New Yorkers know how to work hard and play hard—and when the weekends hit, it's time to relax and unwind. With Summer Fridays upon us, you've got to take advantage of all your PTO and live your best #endlesssummer life. Whether you opt for a sophisticated, quiet trip to Nantucket, a jaunt to one of the Hamptons' bustling hotspots, or prefer to spend your days hiking near your tranquil respite Upstate, there are plenty of weekend getaway options just outside NYC. The best part? These are only a short train, plane or car ride away. No matter your travel style, take advantage of the retreats right outside the city with these easy escapes.
This quaint tiny island off Cape Cod is a wonderful summer destination for those looking for something other than a typical Hamptons vibe. The charming cobblestone streets, iconic lighthouses and laid-back atmosphere are some of the top reasons why people flock to the island. Check into a luxury resort, The Wauwinet, for breathtaking views and historic architecture. After a day of fun in the sun, sink into your Pratesi linen bed or recharge at the Spa by the Sea.

For a more traditional stay, The White Elephant is a classic, with blue hydrangea bushes and stark white fences. A fun must-visit is the Cisco Brewery which contains a vineyard, distillery and a brewery—all in one stop. Here, expect lazy days: play a game of beanbag toss or enjoy a book in an Adirondack chair while sipping your drinks in the sun. For those who want to get a move on, rent bicycles and move quickly through streets peppered with museums, boutiques, markets and restaurants. Seriously local seafood is served at Toppers, with oysters found just 300 yards away. Be warned, it's an absolute must, so make sure to have your reservation set!