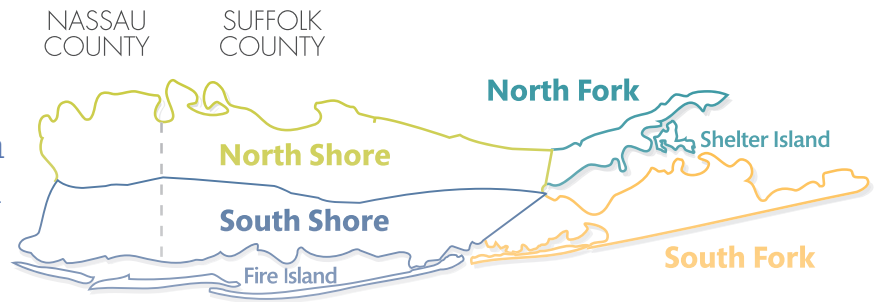


UNIQUE PERSONALITIES:

The Six “Regions” of Long Island

To help you find the attractions you want to visit, think of Long Island as being divided into four distinct tourism regions: The North Shore, The South Shore, The North Fork and The South Fork and two off-shore islands: Fire Island and Shelter Island.



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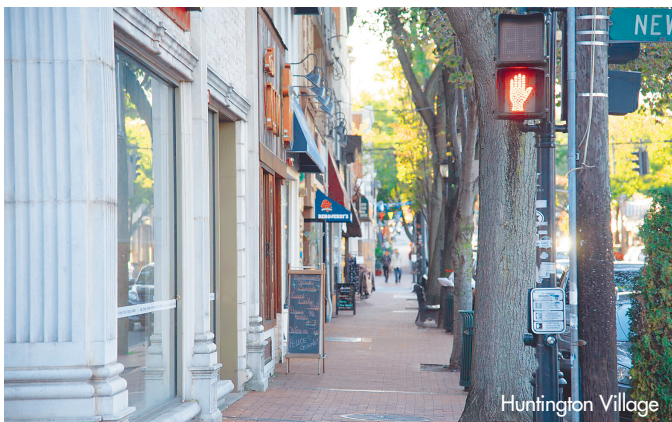


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THE NORTH SHORE: GOLD COAST

Luxury and legends abound on the North Shore, the area north of the Long Island Expressway from Great Neck to Calverton. Tourism sites include grand mansions and quaint harborside villages. The region is also known for its rocky beaches on the Long Island Sound, upscale shopping areas, parks and museums.



THE SOUTH SHORE: MARITIME HISTORY

Family fun and recreation await in the region south of the Long Island Expressway, stretching from the Queens border of New York City, east for nearly 50 miles to Center Moriches. The South Shore includes the barrier beaches of Long Beach, Jones Beach and Fire Island. It's known for public parks, sporting venues such as Belmont Park and golfing's Bethpage Black Course, nationally known malls, museums and zoos, fishing and boating.

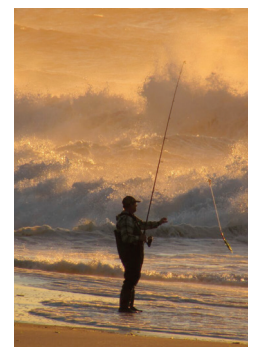
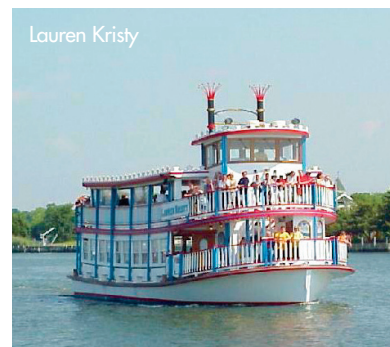


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THE NORTH FORK: WINE COUNTRY

The country roads of the Island's northern peninsula are lined with farm stands, wineries, quaint downtowns and more. Pull over at a roadside farm stand to pick up fresh produce, flowers and other fruits of the harvest – from strawberries in the spring to pumpkins in the fall. Spread your blanket on a secluded beach on the calm waters of Peconic Bay or Long Island Sound. Explore Beverage Trail wineries, breweries and distilleries. The region includes the commercial center in Riverhead, Splish Splash Water Park, the Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center and The Tanger Outlet Center.



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Mulford Farmstead

THE SOUTH FORK: HAMPTONS/MONTAUK

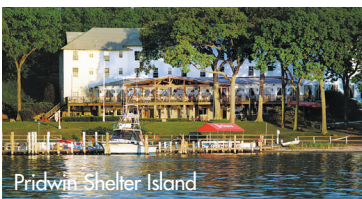
The world-famous resort areas of The Hamptons and Montauk offer a wealth of year-round family fun. Visitors can stroll tree-and-shop-lined Main Streets, dine at trendy restaurants, relax on world-class Atlantic beaches, visit a museum, historic windmill or centuries-old Colonial site. Amid some of the Island's loveliest scenery, go boating, fishing, biking or hiking. Sample local agricultural products at farm stands and wineries. Montauk at the very tip of Long Island is a world-class oceanfront resort, known for surfing, fishing, oceanfront eateries and its picture-postcard lighthouse.



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There are also two major resort-like islands connected to Long Island by passenger ferries:



Pridwin Shelter Island



SHELTER ISLAND

Take the ferry from Greenport or Sag Harbor to this picturesque resort of charming bed & breakfast inns and 2,039-acre Mashomack Preserve. Bicycle on rolling hills, kayak in calm waters, relax on Sunset Beach or browse the quaint shops in Shelter Island Heights.



Fire Island Lighthouse

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FIRE ISLAND

The barrier island located a ferry ride across the Great South Bay from mainland Long Island is noted for its pristine beaches, nightlife and totally relaxing ambience. Attractions include a rare maritime forest, the Fire Island National Seashore, the historic Fire Island Lighthouse, public marinas, visitor centers, life-guarded beaches and 17 resort communities including private homes and overnight accommodations. The communities include Ocean Beach and two internationally known LGBT resort communities, The Pines and Cherry Grove.