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8 Underrated Fall Weekend Getaways From New York City

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Easton, Maryland, is a charming small town in Maryland that's gaining acclaim for its world-class restaurants and bars. ERIC TAYLOR

Here's the funny thing about weekend getaways from New York. Most city dwellers tend to flock to the same, predictable places: like the Hamptons, North Fork, and Hudson Valley. But the last thing I want to do, when escaping the city, is bump into people I know. (It's called escaping for a reason.)

With that in mind, below are eight destinations (listed in alphabetical order), ranging from rural to urban – because cities also need our support, now more than ever – that are a convenient drive (four hours or less) from Manhattan. Even better? None of these spots are in New York State.

EASTON, MD



Founded by Paul Prager, Bluepoint Hospitality owns thoughtfully-curated restaurants, bars, and shops in Easton, Maryland. MELANIE DUNEA

What to do: The Chesapeake Bay may be synonymous with seafood and seaside towns, but Easton proves there's far more to the region than blue crabs and being on the water. Credit for that goes squarely to Paul Prager, founder of Bluepoint Hospitality, who purchased abandoned buildings in town and brought them back to life as design-driven and service-oriented – Ben Chekroun, Le Bernardin's longstanding manager, just joined as Bluepoint's General Manager – restaurants, bars, and shops. And the latest two concepts continue Prager's winning streak. Flying Cloud Books is a charming neighborhood bookstore, while The Wardroom is equal parts gourmet retailer and buzzy wine bar. Pair a signature Gnocchi, like the simple but sublime mozzarella and tomato sauce-topped Caprese, with one of 25 wines dispensed from state-of-the-art Enomatic dispensers with the swipe of a card.