest season.

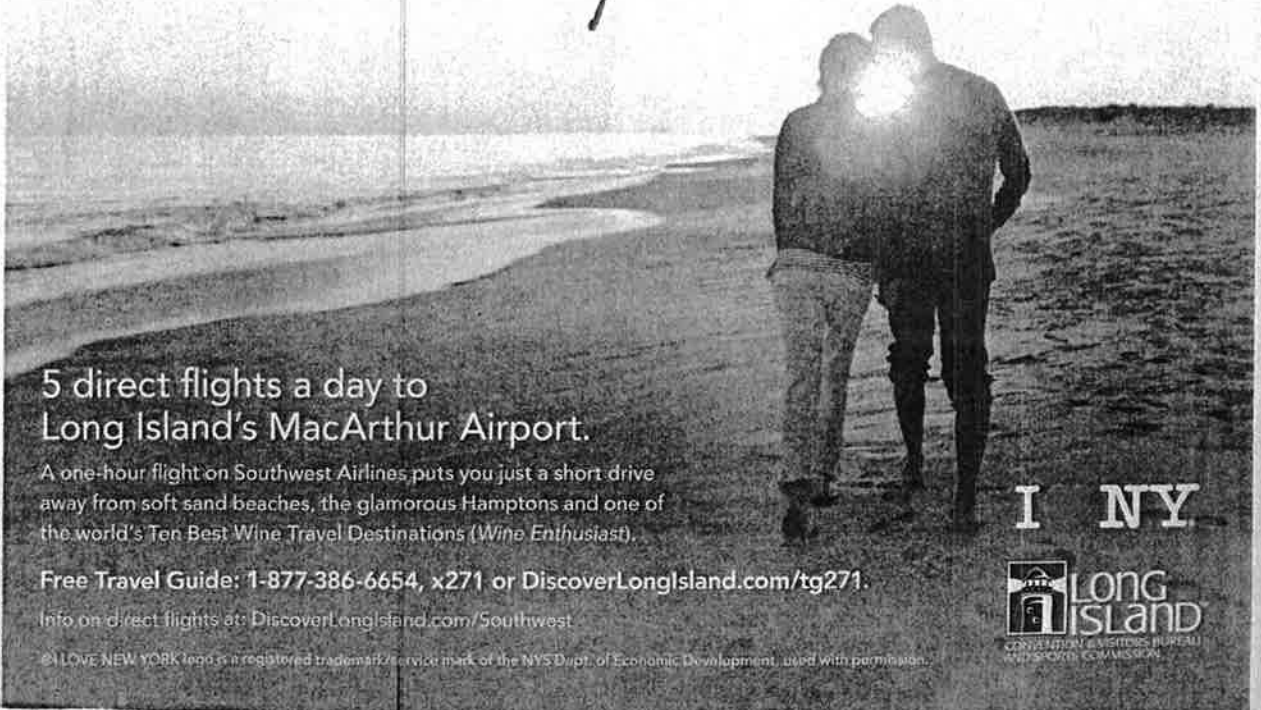
Long Island also has some of the most beautiful beaches in the country. People-watch or sunbathe on the wide beaches or take to the waters to swim, kayak or ocean fish. On land, there are plenty of family-friendly sites, including arboretums, aquariums, water parks and lighthouses. Sports lovers can track world-class horse racing at Belmont, watch a polo match in The Hamptons, or get in some golf near a scenic waterfront or through rolling hillsides.

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