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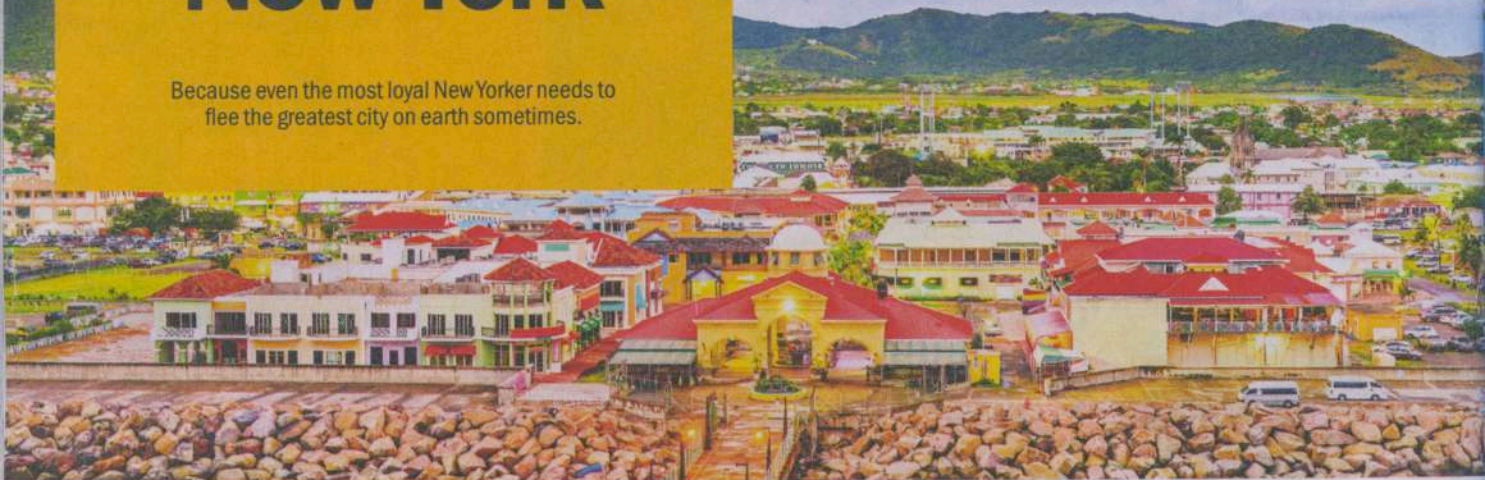
Tear it up



Escape from New York

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

Caribbean island of Nevis



Go bananas

Explore the backcountry beauty of Nevis in the sturdy ATVs of **Funky Monkey Tours**. Drive yourself or ride with one of the knowledgeable guides who know the terrain and the island lore. You'll see panoramic water views, former sugar plantations, hidden neighborhoods and scrambling goats, donkeys and African green monkeys.

→ Nelson Springs (869-665-6045, funkymonkeytours.com)

Break bread

Tastee Jamaican Bakery is the busiest spot in Nevis's, Charlestown. (Owner Mikey Stack says you can find it by simply asking where the bayfront is.) Seven days a week, locals stream in for Jamaican-style beef, fish and chicken patties plus sweet butter bread, rum cakes, coconut tarts and more homemade deliciousness.

→ Bayfront, Charlestown

Stay in a work of art

The picturesque **Golden Rock Inn** is decorated with contemporary furniture in tropical flower tones that juxtaposes with its old stone walls, inside and out. Revel in Golden Rock's gardens, created by star landscape designer Raymond Jungles. A serene pool and patio dining complete the tranquil scene.

→ Charlestown (869-469-3346, goldenrocknevis.com)

Probe the past

At the **Nevisian Heritage Village**, your engaging guide explains the social history of Nevis through its housing; like the thatched

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Montpelier Plantation makes the best rum punch on the island."
—Devon

"Lovers Beach is aptly named for its seclusion."
—Vanessa

"Get out of bed for the coconut French toast at Nisbet Plantation."
—Debra

"Llewellyn's hot pepper sauce is a local favorite."
—Tina

Golden Rock Inn



FUN FACT

To preserve views, Nevis doesn't allow buildings taller than a coconut palm tree.

dwellings of the Island Caribs and the post-emancipation (the British Empire abolished slavery in 1834) homes of former slaves. You'll see into Nevis's past while taking in the flower gardens and the ruins of a sugar mill.

→ Fothergills, Gingerlands (869-469-5521, explorenevis.com)

Meet a local celebrity

Alexander Hamilton was born in Nevis around 1757 and lived there until he was nine. Since the opening of the Broadway hit *Hamilton*, his star has surely risen. In the home where he was born, the Alexander Hamilton museum (officially named **Museum of Nevis History**) has a proud, small-town feel, with pictures depicting Hamilton's life on Nevis lining the history-laden walls.

→ Low St, Charlestown (869-469-5786, nevisisland.com)

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