Places to visit:

Go on a Relaxing Beach Sojourn on Fire Island



Fire Island is part of the <u>outer barrier islands</u> parallel to the South Shore of Long Island. It is best known for its miles of peaceful pristine beaches, centuries-old maritime forests, laid back vibe by day, and at some spots, vibrant scene by night. You can reach Fire Island by <u>Ferry</u> from the Long Island South Shore via the seaside towns of Bay Shore and Sayville. Read more about it <u>here</u>. While Cherry Grove and Fire Island Pines are popular with LBGTQ crowds, other towns like Fair Harbor

and Ocean Beach cater more to families.

Visit the Rich and Famous in the Hamptons

The Hamptons consist of the towns of Southampton and East Hampton, which together comprise the



South Fork of Eastern Long Island. The Hamptons are a popular seaside resort and one of the historical summer colonies of the northeastern United States. They are a major hotspot for celebrity real estate. Hollywood's most famous flock there every summer to live as only Hamptons celebrities can: soaking up sun on the beach, relaxing in their sprawling mansions, and hitting up adorable farm stands. You may see Alec Baldwin or Julianne Moore nibble on some fish tacos, fried asparagus, and calamari in Montauk, a laid back town at

the very end of Long Island's South Fork.

Sample the Wine Harvest on Long Island's North Fork



North Fork is the easterly part of the North Shore of Long Island, which is also the easternmost point of New York State. It ends in the fairly scenic town of Greenport, and if you feel adventurous you can take a <u>small ferry to Shelter Island</u> and enjoy a spectacular sunset at <u>Sunset Beach Hotel</u>. If you rather not go that far, visit one of the many wineries along the

<u>road</u> to the North Fork for a diverse range of wine experiences. There you can find many different grapes, winemaking styles, and tasting room experiences.

Stroll the Boardwalk and Surf the Waves of Rockaway Beach



New York City may not be known for its beaches, but when the sweltering summer heat sets in, you'll want to be by the ocean. And one of the best places to spend a summer day is at Rockaway Beach, located on a narrow peninsula at the southeastern end of Queens. The beach is totally free, spacious, and clean; and its uniquely laidback crowd is neither the Hamptons nor the Jersey Shore — just a perfectly chill mix of beach bums, families, hipsters, and surfers. You can reach Rockaway Beach from NYC by subway or

car.

Visit New York City – The City That Never Sleeps



Even ten years are not enough to check out all that the city has to offer, and that's not only because it changes all the time. As you try to soak up all the major sights in the short time you have, you will realize that it's the little things you are going to remember the most – the unbound energy in the streets, the vast cocktail of ethnic groups, the ramshackle mariachi band in the subway, the busy street vendors, the old tenement architecture with fire escapes, the hurried people eating cheap pizza at 3 am at

night, the many different smells, and even the small plastic bag that spirals in the sky blown by the wind. To put together an agenda, check out the many "New York in 2 or 3 Days" guides on the web, like this one or this one or this one. When you walk, try to take a minor street every so often to enjoy the unique character of the different NYC neighborhoods you will visit along the way.