

7 Great Island Vacations—No Passport Required

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Absolutely no disrespect to the Caribbean and its dreamy white-sand beaches, but from time to time we all need a vacation that's a little closer to home. Fortunately, the U.S. coasts are dotted with stunning island retreats perfect for a quick, off-the-mainland getaway. So from the warm, sunny Florida Keys to the naturally striking San Juan Islands in Washington State, here are a few inspiring spots to check into on your next holiday. No passport required.

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Long Island

The Hamptons and its stylish summer inhabitants need no introduction. If you fancy a weekend "out East," spend a few nights at the gracious [Topping Rose House](#) in Bridgehampton or the spa-centric [Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa](#) in Montauk. However, for those who prefer a slightly quieter side of New York's island getaway, there's also Shelter Island and the North Fork to explore. On Shelter Island, check in to the enchanting [Chequit](#) and take a swim in the mellow waters of the sound. When you start to crave some company, head to the André Balazs-owned [Sunset Beach](#) for a European-style beach club scene. Alternatively, you could make your getaway to North Fork, where in place of mega-mansions you'll find rows of working farms (and farm stands) and local wineries to visit. Spend the night at the easygoing [Greenporter Hotel](#) and eat as many meals as possible at the heavenly [North Fork Table and Inn](#) and its adjoining backyard food truck (a



lobster roll and fresh baked cookie are the way to go). Be sure to stop into Greenport boutique [Lido](#), where owner Heidi Kelso offers well-curated goods from her world travels. For a sweets fix, head a bit further east to Orient Village, where you'll find a seasonal outpost of beloved Brooklyn pie shop [Four and Twenty Blackbirds](#).

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