

# 5 Unique Travel Destinations You Can Drive to from NYC



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New York City is unlike any other place. With all the glitz and glamor of Broadway, Park Avenue and the Empire State Building, it's easy to see why tourists flock to the Big Apple as a travel destination. However, beyond the city limits there are even more unique adventures to be had, and skyscrapers aren't the only thing to see if you've got a day to go exploring.

**Whether you're a native New Yorker**

**who wants to take a break from city life, or just a visitor in need of some more variety, here are 5 unique and fun [travel destinations](#) you can drive to from NYC.**

**1. Fire Island:** Just over two hours from the city by car, Fire Island is the place-to-go for a much-needed break from the bustle of the city. With beautiful stretches of beaches, a scenic lighthouse and plenty of resorts, this is the perfect place for a luxury vacation whether you're flying solo and free or enjoying a romantic getaway.

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**2. Skydive Jersey:** If you feel as though your trip needs a little more of an adrenaline rush, head to Skydive Jersey. Leap from a plane and enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside at the closest skydiving facility to NYC, less than 90 minutes away from the city by car.

**3. Higher Hudson Valley Wineries:** If you're looking for something a little more refined and relaxed, drive to Higher Hudson Valley Wineries and sip on a glass or two of their award-winning wines. Enjoy a scenic tour of any combination of 25 wineries in the Higher Hudson Valley area and experience the natural setting, historic buildings and delicious beverages that make this such a popular vacation spot.

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**4. Long Island Aquarium:** In need of a more family-friendly retreat? Try Long Island Aquarium, less than three hours from the city, and go under the sea at this fun travel destination

that the whole family can enjoy. Not only does this aquarium give a glimpse into life beneath the ocean waves, they also offer a summer day camp for kids and even a sleepover night at the aquarium for the whole family.

**5. Mohonk Mountain House:** Looking for the perfect luxury vacation spot to relax and regroup? Try Mohonk Mountain House, a luxury spa and resort built on the cliffs of the Hudson Valley area. Enjoy the scenery, munch on the delicious farm-to-table meals, lounge on the beach and relax at this gorgeous getaway, less than three hours away from the city.

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