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Six twists on girls' night out.

BY CELIA SHATZMAN



The Artful Bachelorette



New York Surf School

TRAPEZE CLASS

Get your mind off gown fittings while hanging upside down by your knees 23 feet above Hudson River Park. At Trapeze School New York, you and your girlfriends can learn simple aerial tricks, such as a backflip dismount or how to swing off the trapeze bar into a catcher's arms. Bring a pair of socks, as the net can be surprisingly tough on toes. *\$50–\$70 per class; 212-242-8769; newyork.trapezeschool.com*

VINEYARD HOPPING

Long Island is home to a fantastic wine region. Hire a limo for a grand day tour or visit over a weekend. There are more than 40 wineries to experience, among them Duck Walk Vineyards North with four acres of Sauvignon Blanc grapevines and Har-

mony Vineyards, known for its Bordeaux-style red blends (*reservations recommended; livines.com*). Spend the night at Ellis House (*ellishousebandb.com*) or the North Fork Table & Inn (*northforktableandinn.com*), where James Beard Foundation-nominated chef Gerry Hayden cooks.

DRAWING NUDES

Ogle naked guys without ever setting foot inside a strip club. Take the loftier route with a nude figure-drawing class at the Artful Bachelorette (with Manhattan and Brooklyn locations). Have some bubbly and finger food during the two-hour session, while an instructor explains the fine points of sketching the male form. *\$85 per person; 646-470-1760; theartfulbachelorette.com*

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Through Watson Adventures, a group can spring for a customized hunt in which teams solve challenges tailored to the couple's history—or join a public tour. The Soho chocolate hunt and the nude-art scavenger hunt at the Metropolitan Museum of Art are popular for bachelorette parties. *Public hunts start at \$25 per person, private hunts for up to 18 people, from \$630; 877-946-4868; watsonadventures.com*

SURF LESSONS

Can't swing a long weekend in Costa Rica? Instead hop on the Rockabus (*\$15 round-trip; rockabus.com*) out to the Rockaways for a lesson at the New York Surf School. Experience isn't required: The beach's small, rolling waves are ideal learning conditions

for beginners. A two-hour lesson with a certified instructor includes boards and wet suits. Paddleboard lessons are also available. *Classes start at \$70 per person; 718-496-3371; surflessonsnewyork101.com*

PRIVATE SPINNING

Get your endorphins flowing and your frustrations out with a good old-fashioned workout. Up to 70 guests can partake in a private spin class at five of the city's six SoulCycle locations (*starts at \$3,500*). If that fee is stretching the party budget, grab your friends and hit a regularly scheduled class (*\$34 per person; soul-cycle.com*). Burn hundreds of calories with tap backs and hill climbs, then unwind post-workout with a boozy brunch. You've earned it.

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