

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.

Escape from New York

Lenox, MA

The Mount

Drift off in designer digs

Converted from a circa-1836 Federal-style home, the recently opened bed-and-breakfast **33 Main** features eight luxuriously appointed rooms (some with epic soaking tubs). From its central location, it's a breeze to get around town. Stop by owner and designer Annie Selke's store across the street to purchase any bedding or furnishings that tickle your fancy to add New England flair to your apartment. → 33 Main St (413-841-6465, thirtythreemain.com)

Feel it in your soul

Your best bet for nightlife is the **Lounge at the Gateways**, which features live jazz and other musical performances on the inn's baby grand. A mahogany bar offers seasonal cocktails as well as 180 varieties of whiskey. If you have a few too many, you can always just check into one of the rooms, all of which have Shakespeare-inspired names. → 51 Walker St (413-637-2532, gatewaysinn.com/nightlife)

Be bookish

In the 10 years she lived at her Berkshire home, **the Mount**, Edith Wharton wrote some of her greatest works, including *The House of Mirth* (1905). Take a guided tour through the 42-room country home to see her inspiring surroundings, such as a spectacular terrace overlooking the sweeping formal gardens. → 2 Plunkett St (413-551-5111, edithwharton.org). Admission \$20 (guided tours included).

Brush up on the Bard

Every year, esteemed theater group

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Head to Haven Café & Bakery for all your weekend brunch needs."—Molly

"Brava wine bar is the place to be after dark."—Pete

"Sit on Frankie's Ristorante's front porch to soak up the sunset while you dine."—Will

"Stop by The Bookstore for a well-curated selection of summer reads."—Zach



Shakespeare & Company

FUN FACT

The red-brick Ventfort Hall Mansion was the shooting location for *The Cider House Rules*.

Shakespeare & Company performs across four stages that are just a short walk from downtown Lenox. This summer, you can catch the New England premiere of Carey Crim's *Morning After Grace*, as well as a Gothic twist on *Macbeth* and an alfresco production of *As You Like It*. → 70 Kemble St (413-637-3353, shakespeare.org)

Hear a symphony of sounds

Tanglewood, the famed summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will celebrate the centennial of Leonard Bernstein's birth with a season dedicated to the lauded composer's work. Pack a picnic and daydream to the scores of *On the Town*, *Candide* and, of course, *West Side Story*. → 297 West St (413-637-5180, bso.org) ■ Will Gleason

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