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We may never be able to go back to the Lafayette Street Duane Reade store again (and that's one beautiful DR). This week alone, we've already gone there for three Degree Ultra Clears. Ugh, TMI. The point? It's hot. Steam-room hot. Combustion hot. Not-a-good-look hot. Yes, Gotham, we love you, but sometimes distance makes the heart grow fonder, especially when our A/C bill costs more than half of a pair of Chanel ballet flats. So, we're taking a break—a weekend break—with three suggestions for a two-day (or, if you can swing it, longer) trip to the beach. Because we, and everyone else, have already clued you in on the Hamptons, head somewhere a little different with **our mini-guides to Nantucket, Fire Island, and Newport, Rhode Island**. We're dishing on **where to stay, eat, and shop**—so, all you really have to do is show up. Preferably with just one deodorant.

Get away now to one of these stylin' escapes. Or, all three!

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Newport, Rhode Island

Once the definition of "The Gilded Age," if you're looking for a getaway that's high on culture, Newport most definitely fits the bill. Just a four hour drive from the city brings you to a unique retail scene (fudge shops share street space with preppy-staple J. McLaughlin and gently-priced antique shops), plus stunning architecture—peep America's castles, the former homes of the Vanderbilts and the Astors, for a taste of elegant excess that gives *Architectural Digest* envy a new name. Coupled with gorge-irino beaches, The International Tennis Hall of Fame, fresh, fresh, fresh seafood, and what might be the region's hottest new hotel, and history majors and college-dropouts will have no trouble mingling over Forty 1° North's ice-cold martinis.

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Forty 1° North

Although it's only been open for a year, Forty 1° North is already one of the chicest spots on the island and arguably the most exciting new hotel happening in New England. If New England glam was a movement, this would be it—each room boasts luxe accommodations (we're talking fire places in each room, high-end bedding and baths, iPads with a playlist we've already copied, big LED TVs, football field-sized showers, and more), in addition to two crazy-good restaurants; The Grill serves up fresh, sophisticated seafood and Newport Harbor-views, while Christie's (reminiscent of New York's Cafeteria) has got the whole Asian tapas thing meets raging bar scene on lock, and a tiny-tiny dance club that might be the end result of Le Bain swallowing the "Drink Me," bottle in *Alice in Wonderland*. Did we mention the haute-hostelry is completely eco-friendly (hello Malin + Goetz bath products), picture windows that never miss the sunset, and Frette bedding? With accommodations like that, you might forget you have the rest of Newport to explore.

Forty 1° North, 351 Thames Street (between Perry Mill wharf and Christies landing); Newport; 401-846-8018.

EAT



The Mooring Seafood Kitchen & Bar

This is high-end food in a low-key setting done right. Far from the tacky nautical decorations that many seaside restaurants can have, The Mooring lets their spectacular Narragansett Bay views speak for themselves and opted for simple but elegant decor that's still relaxed and casual. The menu is chock-full of creative fish dishes like Seafood Pie and Georges Bank Scallops, which features toasted almond polenta, chive blossom vinaigrette, and pancetta crisps. You'll want to save room for desert, too—White Chocolate-Lavender Creme Brulee and Grand Marnier Chocolate Cake will be hard to turn down no matter how much you've eaten—we speak from experience. The icing on the (white chocolate) cake? The 900-label wine list, delivered to each table in iPad form. We haven't even seen that in New York!

The Mooring Seafood Kitchen & Bar, 1 Sayer's Wharf (at America's Cup avenue); Newport; 401-846-2260.

SHOP



Endless Wave

You might already know Endless Wave for their ingenious, world-famous Wax Buddy, an awesome little tool that effortlessly removes old wax from your surfboard. This sleek, new addition to the Bellevue shopping crawl is sort of like The Saturdays Surf of Newport, with custom T-shirts, rotating exhibitions, and, oh yeah, a clutch of h-o-t surfers who trade wave gossip (and just look so damn good). Built on the idea of creating simple, innovative, and well-built products, Endless Wave also boasts beautiful, custom-made Wave Tables http://www.endlesswave.net/wave_table.html which are so nice, you'll find it hard to kick your feet up on 'em.

Endless Wave, 148 Bellevue Avenue (between John and Prospect Hill streets); Newport; 401-619-2997.
