

# RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, SOMERSET

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY

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Somerset's summer days are perfect for outdoor adventure and local sports. Walk or bike the scenic Delaware & Raritan Canal towpath or explore the wooded trails of Six Mile Run, a haven for hikers and cyclists. For a relaxing outing, Colonial Park offers paddleboats, rose gardens in full bloom, and tennis courts suitable for all ages. As evening falls, join the lively crowds at a Somerset Patriots baseball game at TD Bank Ballpark. Affordable tickets, family-friendly fun, and post-game fireworks create a warm community vibe perfect for a summer night out.

New Brunswick pulses with summer energy through live music, culture, and local history. The Hub City Sounds festival fills weekends with free music and dance performances in Boyd Park. At the same time, the June Hungarian Festival transforms downtown into a vibrant celebration of music, dance, and hearty cuisine. Tour the historic Buccleuch Mansion or explore colonial life at East Jersey Old Town Village in nearby Piscataway. For a break from the heat, the Zimmerli Art Museum offers free admission and diverse exhibits from pop art to Eastern European masters—an artistic cool-down step from Rutgers' campus.

For nightlife and dining, start on New Brunswick's Easton Avenue, home to legendary strombolis at Stuff Yer Face and casual bites from every corner of the globe. Sip craft brews at Harvest Moon or enjoy soul food and live music at Delta's. The underground speakeasy vibe at Clydz makes it a standout for cocktails, while Stress Factory adds laughs to the mix with comedy nights. For a breezier scene, the Stage House Tavern in Somerset offers patio dining, local bands, and historic charm—an ideal spot to toast a summer evening under the stars.

## BEYOND THE CITY

### **ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

Just about 1.5 hours from Somerset and New Brunswick, Atlantic City delivers the perfect mix of beach bliss and boardwalk buzz. Stretch out on vast sandy shores or wander the iconic four-mile Boardwalk packed with arcades, saltwater taffy stands, and shops under the sun. Thrill-seekers can ride the towering Ferris wheel at Steel Pier, while others unwind with a cocktail at a rooftop bar or try their luck at one of the lively casinos. Bite into a legendary sub at the White House Sub Shop or savor oysters at Dock's Oyster House before catching the summer fireworks that light up the coast. From surfside relaxation to electric nightlife, Atlantic City is an unbeatable Shore escape just a short drive away.

### **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

In just under 1 hour and 20 minutes, you can find yourself immersed in Philadelphia's rich layers of American history, culture, and culinary delight. Begin your journey at Independence Hall or the Liberty Bell, then explore modern art and music in neighborhoods such as Fishtown or University City. Summer brings outdoor concerts, beer gardens, and waterfront hangouts, such as Spruce Street Harbor Park. Food lovers will enjoy grazing through Reading Terminal Market or grabbing a classic cheesesteak before heading to a rooftop for skyline views. Whether you're walking cobblestone streets or jamming to live music, Philly blends the old and new in a vibrant summer setting.

### **WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

A more extended day trip at just about 3 hours each way, Washington, DC, offers a summer sightseeing experience unlike any other. Stroll the monument-lined National Mall, dip into free Smithsonian museums like the Air and Space or African American History Museum, and snap photos at the White House. The city comes alive in warm weather with open-air festivals, food trucks, and paddle boats in the Tidal Basin. For a casual bite, grab a half-smoke from Ben's Chili Bowl, then wander through hip neighborhoods like Adams Morgan or Georgetown for live jazz, rooftop drinks, and riverside dining. With an early start, DC makes for a culture-packed summer day filled with history and flavor.

### **ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY**

A breezy hour's drive brings you to Asbury Park, where rock 'n' roll spirit and Shore charm create a lively summer atmosphere. Stretch out on the beach, browse quirky boutiques along the Boardwalk, and play a round of vintage pinball at the Silverball Museum. As the sun sets, catch a show at the legendary Stone Pony or sip cocktails with ocean views at Watermark. Hungry? Head to Porta for wood-fired pizza and a great atmosphere. With art, music, a beach, and a bold personality, Asbury Park is a quick escape packed with character and coastal fun.

### **CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY**

In about 2.5 hours, arrive at Cape May, a storybook town at the southern tip of New Jersey where Victorian elegance meets seaside serenity. Spend the day admiring colorful gingerbread homes, lounging on clean, quiet beaches, and climbing the lighthouse for panoramic views. The Washington Street Mall offers boutique shopping and old-fashioned treats while dolphin-watching cruises provide a touch of maritime magic. Fresh seafood is the local flavor—The Lobster House serves up harborfront classics, and the Rusty Nail is a favorite for beach bar cocktails. Cape May's timeless beauty and gentle pace make it a dream summer destination for a full-day retreat.

### **NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA & LAMBERTVILLE, NEW JERSEY**

Less than an hour from Central Jersey, this charming riverfront duo offers an artsy, laid-back alternative to the typical tourist trail. Cross the walkable bridge between Lambertville and New Hope to browse art galleries, vintage shops, and antique markets. Summer is ideal for strolling the scenic Delaware Canal Towpath or catching a live show at Bucks County Playhouse. Refuel with riverside dining at Lambertville Station or sip small-batch brews at a local taproom. With its cozy streets, creative energy, and scenic views, this is an easygoing getaway perfect for warm-weather wandering.

### **DELAWARE WATER GAP, NEW JERSEY/PENNSYLVANIA BORDER**

About 1.5 hours northwest, the Delaware Water Gap offers a natural playground for those seeking adventure and tranquility. Hike through lush forests to summits like Mount Tammany, float lazily down the Delaware River in a tube or kayak, or visit waterfalls like Dingmans or Raymondskill for a refreshing mist. With over 70,000 acres of preserved wilderness, it's a haven for outdoor lovers. After a day on the trails or water, stop in the nearby village for a cozy dinner and live jazz at the Deer Head Inn, America's oldest continuously operating jazz club. It's a refreshing dose of nature with a side of unexpected culture.

### **BEAR MOUNTAIN & HUDSON HIGHLANDS, NEW YORK**

Just under 1.5 hours north, the Hudson Highlands invite you to explore majestic views, artistic spaces, and peaceful trails. Bear Mountain State Park offers hiking, lakeside picnics, and the family-friendly Trailside Zoo, while the summit delivers sweeping vistas of the Hudson River. For a cultural twist, visit Storm King Art Center, a 500-acre outdoor sculpture park blending modern art with rolling meadows. After your adventures, dine riverside in Cold Spring or sip craft beer in Beacon's Main Street district. This Hudson Valley escape is the ideal combination of nature and creativity, all within easy summer reach.



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