

# 5 Great Day Trips In The Tri-State Area

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When the weather is good, my boyfriend and I go on day trips in the tri-state area. So far we have been to Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York and D.C., to some places more than others due to their proximity to our house. Here is a list of the places we have enjoyed the most and highly recommend to others.

## 1. [Mystic Seaport, CT](#)



Mystic Seaport is a part of the Mystic County in Connecticut, which is a great location for a long weekend trip as there is so much to do. So far we have been to the Mystic Seaport and the Mystic Aquarium, both are amazing! We went to Mystic Seaport on a warm day in September and happened to catch some sort of festival with lots of sea food, which we were not expecting so it just added to our experience. The location hosts a series of museums, historical ships, and souvenir shops. Additionally, visitors get to experience a whaler's way of life and the overall industry of whaling. Besides all the historical aspects of Mystic Seaport, the location is marvelous especially on a clear sunny day. Current ticket cost for adults is \$24/ea, \$15 for children ages 6-17 and free for kids under 5. Plan to spend the day and don't forget to enjoy a ride aboard the 100 year old steamboat "Sabino" for more breathtaking views!

## 2. [New Hope, PA](#)



New Hope is a small town located on the Delaware River and is great for day time trips or a weekend stay. The town offers a variety of small shops full of antiques, crafts, art, as well as

clothing stores. You can spend an entire day going from store to store, enjoying all the wonderful entities the community has to offer. Additionally, you can have dinner at one of the many restaurants or just relax with a drink, ice-cream or coffee. The town also has a railroad which provides a "ride and dine" service if you wish to take a break from walking and enjoy the gorgeous views the Delaware River valley has to offer, especially great in the fall months when the trees are changing colors. If you are coming for the weekend, don't forget to visit some of the vineyards in the area or take a boat ride down the Delaware River. New Hope offers a unique experience during every season, so if you are looking for a small town adventure this is the place for you!

### 3. [Philadelphia, PA](#)



The City of Philadelphia is one of the oldest towns in America and it will surround you with history at every turn. One trip to this historical city will not be enough to cover everything there is to see and experience. Museums, art galleries, antique shops, parks, monuments, restaurants are just to name a few. We have been going there for 2 years and haven't even covered half of it. Philadelphia feels less congested and less crowded than New York City, yet it provides a similar experience of a large city. So if you are getting tired of New York (like we did), check out what Philadelphia has to offer and I am sure that you will be back for more over and over again.

### 4. [Washington D.C., MD](#)



Washington D.C. is the capitol of the United States (well, just in case someone wasn't sure) with an enormous history and legacy. Besides its heritage, the town is incredibly beautiful especially in spring with all the blooming cherry blossoms and during the summer nights with

lights illuminating those larger than life monuments. Washington D.C. has so much to offer for people of any age that it would be a mistake to never go there or to go there once. For us, the drive to D.C. is 4 hours and yet we take the trip few times a year. If you are into photography you absolutely must check out the night time scenery, but don't forget the tripod! Also, if you are new to Washington D.C. and don't know where to start your sight-seeing trip, I would recommend to check out this website for ideas as it seems to cover it all: [Washington D.C. Attractions](#).

### 5. [Jim Thorpe, PA](#)



We heard about Jim Thorpe from a friend and jumped on the opportunity to go. We planned our trip to include horseback riding on the way there at a local horseback riding academy, which was a first for us. Once we approached the town, we were in awe – the view from the road of the green hills, railroad and some parts of the town was wonderful! I wish I had my camera prepared, because on the way back it was already dark and pictures just weren't happening. So have your camera ready when the GPS says you are 15-20 minutes away from the destination! Next, the town has a lot of small shops (similar to New Hope, PA) full of homemade candles, art, sculptures and other knick knacks – so bring some cash to spend. Also, there is whitewater rafting, bike trail and a railroad for you to enjoy. And last, you can finish your day of sightseeing at one of the local restaurants. Overall, great experience and would highly recommend for a day trip!