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# NEW YORK

# ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK

*If there  
was ever  
a time  
to ditch town,  
this is it.*

 **Travel '09:  
The Getaway Plan**





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**JOSEPHINE ABOTSIGAH,**  
 20, office manager

“ My commute is nightmarish: I live in the Bronx, my job is on 14th Street, and my internship with a cardiologist is in Brooklyn. I want serenity. In Jamaica, things are natural, and people’s attitudes don’t seem forced. I want to take things slowly for once, have a relaxed pace, enjoy the Jamaican food like oxtails that are to die for, rice and beans, fresh tropical fruit. I’d want to do water sports, try basket-weaving, painting, carving wood.”

**THE ESCAPEE**  
*Jamaica*

Bypass the resort compounds and head to **Treasure Beach**, a string of sleepy fishing villages along the island’s southern coast. Get your oxtail fix at **Oliver’s Dutch Pot**, which has a rotating menu that includes curried goat and jerk pork, or feast on baked crabs—best with a cold ginger beer—at **Sister Lou’s River Stop**. Stroll the tiny shops of **Little**

**Bay**, about an hour’s drive away, where artisans make and sell traditional wood carvings, ceramics, and baskets; you can have hands-on demonstrations or buy ready-made pieces. Book the terraced Abalone Upstairs room at **Jake’s** (from \$195; [jakeshotel.com](http://jakeshotel.com)), a congregation of shacks and cottages. The resort can set you up with free snorkels.

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*Pelican Bar,*  
*near Jake’s*  
*hotel.*

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I want to tango with my wife.



**13** | **THE ESCAPEE:** DAVID ROTHSCHILD, 65, oral surgeon

“ I’d like to go to Buenos Aires with my wife, Deborah, who just got knee-replacement surgery. We’d love to go to a tango bar, walk the streets, go to museums, to nice restaurants. I hear the shopping is good, too. Deb can shop till she drops—that’s probably why she needs new knees.”

**THE ESCAPEE**  
Buenos Aires

The **Cochabamba 444** in **San Telmo** is where the city’s best tango dancers go on Friday nights. Shopping? Conveniently, this neighborhood has a great, sprawling Sunday antiques market, centered around **Plaza Dorrego**. After a morning of browsing, take a long lunch at **La Brigada**, a traditional *parilla* where the steaks are so tender the waiters use spoons to cut the meat. Avoid the high-end international stores in the ritzy **Recoleta** district, and browse **Palermo Viejo** for handmade Argentine leather products like local label **Sibyl Vane’s** jewel-toned ballet flats. Stay nearby at the **BoBo**, a twenties mansion turned seven-room boutique hotel (from \$165; bobohotel.com).

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A tango in Buenos Aires.



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