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18 Best Weekend Getaways From NYC

From mountain towns to quaint coastal retreats, these are the best places to escape NYC.

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View of Montauk Lighthouse. PHOTO: CONNY POKORNY/GETTY IMAGES

New York City has a lot to offer—from live entertainment and sporting events to world-class restaurants, museums, and outdoor activities. But even as a NYC-based travel writer who has spent years covering all of the great things to do in the city, I sometimes need a change of pace (without jumping on a long-haul flight).

Luckily, NYC is located within a few hours of some of the best places for a weekend trip in the entire country. Whether you're looking for an adventurous trip to the mountains, some relaxing time on the coast, or a taste of life in a smaller city, you'll find a wealth of options just a quick drive or train ride

away. So, the next time you need an escape from the Big Apple, check out our list of the best weekend getaway destinations near NYC.

Adirondacks, New York



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Distance From NYC: 4-hour drive

If you choose to plan a weekend getaway to [the Adirondacks](#), get ready for adventure. From hiking and kayaking to more extreme options like cliff diving and whitewater rafting, this area of upstate New York has endless things to do for the outdoor enthusiast.

For a unique stay, check in at [The Point](#), a former Rockefeller family retreat overlooking Saranac Lake. The rustic hotel pays homage to the past with restored brass and stone fireplaces, plus weekly black-tie dinners. [The Sagamore Resort](#), a grande dame right on Lake George, is another excellent option and is often regarded as one of the [best hotels in the state](#).