

## 21 Fabulous Fall Getaways for 2021

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Let's celebrate by planning a fall family getaway.

No, we're not celebrating the end of the pandemic, not with the Delta Variant still wreaking havoc around the world. Things are looking up, however, even as we're being told to mask up again and our kids under 12 still can't be vaccinated. We just have to be careful.

So, why celebrate? For one thing, public health experts tell us we can safely head outdoors for fun this fall. That means apple picking, pumpkin picking, corn mazes and hayrides.

Fall festivals are coming back—with Covid protocols, of course. (To keep everyone in the family safe, take advantage of the American Academy of Pediatrics informative resources about kids' vaccines and more.) Plan a fall trip to a state or lesser-known national park to enjoy the foliage. Book a rental house in ski country and spend a weekend hiking or biking. Go camping, glamping or whitewater rafting – perfect for a fall family getaway. Celebrate at theme parks ahead of Halloween.

Whatever you plan, look for places where COVID cases aren't surging. Follow the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. These precautions are what allow us to travel while the coronavirus pandemic continues. If you are planning to get together with family over Columbus Day, Halloween or Thanksgiving, make sure everyone is on the same page about having relatives come visit, social distancing and face coverings.

So, with those caveats, here are 21 ideas for Fall 2021 vacations where we know you are guaranteed to enjoy yourselves — and stay safe.



## TAKE A ROAD TRIP SOMEWHERE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN

Fall visitors to Rhode Island will enjoy temperate weather, good deals and a moment to relax on less-crowded beaches along 400 miles of coastline. This "Local's Summer," the Ocean State invites visitors to join in on the secret as they experience Rhode Island like a native in Newport or Block Island. Select Saturday nights from Sept. 4 to Dec. 4, the magical WaterFire Festival returns. In a just-launched initiative, support small businesses in Providence with a Go Providence Pass and get a \$100 rewards card to local shops and restaurants that comes with a stay at any participating hotel. Be sure to stop for oysters!