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16 Perfect Escapes From New York That You Can Reach by Car

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Temporary respite from Manhattan's concrete jungle is only a car ride away. Here, 16 plush hotels from upstate New York to Connecticut, Cape Cod to Vermont and beyond to help city slickers unwind.

The retreat from [New York City](#) is a common leitmotif, most famous in Joan Didion's "Goodbye to All That," her seminal 1967 essay about leaving the jarring confines of New York City for softer, if not greener, pastures (Didion moved to [Los Angeles](#)). For most of us, a complete renunciation of city life is not an option, let alone a necessity. A temporary retreat to rolling green hills and [idyllic lakes](#), complete with all the appurtenances of luxury we're used to, is often cure enough. Here are 16 luxe hotels that will give you a taste of that bucolic life, accompanied by five-star dining and [spa options](#), each located within a few hours of New York City.



Weekapaug Inn

An inn from the '30s, [Weekapaug](#) is now home to 31 lovingly restored rooms and suites. In Westerly, the inn has a distinct family-friendly Cape Cod style and Relais & Châteaux-level elegance. Their Carriage House suites are brand new as of fall 2020 and sit right on the water with serene pond and salt marsh views. "Designed to be the ultimate private retreat," the suite's gorgeous decks are outfitted with soaking tubs, where you'll enjoy Champagne in the steaming bath. Book private dining at The Pondhouse, where your three-course brunch or dinner is paired with Louis Roederer Champagnes. And if you're coming in the warmer weather with the whole brood, spend the days bike riding or boating (with the assistance of expert staff at the Boathouse); the kids will think of it as a luxe sleepaway camp.

Time from New York City: three hours; 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly, RI; 401-637-7600



Ocean House

Rhode Island opulence continues beyond Newport into Watch Hill, where Taylor Swift famously owns a home. [Ocean House](#), also a Relais & Châteaux retreat, is an iconic Northeast resort on Bluff Drive along the water. From grabbing a dozen oysters and a bottle of chilled rosé at The Veranda Raw Bar in the summer, to exploring the seasonal Fondue Village (complete with flowing Veuve Clicquot) in the winter, the culinary offerings here are nothing short of extravagant. Over-the-top luxury is the name of the game at the oceanside retreat, and that extends to the 12,000-square-foot Oh! Spa where they offer seasonally inspired treatments, and to the recreation activities, like yachting, golf, tennis, and the most important sport of all, poolside lounging.

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