



## Weekend Finds: The Dim Sum, Beachfront Staycation, and Kayaking Excursions We Loved

*Our editors on the adventures in New York, California, and Rhode Island they found this month.*

We may be [staying closer to home](#) these days, but our appetite for newness—for different sights, [unexpected flavors](#), the chance encounter—feels like it's reached an all-time high. But, we know, you've been told for months to "be in a tourist in your own city!" and "explore your own backyard!" Like you, we've learned that's much easier said than done. After long weeks of working from home, inspiration sometimes runs dry, despite our desire to experience new things.

Consider this new series the bridge for that gap. Every other Monday, we'll round up a few of our favorite weekend finds—those meals, hikes, [tiny B&Bs](#), and [even great drives](#) that ignite our sense of adventure once again. Each of these weekend activities has given us a glimpse of being back out there as a traveler, and we hope they'll do the same for you.

If nothing else, use these highly recommended reasons as inspiration to start to making discoveries of your own.

### A staycation at the Rockaway Hotel

#### Queens, New York

After being cooped up in a tiny apartment for so long, I have been craving a [staycation](#) at a hotel—somewhere with endless space to roam safely, and a place I could relax in new serene surroundings. The newly opened [Rockaway Hotel](#) seemed like the ideal local getaway for me. It opened during the summer and quickly became a hot spot in Queens for locals and tourists based in New York City, thanks to easy access via public transport; you can take the A train or hop on a ferry to reach it. The hotel is also a one-minute walk away from the popular [Rockaway Beach](#). But it's just as easy to spend your whole stay on-property: There's a heated pool for guests to swim in, daily fitness classes, and a restaurant called The Rooftop, which serves breakfast and lunch, and has live music on the weekends featuring local artists and DJs. My favorite part was their [indoor movie](#) night screenings, which takes place every Friday afternoon until December 25. Everyone gets their own cozy beanbag-like seats (six feet apart, of course), blankets, and complimentary popcorn, plus themed cocktails are available for purchase. It was such a good feeling to watch a movie like I was at a theater again—they won't reopen in NYC until March. I can't wait to revisit the hotel, especially with their new additions of a spa and Greenhouse cafe set to open up in the new year. —*Shauna Beni, editorial assistant*