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Wait, It's Only 2 Hours From NYC? 5 Great Places To Eat In Bucks County.

A nice alternative to upstate and the Hamptons

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While there's no shortage of ways to pass time here in my home base of New York City, there's something about summer — especially as it draws to a close — that strikes us with an especially acute case of wanderlust. But since you've already hit up the Hamptons, the Rockaways and Hudson Valley, why not venture out a little further to Bucks County. Really? Yes. An easy two-hour drive from the city, this serene part of Pennsylvania and New Jersey rewards with postcard-perfect scenery, charming inns and terrific cultural offerings like galleries and museums. That may sound overly quaint, but as we found out after a well-fed summer in the area, there are some great restaurants too. Here, we share 5 places to eat and drink incredibly well in Bucks County.

2. Honey

It's been said you can judge a chef and restaurant on their execution of the simplest things. And based solely on the bread and butter course — one of 25 globally-inspired small plates at chef Joe McAtee's restaurant Honey — you know there's far more deliciousness (like dessert plates and liquid desserts) to lose yourself in. McAtee's version of the standard starter takes warmed slabs of baguette from Bobolink Dairy, then tops them with a thick smear of the dairy's cultured butter and pickled ramps, black salt and grains of paradise for contrast. With each deeply satisfying bite bings hints of fat, tang and funk. Also, be sure to order the much talked about ribs, because like the bread and butter, they're completely original and out of this world. The spare ribs are bathed in a sweet-and-savory tea glaze and paired with, get this, spicy ginger ice cream. Don't knock it until you try it. 42 Shewell Ave, Doylestown, PA, 215-489-4200, honeyrestaurant.com