MAKING MEMORIES

A little intrigue goes a Long Island way.

There are many reasons to visit Long Island, New York City’s ‘beachfront backyard’, in 2018. From the close to 200 kilometres of beaches that shape the coastline to the rich farmland at the East End, Long Island is a family-friendly destination. Kids can dive in to learning, with educational experiences that focus on Long Island’s history, maritime-driven past and the importance of the arts, while adults have vineyards, a golf course and restaurants to keep them busy. Check out these spots for lasting memories.

Artistic legacy

Parrish Art Museum near Water Mill village is one of America’s most creative centres. Adults can peruse the collection of more than 2600 works by famed master and contemporary artists while children take part in interactive art classes, build creations and enjoy film nights.

Create and play

Explore and learn at Long Island Children’s Museum – a rarity, as it housed in a converted airplane hangar. Interactive and fun, it gives kids the chance to play in the bubble exhibit, learn in the live animal habitat and explore the 14 interactive exhibits with daily activities.

Journey to a new era

Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum & Planetarium features historic displays and oceanic expeditions as well as science and futuristic exhibits. After stopping by the elegant mansion, be sure to catch a show in the Planetarium. And on clear Friday nights, stargaze from the rooftop observatory.

Spy for a day

Brewster House, built in 1665, is considered the oldest house in the town of Brookhaven. During the American Revolution, the house was run as a general store and tavern that entertained British troops. You can experience Brewster House through the Become A Spy and A Day In The Life Of A Colonial Family educational tours.

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