

A FEW DAYS IN

Three-Day Weekends from Boston

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Contributing editor Christina Ohly sends us packing for two peaceful weekend spots just a short drive from Boston. When can we leave?

BOSTON – Maybe, just maybe, you can put away the snow shovel. It's springtime in Boston, and everything's coming up roses. Take off on a Friday in the near future to explore and enjoy a quainter, quieter side of New England.

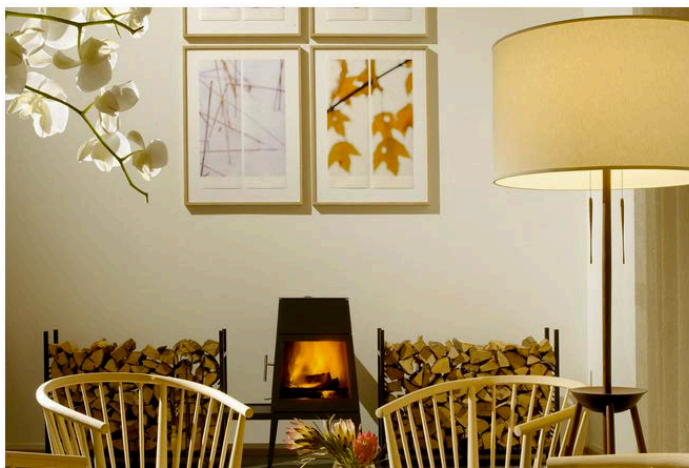


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WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

If you're in the mood for: green mountains, picture-postcard covered bridges, and white clapboard church steeples.

Route to take: I-89 North for two-and-a-half hours.

Your agenda: [Woodstock Inn](#) — recently revamped to include LED-everything — has a serene spa and delicious farm-to-table cuisine in its casual [Red Rooster](#) restaurant. Head across the quaint village green outside your front door and make stops at the old-school [Gillingham's general store](#) and [Yankee Bookshop](#) before a lovely dinner-a-deux at [The Prince and The Pauper](#), a town institution.

Avoid the Sunday blues: Do not skip town without a stop for black raspberry ice cream cones at the [White Cottage Snack Bar](#). Open only in summer, this low-key spot is worth a serious, deep-fried detour.



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WATCH HILL AND WEEKAPAUG, RHODE ISLAND

If you're in the mood for: a gorgeous beach escape with excellent cuisine to match.

Route to take: I-95 South for two hours.

Your agenda: Nest at the recently revamped [Weekapaug Inn](#) where sail boats, fishing gear, and a discreet, black-bottomed pool are all at your disposal. A meal of locally caught lobster, Matunuck oysters, and native beets is as memorable as the sunsets overlooking bucolic Quonochontaug Pond. Killer Swedish massages at Relais & Chateaux sister property [The Ocean House](#) are a Zen bonus.

Avoid the Sunday blues: One the way back to civilization, stock up on freshly baked chocolate chunk and molasses cookies at gourmet emporium [The Cooked Goose](#).

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