



Beach Summers in New York City

Description

Hi Joyful Scribblings readers! Iâ€™m Stacey from [Likes to Smile](#). I met Dawn in Hollyâ€™s [Blogging Your Way](#) course, where we became fast friends and I became a dedicated reader of Joyful Scribblings! Iâ€™m so honored to count Dawn as one of my friends and to be guest blogging today.

Dawn asked me to write about Summer in New York City and I think the [NYC: The Official New York City Guide](#) says it best:



Image [via](#).

Us "œreal" New Yorkers know that summer in the city is really about how quickly you can find your way to the beach. After all, New York City is literally an island and is luckily located very near the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. [Here](#) is a listing of all the different NYC beaches.

I have two favorite beaches in close-ish proximity.

My first favorite is Long Beach, Long Island.



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It is a life guarded, [pay-to-enter beach](#) that is so clean with the most gorgeous stretch of sand. It is such a heavenly escape from the city! The [Long Island Rail Road](#) features a package deal with Long Beach, where for \$21 one gets a round-trip rail pass and beach entry ticket. My friends and I meet with coffee and bagels at Penn Station and take the train out to Long Beach. Who doesn't love a picnic on the train?! And we all store snacks to share on the beach in our beach bags. I always bring cherries.

Once you arrive in Long Beach, it's about a quarter mile walk straight to a beach surrounded by a boardwalk. All that's left to do is to pick the perfect spot and enjoy. Trains return to the city every hour, so we just stay on the beach until we decide we are ready to head back. It's the perfect day trip. Beachy perfection!

My second favorite beach is Main Beach, East Hampton.



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Another life guarded, [pay-to-park beach](#) that is so clean with the most gorgeous stretch of sand. This is about a three-hour drive from New York City (three hours accounts for immense traffic, it can be as short as two-hours if you catch the traffic correctly). When I am in East Hampton, I love to pick up sandwiches from [Luigi's](#) or bagels from [Goldberg's](#) for a picnic on the beach.

To get to the Hamptons, I take the [Hampton Luxury Liner](#) and usually stay out East for the weekend. Being in the Hamptons is like being dropped into a movie set. It's so gorgeous, you forget that you are close to home and always secretly end up wishing for "just one more night." There is nothing like catching a starry night on the beach. Movie magic. But real life. Even better!

And you? Have you ever been to the beaches near New York City? Did you imagine that summer in the city would be all about the beach?

Dawn, thanks for having me! Until next time!

xoxo,
Stacey

Postscript: My 10-year anniversary in New York City is on August 10! Do I count as a "Real" New Yorker then? Hope so!

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