

REVIVE WEEKENDER



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Spring road trips beckon, and these heavenly escapes are easy drives from Boston.

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Clockwise from top left: A quiet retreat on the grounds of the Rowland House, part of the Inns of Aurora; the Aurora Inn living room; Newport's new Brenton Hotel; the E.B. Morgan House sits alongside Cayuga Lake, also an Inns of Aurora property; the library at the E.B. Morgan House.



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Weekapaug Inn & Ocean House

Sure, it's a summer coastal destination, but spring has its appeal at these Westerly, R.I., getaways, including nearly empty beaches and scenic roads (we love Routes 1A and 102). After checking into the Weekapaug, spend an afternoon outdoors with the staff naturalist, Teddy Beahm, for guided hikes, tide-pool strolls and engaging chats about the region's diverse pond ecology. Down the road (and operated by the same hospitality group), the 15-Forbes-star Relais & Chateaux Ocean House awaits with a full itinerary for kids on spring break, including culinary classes, fishing instruction, croquet clinics and art and fitness classes. *Weekapaug Inn, Carriage House Suite from \$1,155 per night, 25 Spray Rock Road, Westerly, R.I., 401.637.7600, weekapauginn.com; Ocean House, Atlantic Suite from \$1,360 per night, 1 Bluff Ave., Westerly, R.I., 401.584.7000, oceanhouseri.com*



Hammetts Hotel

Opened last summer, this 84-room property is a nod to Newport's historic mercantile wharves seen through the lens of a modern aesthetic. In addition to sleek rooms and suites, the springtime appeal is the hotel's 9,000-square-foot deck that transforms into a guests-only outdoor living room—away from the foot traffic of the harbor's Quarter Deck—once the weather warms. Art collectors, stop by the Sarah Langley Gallery, which is located on the hotel's lobby level. *Commerce Suite from \$417 per night, 4 Commercial Wharf, Newport, R.I., 401.324.7500, hammettshotel.com*



Woodstock Inn & Resort

At this classic retreat, Vermont's spring thaw delivers hundreds of acres to explore via hiking and biking trails at the nearby Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Additional lures include an 18-hole championship golf course, a 10,000-square-foot spa, fly-fishing outings, falconry and tennis. The resort's culinary game is strong at The Red Rooster, as the kitchen team sources from New England watermen, artisans and farms to create dishes like pan-seared Atlantic halibut and slow-seared duck breast with white bean and root vegetable cassoulet. *Legacy Suite from \$630 per night, 14 The Green, Woodstock, Vt., 802.332.6853, woodstockinn.com*

Clockwise from left: The spa at the Woodstock Inn & Resort; Weekapaug Inn offers lots of water activities; gourmands will love the dining options at The Red Rooster at the Woodstock Inn & Resort; the bar at The Red Rooster; the living room-like deck at Hammetts Hotel, which opened last summer in Newport.

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