

Destinations

10 Best New England Towns for Fall Family Getaways

These picturesque New England towns are tailor-made for fall getaways.



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Autumn in New England is a spectacular time to get outdoors and enjoy the colorful quilt of leaves that blanket the region. As temperatures drop and days get shorter, families on New England fall foliage vacations can expect weather tailor-made for fresh-air activities like hiking, apple picking, and old-fashioned hayrides. And the crisp fall nights are just right for warming up by a bonfire, toasting marshmallows, and gazing at the starry night sky.



Best New England Fall Foliage Vacations

Immerse in leafy landscapes in these beautiful New England towns perfect for your family's next fall foliage getaway.

Newport, Rhode Island



Coastal view of Newport, Rhode Island, in the fall (Photo: Shutterstock)

Famous for its Gilded Age mansions, Newport is the place to go for manicured gardens and a true bonanza of autumn color. Don't miss the 3.5-mile Cliff Walk, a coastal path weaving by mansions and shoreline, with a chorus of chirping birds as your soundtrack. Then head to Brenton Point State Park, located on the grounds of what was once a grand estate. Enjoy the native coastal vegetation and assorted small animals scurrying to prepare for winter.

You'll build up an appetite after so much walking, and Newport's restaurant scene won't disappoint. The Reef serves delectable cuisine, including a special menu for kids, in a casual waterfront setting.

Where to Stay in Newport

Situated alongside Miantonomi Park with room to roam, The Wayfinder Hotel is a boutique property with a casual surfer vibe that suits the many families who come for New England fall vacations.