



Hudson, Metro NYC, & Long Island Itinerary

The Hudson Valley extends 150 miles above the tip of Manhattan. Designated as a National Heritage Area, the valley is steeped in history, natural beauty, culture and a burgeoning food and farmer's market scene.

New York City - there's no place quite like it. Even if you think you know New York City well-the world-class museums, amazing food and unforgettable views-there's always something new and exciting to discover.

Only minutes from Manhattan, find everything you need for a perfect getaway in Long Island! Each of Long Island's four travel regions has its specialties: the North Shore's opulent estates and harbor-side villages, the South Shore's Belmont Park racetrack and Jones Beach boardwalk and concerts, the North Fork's farmland and vineyards, and on the South Fork—The Hamptons and Montauk, popular for swimming, biking and trophy fishing as well as celebrity sightings.

DAY 1

Spend the day exploring the [Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum](#). The museum, located on Pier 86 of the Hudson River, is made up of the aircraft carrier Intrepid, its aircraft and artifact displays, and the only U.S. guided missile submarine open to the public, the Growler. The museum is dedicated to the exhibition and interpretation of the history, science and service related to maritime, aviation and aerospace. *(Approximately 5 hours)*

Head about 5 miles south to the end of Manhattan to catch the ferry to the [Governor's Island](#). Wilbur Wright used the island as his base in 1909 for flights to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's journey to Albany. Wright bought a canoe and strapped it to the underside of his airplane in case he went down in the water. His first flight circled the Statue of Liberty, his second went up the river to Grant's Tomb then returned to Governor's Island. These were the first flights in the NYC area. *(Approximately 4 hours)*

Optional Add On:

Learn about the development of public transit in New York at the [New York Transit Museum](#). Explore historic buses and train cars and see how technology has streamlined these systems.

Overnight in NYC.

DAY 2

Drive or take the train 30 miles west over to Long Island to start the day at the [Cradle of Aviation Museum](#). The Cradle of Aviation is dedicated to preserving Long Island's rich aerospace heritage. The museum's exhibits and artifacts take you through the history of aviation and space with an emphasis on Long Island's role. The museum also inspires future generations with programs dealing with science and technology. *(Approximately 4 hours)*

Head 16 miles east to spend the afternoon at the [American Airpower Museum](#). The museum has a squadron of operational World War II aircraft and related aviation exhibits. The museum's mission is the preservation of the legacy of Americans who have sacrificed themselves to defend our liberties and to educate a new generation regarding the courage, valor, and heroism of our nation's citizen soldiers. *(Approximately 4 hours)*

Overnight on Long Island.

Optional Add Ons:

Explore Long Island with a visit to Bethpage, the Hamptons, Shelter Island, or Plum Island.

Tour At A Glance:

Timeframe: 2 day, 2 night

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