

## America's Coziest Small Towns for a Winter Weekend Getaway

From snowy mountain retreats to quaint New England villages, these expert-approved destinations offer quiet charm and seasonal fun.

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### Litchfield, Connecticut



A snowy landscape in Litchfield, Connecticut.  
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About 100 miles from Manhattan, [this small town](#) is “perfect for a low-key winter weekend,” says Vazquez. She continues, “Snowy country roads, historic homes, and cozy inns give it a timeless New England feel, making it especially appealing for couples or solo travelers looking to slow down.” Days here can be as active or laid-back as you’d like, with nearby trails and slopes for skiing and snowshoeing at [White Memorial Conservation Center](#), [Mohawk State Forest](#), and [Mohawk Mountain](#), as well as scenic drives through [Topsmead State Forest](#). Accommodations-wise, Vazquez is a fan of [The Belden House](#), which she describes as “a new, wonderfully cozy hotel with a lovely spa.”