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52 Weekend Trip Ideas to Make You Fall in Love With Fall

For spectacular scenery, perfect weather, and the year's top travel deals, nothing beats a fast fall getaway. Here are the best U.S. destinations to indulge in autumn.

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Sure, fall travel tends to revolve around [leaf peeping](#), but that doesn't limit you to New England. There are beautiful places all over the country to witness the fleeting, fiery colors of [autumn](#)—from [hidden state parks](#) on the peninsular tip of Wisconsin to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley to the aspen-lined peaks of [Colorado](#) and well beyond.

If doggedly pursuing the finest fall foliage isn't your jam, autumn is still an optimal time for travel, with its great weather, lighter crowds, and reduced hotel prices that serve every sort of traveler. Endless summer types can hold onto warmer climes in southern beach communities. Winter lovers can get a head start up in the [mountains](#). Whichever way you lean, our top 52 fall weekend getaway destinations collectively pose one rhetorical question: What are you waiting for?

3. Newport, RI



Courtesy of Newport Harbor Island Resort

Why go: You already know New England in the fall is worth the hype. Newport earns more than its autumnal keep thanks to events like October's [Bowen's Wharf Seafood Festival](#) and [Holidays at the Newport Mansions](#) kicking off in November at Gilded Age abodes ranging from [The Breakers](#) to [Marble House](#). Plus, you can get your dose of serene apple-picking and pumpkin-patching afternoons at nearby [Sweet Berry Farm](#), [Escobar Farm](#), and [Pachet Brook Tree Farm](#).

Where to stay: Say ahoy to the recently renovated [Newport Harbor Island Resort](#), which was reimagined in 2024 to the tune of \$50 million. You'll love nursing a beer or two by the outdoor firepits with oversized Chappy Wrap blankets on your lap, or grabbing a seasonal fall cocktail at [Torpedo Lounge](#). Most of all, you'll really love the tranquil ambience of Goat Island, amplified by the resort's even more tranquil spa.