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The 5 Best Places for a 4th of July Getaway in 2022

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Looking for the best 4th of July getaways for 2022? You're far from alone—it's just about two weeks until the annual summer holiday is upon us, and with it comes a desire to both get out of town *and* outdoors.

Now, *where* to do that is entirely up to personal preference: From perennially buzzy beach destinations to the bucolic countryside or the majestic mountains, all have something distinct to offer. But in those categories there's a chic curation of destinations—and hotels or resorts within them—that'll live up to the holiday's hype of idyllic relaxation and exploration.

Below, our favorite 4th of July weekend trips.

Los Olivos, California



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Santa Ynez neighbors Santa Barbara and Montecito get the lion's share of Central California Coast attention—and with expansive Pacific Ocean views and scenic hilltops, they certainly deserve it. (The Belmond El Encanto is one of this writer's favorite hotels.) Yet such perennial popularity means that much of the best lodging is booked months in advance on a holiday weekend.

So, *yes*, if you can make it to that region—by all means! However, also consider the charming town of Los Olivos, located just across the Santa Ynez Valley. Home to 170 wineries, as well as buzzy new restaurants like Bar le Cote (helmed by two Per Se Alums), it's quickly emerging as a culinary travel destination. (And maybe bookmark this idea for a later vacation as well: come fall, Auberge Resorts will open the much anticipated Inn at Mattei's Tavern.)

Aspen, Colorado



Maroon Bells near Aspen, Colorado. Photo: Sierralara

There's so much to do in Aspen during the summer that *Vogue* actually has a whole guide about it. But piquing our particular interest this July? The Summer Lodge—the mountain cousin to the famous Montauk hotspot—at the St. Regis Aspen, which will offer a mix of music, art, and wellness programming. This Fourth of July weekend, there will be concerts by Zander Black, LP Giobbi, Feathered Son, *and* Serge Devant.

Catskills, New York



Chatwal Lodge in The Catskills. Photo: By Allen Kennedy

The Catskills's tourism rejuvenation continues this summer with a slew of chic new hotel openings: there's Piaule, the modernist spa getaway, Chatwal Lodge, a 100-acre property with Adirondack style interiors and a sprawling lakefront, or Eastwind, the glamping spot surrounded by greenery, just to name a few. Best yet? Much of it is only an hour and a half drive away from New York City.

Berkshires, Massachusetts



The Constance, a boutique hotel in the Berkshires. Courtesy of Lenox Collection

The idyllic Massachusetts mountainside destination is only a 3.5 hour drive from New York City and two hours from Boston, making it an easy getaway for many East Coasters. (And, if you can wait a weekend, Amtrak is launching service from Penn Station to the region starting July 8.) What you do when you get there is up to you: those seeking a wellness reset can book a retreat at Miraval, whereas those in need of a culture trip should look no further than Lenox, a Gilded-age summertime destination turned art hub that's home to the theatre group Shakespeare & Company.

Stay at the Whitlock, the Constance, or the Dewey, a group of boutique hotels owned by the Lenox Collection and run by millennial hospitality company, Life House. Make sure to grab dinner at Ophelia's, a farm-to-table restaurant with live music that serves a mean blueberry old fashioned.

Shelter Island, Long Island



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The Hamptons can be both a lot of fun, and well, *a lot*. If you're looking to find the goldilocks zone in between, look no further than Shelter Island—a mere two-minute ferry from Sag Harbor. Stay at the The Chequit—a historic 150-year-old property that recently underwent a chic renovation at the hands of Glen & Co Architecture and Design. Eat filet mignon sliders on their wraparound porch at Chef Noah Schwartz's The Tavern. Or if you're feeling more social, hop on one of the property's Mokes and drive to the perennially buzzy Sunset Beach for a rose-filled lunch that stretches on well into the evening.