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10 Most Romantic Getaways in New England

These quintessential New England escapes bring the romance.

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New England—the storied Northeastern region that spans Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont—is known for its fairytale ambiance, history, natural beauty, and having some of the most pronounced seasons of anywhere in the country. All this makes it perfect for a romantic getaway.

Within the region, each state boasts its own unique personality and attractions. From the maritime heritage of Mystic to Litchfield’s many antique shops and family-run farms, Connecticut, which was established way back in 1788, brims with history and charm. Seaside villages like Kennebunkport, sandy beaches, and lobster rolls define The Pine Tree State of Maine—and, of course, [Acadia National Park](#) remains a huge draw.

Massachusetts is a bastion of history and also boasts some of the most beautiful beach destinations on the Eastern Seaboard in Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket. New Hampshire exudes an off-the-beaten-path attractiveness and is home to Lake Winnepesaukee as well as some wonderful ski resorts.

Even Rhode Island, which is the tiniest state in the country, has cities with big-name recognition and incredible lodgings like [Newport](#) as well as lesser-known gems such as Watch Hill. And finally, Vermont is the epicenter of pastoral appeal with its rolling green rolls and forests, and the old houses and church steeples epitomize New England charm.

Best Time to Visit New England

New England embodies the best of all seasons, making the region a dreamy year-round destination. Spring brings mild weather, the flowers bloom, and it still feels calm and quiet in much of New England. The coastal towns, sandy beaches, and scenic private boat charters shine in the summer. Autumn is synonymous with romantic covered bridges and changing leaves bursting into red, orange, and gold glory. It’s one of the most beautiful and temperate times to go hiking or plan a scenic drive as well. Then again, [winter](#) brings a blanket of snow to many quaint villages and makes for excellent skiing and snowboarding at the numerous ski resorts. Snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are also popular pastimes in the colder months. Needless to say, few things are more romantic than cozying up by the fire with your sweetie and a glass of red wine, hot chocolate, or mulled cider.

Cost of a New England Getaway

There's such a wide range of price points depending on the season and location of your getaway. Have a fixed amount to spend on your honeymoon or an upcoming vacation? Travel advisor [Emily Prentiss](#) suggests being flexible as to the duration and dates to ensure your desired destination is doable within your allotted budget. Rates in the summer tend to be much higher and even more so on a holiday weekend. Alternatively, you might want to consider an off-season trip to keep costs down. (Just be mindful that some hotels and resorts may close at certain times of the year.)

Of course, some places always come with a higher price tag. Twin Farm, for example, starts at \$2,500, but it offers next-level luxury and is fully inclusive. You can book a cozy B&B with oodles of character for just under \$300 per night. On average, you're probably looking at upwards of \$500 per night for a five-star stay.

It's also smart to start thinking about the cost of activities and excursions. While a lovely hike through nature is free, we can't say the same for a boat charter during peak tourist season. Another detail to keep in mind is that for most New England destinations, you'll need a car. If you live within driving distance, this doesn't apply. But for couples who will need to rent a car, that's an added expense. On the other hand, some properties actually have partnerships with Mercedes, BMW, and Lexus, so you just get to "sign and drive" and have the flexibility to explore surrounding areas on a complimentary basis.

Whether you're planning a quick weekend away or a lengthier honeymoon, ahead are the best hotels, resorts, and inns for a romantic New England getaway.

01 Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island

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COURTESY OF OCEAN HOUSE

A grand dame hotel with major staying power, the [Ocean House](#) is a yellow-and-white Victorian idol that stands atop the bluffs in Watch Hill. Its refined interiors, attentive service, and gorgeous grounds—which include a tournament-level croquet lawn, shuffleboard court, and private stretch of white sand—are the stuff of

legends.