

# HAMPTONS

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## Garden City

Home to one of Long Island's first luxury hotels and New York's largest shopping mall, this tiny north-shore village is a prime destination for shopping, dining and cultural pursuits. BY ALEXANDRA CAVALLO



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### FORMER RESIDENTS

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### HISTORY 101

■ In 1869 merchant millionaire Alexander Turney Stewart purchased 10,000 acres of the Hempstead Plains, at the time the only prairie east of the Mississippi River, with the intention of building an upscale haven just miles from the hustle and bustle of Manhattan.

■ Initially slow to draw residents—within the first five years only 40 families called the village home—the area began thriving when the renovation of the famous Garden City Hotel in the 1890s attracted noted guests like the Vanderbilts. The village even had its own railroad line, the Stewart Central Railroad.

### FUN FACTS

■ Charles Lindbergh took off on his solo trans-Atlantic flight from Roosevelt Airfield (now Roosevelt Field mall) in 1927. The night before the flight Lindbergh dined at The Garden City Hotel.

■ Adelphi University—initially located in Brooklyn and called Adelphi Academy—became Long Island's first four-year college when it relocated to Garden City in 1929.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Whether you're in the mood for a swanky four-star experience, artfully displayed tapas or perhaps some traditional Belgian fare, you'll find the perfect restaurant here.

■ **Waterzooi Belgian Bistro**, Belgian, 850 Franklin Ave., 516-877-2177; [waterzooi.com](http://waterzooi.com)

■ **Rein at The Garden City Hotel**, American/Eclectic, 45 Seventh St., 516-877-9385; [gardencityhotel.com](http://gardencityhotel.com)



### RETAIL THERAPY

The largest mall in New York and the fifth largest in the country, **Roosevelt Field** (630 Old Town Road, 516-742-8000; [simon.com](http://simon.com)) fits the needs of any fashionista, with a wide selection of stores ranging from American Apparel to Brooks Brothers, not to mention two high-



Cradle of Aviation Museum



Adelphi University

end department stores. Looking for shopping on a smaller scale? Take a stroll down Seventh Street in the heart of the village. This bustling business district is composed of a number of boutiques, cafés and specialty shops, including **The Island** (177 Seventh St., 516-248-2481), a Lilly Pulitzer store, all lining a charming pedestrian thoroughfare. Or check out the nearby stand-alone **Lord & Taylor** (1200 Franklin Ave., 516-742-7000; [lordandtaylor.com](http://lordandtaylor.com)).

### PARKS AND RECREATION

■ **Museum Row** The row boasts three fine museums: Long Island Children's Museum; the Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center; and the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Keep your eye out for the Long Island Museum for Science and Technology, coming soon. *Charles Lindbergh Boulevard*; [licm.org](http://licm.org); [ncfiremuseum.org](http://ncfiremuseum.org); [cradleofaviation.org](http://cradleofaviation.org)

### ■ Garden City Country Club

This members-only club boasts an elegant clubhouse with expansive verandas as well as a golf course and a number of tennis courts. 206 Stewart Ave., 516-746-8070; [gardencitycc.org](http://gardencitycc.org)



Long Island Children's Museum

■ **Edgemere Park** Feel safe letting your kids play at this local community park that's fully supervised every weekday through nightfall. With a bocce court, a horseshoe pit and a playground, among other amenities, there's more than enough to catch the whole family's attention. *Edgemere Road and Yale Street*

### THE ROYAL TREATMENT

Take a brief respite at the **Garden City Salon & Spa**, located among the shops on Seventh Street, where you'll be pampered from head to toe with a buffet of services including facials, massages, reflexology, Restalyn and Botox. 175 Seventh St., 516-663-5101; [gardencitysalonandspa.com](http://gardencitysalonandspa.com)