

Escape from New York

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



Atlantic City

Put it all on red

The **Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa** has thousands of slot machines, 17 types of table games and dozens of poker tables, plus one of the few racebooks in Atlantic City. For visitors who aren't big on taking risks, the casino also hosts concerts and comedy shows (Chris Rock performs here Friday 24) and has calming spa services like a bamboo lemongrass scrub.

→ 1 Borgata Way (609-317-1000, theborgata.com)

Race to the finish

Take a thrilling \$8 go-kart ride on twisting tracks at **Central Pier Arcade and Speedway**. Once you live out your Mario Kart fantasies, pick from hundreds of video games and old-fashioned arcades—like Skee-Ball and minihoops—to earn tickets for fantastically cheesy prizes like jelly bracelets and giant stuffed bananas. Everyone's a winner!

→ 1400 Boardwalk (609-345-5219, centralpierarcade.com)

Sizzle on the sand

Dance the night away at Caribbean-themed nightlife spot **Chelsea Beach**, which has zero glitz but plenty of character. An offshoot of the Tropicana Resort, it's got a lovely (and quite lively) Top 40 dance floor under the stars. Stop by during the day to rent an umbrella and lounge chair for \$15.

→ 3001 Boardwalk (609-345-6633, facebook.com/pg/ChelseaBeachBar)

Wine about it

The **Renault Winery Resort**, in nearby Egg Harbor City, is nearly 150 years old and a New

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"The Continental Atlantic City's brunch is offered until 6pm."

—Shana

"Go to Ducktown Tavern (after midnight) and get the DUCK Buster."

—Ashley

"Eat at Chef Vola's, a basement spot serving homestyle Italian."

—Barbara

"The Irish Pub goes all out with the Christmas decorations."

—Michael

Renault Winery Resort



FUN FACT

The Miss America Competition has been hosted here every year since 1921.

Jersey State historical site. Stroll the peaceful gardens (or ride through them on horseback for \$60!), dine at the Tuscan restaurant or take a 40-minute wine tour (\$5).

→ 72 N Bremen Ave, Egg Harbor City, NJ (609-965-2111, renaulwinery.com)

Mangia!

Many locals say **Girasole** has the best authentic Italian-American cuisine in town. Get a three-course dinner for just \$36, featuring dishes like filet mignon carpaccio or gnocchi and broccoli, and sip limoncello for a postmeal treat.

→ 3108 Pacific Ave (609-345-5554, mygirasole.com)

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