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6 Ways To Spend Your Memorial Day Weekend, Hamptons Style

Memorial Day Weekend is the time of year when spring is coming to an end, the rich and fabulous depart to their summer homes and everyone is buying charcoal to light up the good, ole' grill.

If you happen to be like me and consider the Hamptons your home away from home, then you probably know come Friday morning, the Long Island Expressway will be backed up for miles with eager New Yorkers looking to turn into Hamptonites (well, at least until Labor Day Weekend).

I used to wonder what was so special about Memorial Day Weekend (besides the fact we honor our fallen and most courageous heroes), and I never understood why people made it such a big deal.

However, in the Hamptons, it is the start of the summer season, with exclusive VIP parties, art auctions, wine tastings, pool parties, celebrity sightings, beach days and the return of the club scene.

Memorial Day Weekend holds a special place in my heart.

Year after year, New Yorkers trade in their Armani button-ups for cool beachwear from Tommy Bahama and they finally get some peace from the bustling island of Manhattan.

If you are not from New York or the Hamptons, or wherever you call home, then this is the perfect weekend for you to try new things in your city.

After all, [home is where the heart is](#).

If you are like me and can't contain your excitement for the start of the summer season, check out some fun and affordable options for you to have the perfect Memorial Day Weekend:

Southampton Social Club

Ask any local or anyone who has been going to the Hamptons for years, and he or she will tell you Southampton is the most family-oriented village out of all the other villages. But, in recent years, the community has been trying to change its image and appeal to us (Generation-Y).

The Southampton Social Club is coming back and allowing party lovers to start of their Memorial Day Weekend on the right foot with good music, decent drinks and a well-deserved hangover the next morning.

But hey, we're not judging. The venue features a speakeasy, which provides the perfect intimate backdrop for fine dining and decent conversation with your friends.

This Hamptons hotspot boasts indoor and outdoor dining spaces — including a slate terrace, lush garden area with fireplaces, a real mahogany bar, library lounge and luxurious exclusive cabanas perfect for private groups and bottle service — to keep the party going all summer long.