

Weekend GETAWAYS

Get ready to escape! These mini vacations cover all manner of interests, budgets and time limits. Plus, three jaunts that feel far-flung but don't require a plane ticket—or an airport-security pat-down—and eight exclusive TONY deals.

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Ruschmeyer's



Bannerman Castle

Offbeat sights and stays

Day: Bannerman Castle; Fishkill, NY (1½ hrs from NYC by Metro-North) Scottish immigrant Francis Bannerman VI made his fortune by selling surplus military stock purchased at the end of the Civil War; in 1901, he designed a massive arsenal warehouse on the Hudson River's Pollepel Island to store his excess goods and equipment. The structure has decayed beautifully over the last century, and you can still see the picturesque ruins via a Hudson River Adventures tour. The excursion begins with a half-hour boat ride on the *Pollepel*, after which a guide from the Bannerman Castle Trust (bannermancastle.org) will walk you around the castle itself, plus the Bannermans' adjacent summer home and garden. (prideofthehudson.com, 800-979-3370). *Advance reservations recommended. Through Oct 28, times vary; \$30, children under 12 \$25.*

Weekend: Swanky estates and the slammer; Newport, RI (4 hrs from NYC by car) Though many escape to this seaside town for sailing, Newport's famed Gilded Age mansions (401-847-1000, newportmansions.org) demand equal attention. We're partial to Rosecliff, which was modeled after a royal French garden retreat. After you ogle all the

antique finery, take a stroll through the Brick Market Place (brickmarketnewport.com), comprising 25-plus specialty shops and food vendors. **Where to stay:** Jailhouse Inn, a former Colonial penitentiary, built in 1772, has been converted into luxury lodgings that feature modern decor and cushy beds. A continental breakfast, complimentary afternoon tea and a close proximity to the sweetest sights in the area are among the swank amenities. (800-427-9444, jailhouse.com). *Rates \$140–\$300.*

Long weekend: Jawsfest: The Tribute; Martha's Vineyard, MA (8 hrs by bus and ferry) Shark Week obsessives can celebrate those toothy man-eaters at this four-day fan event (Aug 9–12) held on the island where the seminal Spielberg thriller, *Jaws*, was filmed. Highlights include a big outdoor screening of the movie (Aug 11 at 8pm), preceded by a special tribute VIP appearances from cast members and screenwriter Carl Gottlieb. (jaws.tribute.com) **Where to stay:** The cozy Twin Oaks Inn offers a choice between the Clark House, a bed-and-breakfast, or the Hanover House, a country inn. (twin.oaksinn.net). *Rates start at \$175.* —Sharon Steel

Beaches and islands

Day: Playland Park Beach; Rye, NY (45 mins from NYC by Metro-North) Rye's preppy year-round residents spend most sunny days at private clubs, but the public beach attracts a more down-to-earth crowd. The coast is just steps away from the Playland amusement park (day pass \$30), the public pool (day pass \$6, park-and-beach combo pass \$8) and a charming boardwalk where parts of the movie *Big* were filmed (914-813-7010, ryeplayland.org). After sunning yourself—or luxuriating in the shade (umbrella and chair rentals \$3 each)—grab a swordfish BLT sandwich (\$15.95) and sangria (\$8) at waterfront restaurant Seaside Johnnies (914-921-6104, seasidejohnnies.com). *Day pass \$4.*

Weekend: Ocean Beach; Fire Island, NY (2 hrs from NYC by car or train and ferry) Although venturing out to this car-free oasis can seem intimidating, the aah moment when you board the ferry makes the effort worthwhile. This town is one of the most happening locales on Fire Island, with a diverse crowd that includes local families and hard-partying millennials. If you fall into the latter crew, you'll find your kindreds at late-night hot spots such as Island

Mermaid (631-583-8088, islandmermaid.com). **TONY DEAL** **Where to stay:** The centrally located Palms Hotel (631-583-8870, palmshotelfireisland.com) won't necessarily be easy on your wallet, but your booking comes with perks, including bicycles, beach chairs, towels and umbrellas. There's also a social courtyard where guests can nosh on free watermelon and fresh popcorn or grill their meals on the barbecue. *Rates start at \$149. Mention TONY to receive 10 percent off one night's stay Mon–Thu, Sun in May and June.*

Long weekend: Montauk, L.I. (3 hrs from NYC by car, 4 hrs from NYC by LIRR) Of all the Hamptons hamlets, Montauk is known for being one of the more mellow scenes. Grab a bite at Navy Beach (631-668-6868, navybeach.com), a casual shoreside eatery serving refined, Asian-inflected dishes such as seared scallops with curried cauliflower (\$28).



Montauk

Where to stay: Use Ruschmeyer's as your home base. The summer-camp-themed hotel—complete with a tepee, picnic tables and white lanterns—is a ten-minute drive or 25-minute walk to the picturesque Ditch Plains beach, where pro surfer Mikey DeTemple conducts surfing lessons (\$120 per hour) for hotel guests. Postwaves, you can hang out at the Sand Bar beer garden (\$6 for a brew), enter a Ping-Pong tournament or watch a movie on the Magic Lawn. (631-668-2877, kingandgrove.com). *Rates start at \$207 during off-season, \$475 per night during peak season.* —Lauren Levinson

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Palms Hotel

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Orenda

Back-to-nature trips

Day: Long Dock Park; Beacon, NY (1½hrs from NYC by Metro-North)

Local preservation and environmental group Scenic Hudson (scenichudson.org) transformed a neglected industrial site into this 15-acre waterside park, which opened in July 2011. The 19th-century ferry terminal now houses rental kayaks (*two hours \$30, four hours \$40, day \$50; mountaintopsonline.com*) and a boat-launch area. Not much for aquatics? Picnic by the water, keeping an eye out for wildlife attracted to the restored wetlands, then explore the Klara Sauer

Trail, which crosses into the 6,000 acres of Dennings Point State Park.

Weekend: Farm Sanctuary; Watkins Glen, NY (4½hrs from NYC by car)

The resident pigs, sheep, goats, turkeys and chickens at this 175-acre rural haven in the Finger Lakes region have all been rescued from factory farming, slaughterhouses and other dire situations. Volunteer to help feed and brush the animals, clean their digs or, in some cases, assist with socialization

skills (e.g., rubbing their bellies). On your way home, take a detour for a hike in Watkins Glen State Park (nysparks.com/parks/142), where you can view a gorge and 19 breathtaking waterfalls. **Where to stay:** Three cozy cabins on the shelter's grounds offer a vegan breakfast and views of the pig pasture. (607-583-2225, ext 230; farmsanctuary.org). *Rates start at \$110.*

Long weekend: Orenda; Johnsbury, NY (4½hrs from NYC by car)

This 40-acre retreat within the massive Adirondack Park offers a customized experience, depending on your skill level and how much you actually *want* to commune with the great outdoors. Gourmet treats, such as portobello mushrooms stuffed with goat cheese, are made from locally farmed ingredients and prepared for you over an open flame. Set off on a casual afternoon walk through the woodland terrain or embark on a six- to eight-hour guided hike (\$25) through the pristine mountain landscape. The truly adventurous can test their mettle whitewater rafting on the Hudson River (\$80), rock climbing (\$185) or spelunking (\$185).

Where to stay: Novices and seasoned outdoorsy types alike will appreciate the canvas cabins, complete with beds, wood-burning stoves and heated showers. (347-287-7359, camporenda.com). If you opt to take a train, the camp offers pick-up from the station. *Rates start at \$135.*—*Melissa Ward Schorch*



Ananda Ashram

Spas and eco-retreats

Day: Ananda Ashram; Monroe, NY (1hr from NYC by car)

Nestled in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, this yoga center and spiritual oasis helps stressed-out city dwellers find tranquility. Get an early start with a 7am hatha yoga class or, if you're a late riser, sign up for the second session at 4pm. Two meditation hours (9am and 7pm), additional seminars (e.g., Sanskrit, yoga sutra) and special events ensure you'll have plenty of options. You can also take advantage of the beautiful grounds with a hike to the nearby lake, a stroll through the surrounding meadows or a dip in the pool. (845-782-5575, anandaashram.org). *Day rate \$45 (includes vegetarian or vegan lunch and dinner).*

Weekend: Retreat at TreeGap; Woodstock, NY (2hrs from NYC by car)

Innkeeper Megan Reynolds brings a plentiful, organic breakfast to your door at this green B&B, where solar panels provide 80 percent of the property's energy. A majority of the ingredients she cooks with come from her own garden, chicken coop or local farms. For the most privacy, book the quaint carriage house, outfitted with midcentury-modern furniture. Alternatively, you can reserve the main house's second-floor, Adirondack-style suite, where you can snuggle on a massive, cushioned window seat. Once you're settled, unwind with a ceramics class at the nearby Byrddcliffe Arts Colony or a meditation class at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Buddhist Monastery. (845-679-5345, treegapretreat.com). *Rates start at \$170.*

Long weekend: Emerson Resort and Spa; Mount Tremper, NY (2hrs from NYC by car)

Western massages and facials pop up on the spa menu at this Indian-influenced Hudson Valley retreat, but the ayurvedic procedures highlight the venue's holistic philosophy best. We like the detoxifying Bindi herbal body treatment, which features an exfoliation, aromatherapy-oil rubdown, hot towel wrap and Marmapoint facial massage. Boost your inner Zen with a yoga, Pilates or Zumba class at the fitness center, too. (877-688-2828, emersonresort.com). *Weekend rates start at \$206 per night.*—*Lisa Butterworth*

(240-888-6284) for curated menswear from the 1920s through '80s, and Treasury (202-506-6908, shoptreasury.com) to find Victorian camisoles and '80s YSL heels.

Where to stay: At the main Hotel Helix (866-508-0658, hotelhelix.com), free champagne flows during the nightly Bubble Hour (5–6pm). *Rates start at \$119; mention TONY when booking by phone or enter code TOUTNY online to receive 10 percent off the room rate through June 30 (blackout dates apply).*—*Lisa Ritchie*



Dr. K Vintage

Shopping and thrifting

Day: Not Yo Mama's Craft Fair 4th Annual Blowout Bash, Jersey City (10mins from NYC by PATH train)

Organized by artist Megan Güllick and curator Michelle Mumoli, this bazaar's annual Blowout Bash showcases more than 100 vendors. Look for local singer-songwriter Jenny Woods's jewelry incorporating recycled guitar strings (\$15–\$40) and New Brunswick artist Drew Brown's hand-decorated Great Bowls Afire (\$20–\$75). Food, a beer truck and local bands foster a convivial atmosphere. *June 23 11am–6pm (notyomamasaffairs.com)*

Weekend: Providence (3½hrs from NYC by Amtrak)

Channel a genteel era walking along Westminster Street between Dorrance and Union Streets, where indie boutiques have moved into elegant turn-of-the-20th-century storefronts. In adjoining shops Queen of Hearts and Modern Love (401-421-1471, queenofheartsandmodernlove.com), designer Karen Beebe sells her vintage-inspired label Lucille (\$40–\$200), as well as handmade jewelry (\$5–\$68). Guys will find preppy-with-an-edge gear at Wharf Clothing & Wares (401-

272-1231, shopwharf.com). A high concentration of local talent fills Craftland (401-272-4285, craftlandshop.com) with ceramics, prints and more.

Where to stay: Furnished with antiques by local dealer Stanley Weiss (stanleyweiss.com), Hotel Providence (401-861-8000, hotelprovidence.com) is steps from the prime shops. *Rates start at \$159; mention TONY when booking by phone to receive 10 percent off the room rate through June 30.*

Long weekend: Washington, D.C. (4hrs from NYC by bus or 3½hrs by Amtrak)

The U Street Corridor has become a prime vintage-hunting patch, says Nicole Aguire, who founded local-style site *Worn Magazine* (wornmagazine.com). Hit Dr. K Vintage

Sporty pursuits

Day: Shooting; Wilton, CT (1¼hrs from NYC by car)

After training in a classroom with certified instructors, 10 to 40 beginners spend the afternoon plinking (informal, recreational shooting). Participants can choose their weapon from several of the range's vast firearms collection—anything from AK-47s to handguns, and even antique Civil War rifles. However, some excursions are themed; a recent course focused on firing automatic weapons like M-16s and Uzis. (212-749-2530, eliteshooters.com). *Dates vary; next open excursions: May 26, 27. \$265 (includes lunch and travel).*

Weekend: Horseback riding; East Jewett, NY (3hrs from NYC by car)

Horse lovers who make the trip to Rough Riders Ranch get more than just a day of trekking through 30,000 acres of verdant terrain: Owner and licensed guide Joseph D'Acunto, who is also a Civil War reenactor and military vet, frequently leads the pack in side-by-side cavalry formation. With six horses, D'Acunto can take groups of up to five, and beginners are always welcome. (518-589-9159, blackdomeregide.com) *1hr \$45, 90mins \$60, 4hrs \$150.*

Where to stay: Camp in one of the ranch's two platform tents, each equipped with cots, heating, a wood stove and a portable toilet. \$50.



Sail Newport

Long weekend: Sailing; Narragansett Bay, RI (4hrs from NYC by car)

The America's Cup World Series (americascup.com), a multideestination event meant to stoke excitement for next year's America's Cup, sails into the bay on June 26, with daily fleet races through July 1. To try your hand on deck, enroll with Sail Newport (401-846-1983, sailnewport.org) for one of the adult group sessions (\$170 per person) for newbies; capable sailors can rent J-22 and Rhodes 19 boats (half day \$85, day \$286).

Where to stay: Snag one of eight rooms at the Sanford-Covell Villa Marina, a Victorian bed-and-breakfast in operation since 1895, which has a heated saltwater pool and private pier. (401-847-0206, sanford-covell.com). *Rates start at \$250.*—*Alex Schechter*

City deals

Day: Philadelphia (2hrs from NYC by bus)

Now on view at the National Constitution Center (215-409-6600, constitutioncenter.org), "From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen" culls handwritten lyrics and other notable artifacts from the Boss's legendary career. After peeping the exhibit, stroll along Independence Mall (home to such landmarks as the Liberty Bell) before settling in for a meal at Resurrection Ale House (215-735-2202, resurrectionalehouse.com). Refined comfort food such as twice-fried chicken pairs well with a carefully curated selection of 12 mostly domestic brews on draft.

Weekend: Baltimore (3hrs from NYC by Amtrak)

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore, a turning point in the War of 1812, the city will host a plethora of events starting June 13, when a parade of 40-plus tall ships sails into the city's Inner Harbor (starspangledbaltimore.com). Belt out the national anthem during a baseball game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards (baltimore.orioles.mlb.com), which is celebrating its 20th year, then raise a pint of the hoppy Loose Cannon IPA at craft brewery Heavy Seas' new alehouse (410-522-0850, heavyseasalehouse.com).

Where to stay: The five guest rooms at the Inn at 2920—a



National Constitution Center

converted 19th-century townhouse—exude vintage charm. (410-342-4450, theinnat2920.com). *Rates start at \$165. Mention code "Time Inn" when booking for \$20 off a two-night midweek stay and \$10 off a two-night weekend stay; through Sept 15.*

Long weekend: Chicago (2½hrs from NYC by plane)

Get acquainted with the Windy City by exploring Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago (312-443-3600, artica.edu), where you can see several masterworks such as Edward Hopper's *Nighthawks*. Venture outside of the Loop to browse shops along Milwaukee Avenue, such as Reckless Records (773-235-3727, reckless.com), which caters to analogue devotees with LPs and vintage cassettes. Stop by newcomer Ada Street (773-697-7069, adastreetchicago.com), tucked away on a quiet strip in Noble Square, for small plates such as Southern-fried quail with bacon gravy.

Where to stay: The quaint Wicker Park Inn (773-486-2743, wickerparkinn.com) is just steps from the titular green space. *Rates start at \$139.*—*Amy Platt*

Cool culture

Day: International Festival of Arts & Ideas, New Haven (1½hrs from NYC by car)

Combining art, dance, theater and other creative disciplines, this 15-day jubilee draws audiences from Indonesia, Australia and Scotland. For its 17th iteration, the theme is Serious Fun, which is pretty much guaranteed when 80 percent of the gigs are free (most of the others run \$35 to \$45). Musical acts range from country-rock royalty Rosanne Cash and Grammy-winning African singer Angélique Kidjo to blues band Carolina Chocolate Drops. Don't miss the Dinosaur Petting Zoo by Australian visual-arts company Erth, and a lecture by Twin Towers tightrope walker and *Man on Wire* star Philippe Petit. (artidea.org, 888-278-4332). *June 16–30; times and locations vary. See website for details.*

Weekend: Manchester, NH (5hrs from NYC by car)

Scholars can't agree on who built America's Stonehenge (stonehengeusa.com, 603-893-8300)—theories range from Native Americans to a sect of ancient Celtic monks—but they do know the stone structures form an accurate astronomical calendar. It's open year-round for self-guided tours; you'll hike a half-mile trail to get to the attraction, and you can visit the alpacas living there. If your tastes are more traditional, stop at the Currier Museum of Art (currier.org, 603-669-6144) and visit the only Frank Lloyd Wright home open to public tours in New England.

Where to stay: In addition to charming rooms and a prime location, the Ash Street Inn (603-688-9908, ashstreetinn.com) offers an elegant yet affordable afternoon tea.

Long weekend: Montreal, Canada (7hrs from NYC by car, 1½hrs from NYC by plane)

Hopping a plane to Paris may not be practical for a four-day escape, but Francophiles can have plenty of fun in Quebec's largest city. Kick off your visit by poking around the Biosphere, Environment Museum (855-773-8200, ec.gc.ca/biosphere), a giant Buckminster Fuller–designed dome intended for the 1967 World's Fair. Interactive exhibits there look to the planet's future, addressing such topics as climate change and solar energy. The Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History, also known as Pointe-à-Callière (514-872-9150, pacmusee.qc.ca/en), on the other hand, tackles ancient history: Situated above a former archeological dig site, the museum gives guests a peek at ancient artifacts and the city's original foundation, including a passageway that dates back 600 years. Another nod to the past is the Canadian Railway Museum (450-632-2410, exporail.org), where you can inspect more than 160 old-school trains, steam engines, trolleys and snow plows. Make sure to spot the well-known Golden Chariot, a gilded, open-air streetcar built in 1904 and fully restored last year.

Where to stay: To immerse yourself in Montreal's joie de vivre, situate yourself in the heart of the Old City at LHotel (877-553-0019, lhotelmontreal.com), which is also near the city's 19th-century basilica and the popular underground shopping complex. *Rates start at \$210 Canadian, roughly \$213 U.S.*—*Sarah Rammos*



The Montréal Museum of Archaeology and History



America's Stonehenge



Adventure treks

Day: Flying lessons; Farmingdale, L.I. (1hr from NYC by car, 1½hrs from NYC by LIRR)

This residential enclave also serves as a base for the First Flight program at Ventura Flight Training. Once you get situated in the Piper Warrior II, the pilot gives a brief but thorough tutorial about the craft's instruments before takeoff. You're in control for almost an hour as you soar over Long Island Sound. If you have a strong stomach, ask the pilot to demonstrate how to make steep twists and turns, so you can feel the effects of g-force. (*aircharters.ventura.aero*). 1hr lesson \$299 (includes one guest in the back seat).

Weekend: Rock climbing, kayaking and hiking; New Paltz, NY (1hr from NYC by van)

Discover Outdoors' semiannual, two-day journey caters to all levels of thrill seekers. A van whisks you from the city to a private campsite at the base of the Shawangunk Ridge—a serene setting boasting some of the country's best natural climbing rocks. Day One ends with a campfire and a feast prepared by the guides. While they cook, you're free to swim or kayak in the Hudson. Tents can be rented for \$15; other supplies, plus the van and food, are included. (*discoveroutdoors.com*). June 30–July 1; \$425.

Long weekend: Rafting and zip-lining; Charlemont, MA (4hrs from NYC by car)

Spend your first day whitewater rafting in the Deerfield River: Offered at different intensity levels, the expeditions last about eight hours and finish with a lunch (*crabapplewhitewater.com*, \$67–\$94). For your next activity, schedule a three-hour zip-lining trip in the Berkshire foothills along the Deerfield's banks (*deerfieldzipline.com*, \$94). You'll also want to check out the glacial potholes of Shelburne Falls, where you can admire awe-inspiring nature-made pools (*shelburnefalls.com*). **Where to stay:** Warfield House Inn (413-339-6600, *warfieldhouseinn.com*; rates \$90–\$150), comprising seven rooms in the main house and five in a bungalow cottage, is an affordable option for midtrip R&R.—*Jayne Klock*

Bachelor and bachelorette bashes

Day: Boozing on North Folk, L.I. (1¾hrs by bus)

Toast to taking the plunge with locally made wine and vodka: Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard (631-369-0100, *bhfvineyard.com*) produces 60,000 bottles of vino annually, and you can sample 13 different varietals on your visit. Post-tasting (\$7–\$12), tour the vineyard and park your crew on the patio overlooking the vineyard with a choice bottle. For more potent sips, head to Long Island Spirits (631-630-9322, *lispirits.com*), a small-batch outfit that uses homegrown potatoes to create its signature vodka. Settle in at the restored barn for a flight of vodka and fruit sorbetti (\$8) or taste the smooth barley-malted Pine Barrens whiskey (\$15).

Weekend: Malibu Dude Ranch; Milford, PA (1½hrs by bus)

In operation since the 1920s, this all-inclusive Poconos resort is the oldest working ranch east of the Mississippi River and encompasses more than 1,000 acres of riding trails. After a horse-basics lesson with a wrangler, you can mosey



along the paths, or practice skeet-shooting, basketball or archery instead. At the end of the day (or, hell, in the middle of the day), throw back a few cold beverages (\$4–\$7) at the saloon while learning some line-dancing moves.

Where to stay: Once your party size is set, you can choose from several types of on-site digs, including a stone house and a chalet, each of which can sleep ten people comfortably. (570-296-7281, *malibududeranch.com*). *Through May 29: Rates start at \$285 (includes all activities except shooting).*

Long weekend: Cape May, NJ (2¾hrs by car)

This town, which boasts a historic district filled with jewel-toned Victorian buildings, beckons revelers looking for a low-key way to celebrate upcoming nuptials. Lounging on the beach is a must, but don't miss the Washington

Street Mall, an outdoor pedestrian shopping haven perfect for scooping up goods like homemade soap from A Place on Earth (*aplaceonearth.com*). Pamper your ladies- or gents-in-waiting with a 90-minute, rosemary-mint mani-pedi combo at Cape May Day Spa (*capemaydayspa.com*, \$95), then enjoy a wine tasting (\$6) at Cape May Winery & Vineyard (*capemaywinery.com*). Since you're by the sea, you can also take a whale-and-dolphin-watching cruise (*capemaywhalewatch.com*, \$35) before making a trip to the Lobster House (*thelobsterhouse.com*) for a feast of the namesake crustacean.

Where to stay: The Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast treats guests to a traditional English afternoon tea, plus gratis beach chairs and bikes, so you can tour the town like locals. (609-884-8702, *queenvictoria.com*). *Rates start at \$175.—MWS*

Music festivals

Day: The Bamboozle; North Beach/Asbury Park, NJ (1½hrs from NYC by NJ Transit)

Two of the Garden State's finest bands will be coming home for this three-day festival at Asbury Park. On May 20, pop-rock lifers Bon Jovi share the beachside main stage with the Gaslight Anthem, whose accessible punk rock owes more than a little to Jersey's native son Bruce Springsteen. Other highlights from the fest include the hyperactive DJ Skrillex (May 18), New York's new hip-hop champion A\$AP Rocky and the mighty Foo Fighters (both May 19). (*thebamboozle.com*). *May 18–20; day pass \$65 (Friday), \$75 (Saturday, Sunday); three-day pass \$190.*

Weekend: Maryland Deathfest, Baltimore (3hrs 30mins from NYC by Amtrak)

The city's jack-of-all-trades club, Sonar, will be a sea of black when this massive metal party takes over the venue. Genre enthusiasts will have a chance to catch acts like the influential Godflesh, the seriously punishing Morbid Angel and the oddly soothing Agalloch, plus a host of other big-name and emerging talent. (*marylanddeathfest.com*). *May 24–27; day pass \$50 (Friday), \$52 (Saturday, Sunday); three-day pass \$150; four-day pass sold out.*

Where to stay: Providing a quiet counterpoint to the madness, Hotel Brexton is within walking distance to the club, so you'll be able to pop back to reapply your corpse paint if it starts to smear. (877-380-6708, *brextonhotel.com*). *Rates start at \$185.*

Long weekend: Rockport Chamber Music and Jazz Festivals; Rockport, MA (5hrs from NYC by car)

Take in performances against a backdrop of the picturesque harbor of this former fishing village. Held over five weeks, the



Chamber Music Festival (June 7–July 16; Thu–Sun) attracts high-caliber international stars, including early-music master Jordi Savall, as well as closer-to-home talent such as New England Conservatory piano chair Bruce Brubaker, who will reinterpret works by John Cage and Philip Glass. Rockport Music's inaugural Jazz Festival (Aug 15–19) brings American Songbook singer Ann Hampton Callaway and pianist Ellis Marsalis (father of trumpeter Wynton) to the stage. (*rockportmusic.org*). \$20–\$78.

Where to stay: With a history dating back more than 160 years, the grand Emerson Inn by the Sea has an expansive veranda and outdoor pool. (800-964-5550, *emersoninnbythesea.com*). *Rates start at \$159; mention TONY when booking by phone to receive a bottle of champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries on arrival, plus 25 percent off weekly rentals of the inn's ocean-view cottages, both through June 30.—Drew Millard*

JET-SET

escapes

(without the flight)



TONY DEAL For Vegas glitz: Revel, Atlantic City (3hrs from NYC by bus)

While stylish players like the Borgata have boosted A.C.'s appeal, Revel ups the stakes. The gleaming glass complex occupies 20 acres of beachfront, and all 1,898 of the contemporary rooms have ceiling-height windows framing ocean views.

At the heart of the multilevel resort is the casino, conceived by Cirque du Soleil theater designers Scéno Plus. Pulsing with 2,439 slot machines, the space features such flourishes as the Slot Dome—a conical overhead HD video installation.

A lush roof garden leads to a large, partly enclosed pool and private cabanas. Take advantage of the Exhale spa, Bask, and luxuriate in the bar-serviced bathhouse, equipped with a healing Himalayan salt room.

An upscale culinary theme park offers 14 eateries, including an outpost of Iron Chef Jose Garces's Philly tapas bar, Amada, two bistros by James Beard Award winner Michel Richard and a Marc Forgione steakhouse. After dinner, catch a burlesque show; later this summer, you'll also have the option of a four-level nightclub overlooking the sea. The resort's theater attracts stadium-filling names: Beyoncé returns to the stage May 25 to 27 for the resort's official premiere. (855-348-0500, revelresorts.com). Rates \$239-\$999; mention TONY when booking by phone to receive complimentary continental

TONY DEAL For Riviera chic: La Maison Blanche; Shelter Island, NY (3hrs from NYC by bus and ferry)

Reminiscent of a villa in the South of France, this upscale island retreat immediately plants its *tricolore* in the sand with two gravel *pétanque* courts out front, in addition to a small pool. Co-owner Alistair MacLean adds Gallic touches to an unfussy, modern aesthetic. The eight guest rooms are airy, with light wood floors and luxe amenities such as Ralph Lauren robes.

Borrow one of the inn's six gratis bikes and stow a picnic basket of croissants, croque-monsieur and pastries from the on-site bakery. The roads on the secluded island are mostly traffic-free, and a ride to the Mashomack Preserve (631-749-1001, nature.org; suggested donation \$2) for a stroll along its trails is stellar, as is Shell Beach.

The hotel's restaurant and bar has established itself as a local favorite. Charles Le Tous, previously the chef de cuisine of Midtown's Bistro Vendôme, prepares classic French fare including plump escargots (\$13). For a racier night out, head to Crescent Beach, a five-minute walk away, and order cocktails at André Balazs's sceney

Sunset Beach boutique hotel (sunsetbeachli.com). (631-749-1633, maisonblanchehotel.com). Rates \$275-\$595; mention TONY when booking to receive a bottle of the house rosé and an artisanal cheese and charcuterie plate on arrival when you book before May 23.—Jonathan Shannon

TONY DEAL For Downton Abbey luxury: Castle on the Hudson; Tarrytown, NY (30mins from NYC by train)

General Howard Carroll built the medieval-style structure, originally called Carrollcliffe, for his family of five. Completed in 1910, the manor was modeled after Castle Lismore in Ireland and opened as a luxury hotel in 1997.

A nontraditional check-in process begins with a glass of raspberry-and-clove-infused champagne in the Tapestry Room; by the time you ascend the carved main staircase and peek at your swank digs, you'll forget checkout even exists.

Visitors can choose from 24 guest



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Airfare tips

If you're determined to hop a plane, try these money-saving strategies:

① **Choose your itinerary wisely.**

Opt for Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday departures, when prices tend to be lower. Also, search for takeoff times scheduled first thing in the morning or late at night. Not only will you avoid the masses, you'll maximize the time at your destination.

② **Know when to hit PURCHASE.**

Companies release new sale fares on Monday evenings, which forces other outlets to lower their prices to stay competitive. Compare tickets on Tuesday afternoon—around 3pm—when those base fees are at their lowest, and the odds will be in your favor. You should also plan as far ahead as possible. Fares are generally raised at four intervals: 21 days, 14 days, 1 week and 3 days prior to the departure date. If you're going international, secure your reservations about three to six months before you want to travel.

③ **Go off-peak.**

Exploring Ireland in January or India in June may not be ideal, but visiting a country during less popular months is a surefire way to keep money in the bank. Bonus: Aside from having less competition for that aisle or window seat, you'll probably avoid the tourist crush wherever you're going, too.

④ **Use social media.**

Many airlines post exclusive deals and information about upcoming sales on their Facebook or Twitter pages, and most carrier and consolidator sites offer e-mail

alert options to keep you informed about general sales or price reductions for a particular destination.

⑤ **Follow up.**

Even after you have done your homework and taken the booking plunge, you can still cash in on airfare deals by tracking your ticket price on yapta.com. Enter your ticket information and sign up to be alerted if the price drops; you can claim credit from airlines that offer a lowest-price guarantee if the difference is more than the booking fee (usually around \$75 to \$150).—Courtney Claire Godbolt

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