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What Our Editors Are Doing for Memorial Day Weekend

From a journey to Peru's Lake Titicaca to a local parade in Norwalk—our editors' celebration of Memorial Day.

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As April showers turn into May flowers, it's time for another unforgettable **Memorial Day** weekend. This time every year holds a special place in the hearts of many Americans, as we honor those who have lost their lives fighting for their country. This end-of-May holiday also signifies the unofficial kick-off to the summer season,

Brando, nestled on the private island of **Ietiaraa**, once owned by the legendary Marlon Brando. The Hollywood icon fell in love with the island while filming in Tahiti during the 1960s, envisioning it as a carbon-neutral escape decades before sustainability became a buzzword. Today, the 33-villa beachfront resort regularly graces “best of” lists, including this year's **Conde Nast Traveler's World's Best Private Island Resorts**. But the most coveted list it adorns is my own travel bucket list. —*Eugene Shevertalov, associate entertainment director*



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Lake Titicaca, Peru

Memorial Day is going to be a big one for me—my partner and I are throwing a party in Cusco, Peru, to celebrate our city hall wedding a few years ago. I can't wait for a long weekend of Pisco-fueled dancing with so many loved ones. Or for what will follow: On Sunday, we'll hop in the car and drive to Lake Titicaca, on the border of Bolivia, to plop ourselves down at the gorgeous **Titilaka lodge**. I can already picture waking up late with the serene blue water out the window and digesting the adrenaline-filled experience during long, lazy meals and scenic boat rides. —*Megan Spurrell, senior editor*

Norwalk, Connecticut

Memorial Day is my hometown's Super Bowl, so I'll be taking the train from **New York City** to Norwalk, Connecticut to see family and hang with childhood friends. It's become a tradition to drive in the local parade with my mom in her old 1976 VW bus. Back sliding doors propped open and windows rolled down, my mom and her bandmates sing and play the guitar and bongos while I

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