



Find fall splendor at these 7 New England beaches, from Maine to Rhode Island

Autumn on the coast brings bright days and crisp nights

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Autumn is a fine time to visit the beaches in Ogunquit, Maine — Photo courtesy of Maine Office of Tourism

Fall hits differently at New England's best beaches when a muted maritime palette of amber-colored dune grass, seaside goldenrod, and ruby-tinged sumac shrubs enhance the coastal landscape. While less bold than the explosion of crimson, yellow, and orange that dominates leaf-peeping season inland, the subtle shoreline beauty is no less alluring.

I've been visiting New England's great beaches for years. Dotted with [lighthouses](#) and wooden boardwalks, I look forward to autumn's bright days and crisp nights, perfect for invigorating seaside strolls and stargazing with plenty of room to roam. Prices drop at New England's best beach resorts as temperatures cool, a bonus for budget-conscious travelers.

From the soft sand of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, to the breathtaking islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, pack your sweater and explore the best beaches in New England this fall.

Easton's Beach, Newport, Rhode Island



Newport's Easton's Beach is one of New England's finest beaches — Photo courtesy of The Chanler at Cliff Walk

Once a playground for families with surnames like Vanderbilt and Astor, Newport's reputation as an affluent summer resort is still justified (and a draw for "Gilded Age" fans). The pace slows in the fall, making it a fine time to enjoy Easton's Beach.

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I start my autumn afternoons sitting on the sand, watching the tide roll in before strolling Cliff Walk, a 3.5-mile path that overlooks the beach and glimpses into the backyards of Newport's Gilded Age mansions. Easton's Beach is just a short distance from sights such as the International Tennis Hall of Fame and Redwood Library, America's oldest continuous lending library.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk is an oasis of elegance on Cliff Walk. Its luxurious rooms have gas fireplaces for chilly evenings.

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