



New York Today: City Staycations



All this, near public transit.
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By JONATHAN WOLFE *Good morning on this cloudy Thursday.*

Mayor Bill de Blasio [surprised everyone this week](#) when his office announced at the last minute that he and his family were leaving town for a weeklong vacation, their second of the summer.

But some other New Yorkers (this columnist included) won't be able to get away anytime soon.

In that case, a well-executed staycation can be just as relaxing.

As the author Kenneth Grahame once wrote, "the best part of a holiday is perhaps not so much to be resting yourself, as to see all the other fellows busy working."

A few ideas that piqued our interest and might pique yours as well:

Coming Up Today

- [Learn to tango](#) at the Archway under the Manhattan Bridge, at Anchorage Place and Water Street in the Dumbo section of Brooklyn. 6 p.m. [Free]
- A performance of Shakespeare's "[The Taming of the Shrew](#)" set in the 1950s is at Summit Rock in Central Park. 6 p.m. [Free]
- The author of "Necessary Trouble: Americans in Revolt" discusses the [history of activism](#), at Housing Works Bookstore Cafe in SoHo. 7 p.m. [Free]
- Stay up late for music, food and art exhibitions at "[Night at the Museum](#)" at MoMA PS1 in Long Island City, Queens. 8 p.m. [\$18]
- A screening of "[The Angry Birds Movie](#)" at Crotona Park in the Bronx. 8:30 p.m. [Free]
- Mets at Cardinals, 7:15 p.m. (SNY).
- For more events, see The New York Times's [Arts & Entertainment guide](#).

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