



Beat the crowds, the heat, and the astronomical prices and book a trip to one of these dreamy seaside escapes this autumn.

Who knew seaside cities could be even better enjoyed in the fall? When the summer season fades, the warm weather tourists take off. And as temperatures cool down, the colors of the leaves heat up—and fall festivals take over the town. In autumn, lodging and package prices become more affordable and experiencing these coastal escapes stays just as enjoyable. Here are 20 of the best seaside destinations in the U.S. to plan a fabulous fall escape.



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Beaufort, North Carolina

[Beaufort](#) is a charming coastal seaside escape. It's a destination steeped in rich heritage, seamlessly blending new trends with old tradition. The downtown neighborhood is lined with eclectic shops alongside both casual and world-class dining opportunities. At the harbor, boats dot the waterfront—from private yachts to massive sailboats—even trawlers catching “fresh from the dock” seafood for the 20-plus local chef-or-family owned restaurants in town. Across the water is [Carrot Island](#), which is home to some of North Carolina's famed wild horses (seen frequently in the fall months). Visit the two-acre [Beaufort Historic Site](#) on Turner Street which offers a sense of history, featuring six authentically restored historic buildings and [Old Burying Ground](#) tours. Visitors can spend the night at centuries-old [Hammock House](#), which claims to have once housed Blackbeard himself and inspired two Nicholas Spark novels, *The Choice* and *A Walk to Remember*.