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With its scenic roadways, mountains, and lighthouses, New England heaves with beauty year-round, but the region's hallmark is fall. As the weather gets cooler, flame-hued leaves provide a kaleidoscope of color for locals and visitors alike.

Between all of its epic landscapes, quaint coastal towns, and seafood-driven cuisine, New England is full of picturesque destinations for weekend getaways. Whether you're looking for a romantic weekend away, a family leaf-peeping excursion, or a weekend filled with action-packed outdoor activities, there is no lack of things to do in New England. Here are three idyllic New England destinations perfect for an autumn weekend getaway.

3 New England Weekend Getaways

Providence, Rhode Island

Providence is the largest city in the country's smallest state. Located at the nexus of three rivers, Providence is a waterside retreat with a burgeoning art scene, making it a huge draw for art lovers, history buffs, and foodies.

Visitors can travel to Providence by commuter train or bus, or fly directly into T.F. Green International Airport (PVD). At about 20 square miles, it's possible to explore the city on foot. However, rideshare and taxis are available throughout the city. If you opt to drive to Providence, it's approximately an hour from Boston and three and half hours from New York City.

Between September and December, the city's three rivers are set ablaze for the annual WaterFire art exhibit. The public art installation features more than 80 floating bonfires. Savor the art by bringing a picnic to enjoy on the lawn in Waterplace Park or book a gondola ride on the river to get close to the burning fires.



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In addition to its art scene, Providence is also a hip college town. Several prestigious institutions like Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) call this city home. Take a stroll through the College Hill neighborhood to tour the Brown or RISD campuses, get a glimpse of the country's first baptist church, or view historic homes that line the streets of this neighborhood.

 $Check\ in\ to\ {\hbox{\bf The Beatrice}}.\ This\ new\ boutique\ hotel\ is\ in\ the\ heart\ of\ downtown\ Providence.$