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## ELLE Escapes: The Hamptons

The Hamptons is a destination so mythologized—in film, in music, and in literature—that it's tempting to think of it as a real-life Neverland. Like clockwork, many flock to Long Island's East End in the summer to touch grass, whether that means indulging in rejuvenating wellness experiences or cocktail-fueled nights by the water. But despite the luxuriousness that blankets (almost) every surface from Westhampton Beach to Montauk, locals know the community charm extends far beyond what money can buy—or myth can capture.

Whether you're stopping by **Union Burger Bar** for arguably the best hamburger on Long Island, strolling along East Hampton's Main Street in pursuit of a stylish find, or closing out the night with a romantic dinner for two at **Le Bilboquet**, there's something for everyone here, from the in-the-know scenester to the low-key diner. Despite decades of history in its stately architecture and beachside abodes, this particular group of towns knows a thing or two about never growing up. Ahead, everything we discovered along the way, including the best hotels, restaurants, and experiences right now.

# Where to Drink

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## Gurney's Montauk



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A weekend at **Gurney's** isn't complete without a drink in hand, and this season's cocktail lineup is just as restorative as a day at the spa. (Pro tip: Book a treatment in one of **La Prairie's facial suites**—it's as luxe as it sounds.) Then grab a spot by the fire pit and settle in for one of the Hamptons' best sunsets.