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## VENUES

# Quick Trips

Looking to get a group away from the city? Here are 12 options for just-out-of-town meetings, activities, and dining. *By Anna Sekula*



### For Small Meetings

Built in 1873 and listed with the National Register of Historic Places, the **Robbins House** opened in November as a bed-and-breakfast. The house has period furnishings along with a tea room and a dining room with wireless Internet access and flat-screen TVs. The house sits on two acres and is just a short drive from downtown Hartford. (222 Jersey St., Hartford, Conn., 860.571.8733, www.silasrobbins.com)



The Mayflower spa

In 2007, the **Mayflower Inn** opened a new conference and spa facility. The 100-room hotel has a 10,000-square-foot spa with a hot tub, sauna, and massage. The hotel also has a conference room with a 100-seat capacity. (100 Mayflower Inn Rd., Route 47, Washington, Conn., 860.868.9466, www.mayflowerinn.com)



Monticello Motor Club

Opening this summer is the **Monticello Motor Club**, a private racing club that will offer its track to corporate groups for teambuilding, client entertaining, and incentive trips. Available Mondays through Thursdays, the south circuit of the track is almost two miles in length. An adjacent events pavilion is for corporate groups only; the private clubhouse won't open until later in the year. (67 Cantrell Road, Monticello, N.Y., 877.578.7223, www.monticellomotorclub.com)

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Sharrott Winery

Northwest of Atlantic City is **Sharrott Winery**, a family-owned winery that will open in May. On 34 acres, the winery has a tasting room that can be used Mondays through Thursdays or weekend evenings. The 20-seat mahogany bar has an adjacent 30-foot-long patio with views of the vineyard, or you can put up a tent on the 3,200-square-foot lawn. (370 South Egg Harbor Road, Winslow, N.J., 609.567.9463, www.sharrottwinery.com)



Liberty Science Center

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If it's bowling they're into, check out the New Jersey location of **Lucky Strike Lanes** later this year. Within the Meadowlands Xanadu complex will be a 25,000-square-foot space for Steven and Gillian Foster's entertainment venue, with 24 lanes, billiards, and a private room, plus a full menu. (East Rutherford, N.J., www.bowluckystrike.com; for more information, call 323.468.2356)

Liberty Science Center is adding its new exhibit space with all that you can do. A third floor with graffiti, music, and if you're into it, (222 Jersey St., Liberty Science Center, 860.571.8733, www.liberty-science.com)

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