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Location Scouting

NYC Local Getaways



Where Old Money Is As Good as New

Seersucker and pearls will ensure you fit right in at [Winvian](#), a swanky Relais & Châteaux compound nestled in Litchfield Hills, Connecticut.

Eighteen cottages (including a beaver lodge, helicopter hangar, stable, and tree house 35 feet off the ground) designed by fifteen very imaginative architects — each with sitting area and wood-burning fireplace — inspire

you to hibernate all weekend. Leave your elaborate nest for meals served in

what feels like Grandmama's dining room, with oil portraits, fine china, and an artisanal menu from a Boulud/Ducas alum. Fight the food coma with a walk through acres of lush, bucolic farmland lined with centuries-old oak trees. Marvel at the other lodging spectacles (a lighthouse in the woods!) on the way back to your own whimsical digs.