



The best fall getaways from NYC

Ditch the concrete and commotion of the city this autumn in exchange for one of these amazing fall getaways from NYC

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Even the most loyal New Yorkers crave a break from the city, and lucky for us, these fall getaways are just a few hours away. Pack your bags—amazing hiking trails, boozy [North Fork wineries](#) and all the apple cider your heart desires await at these escapes from NYC. And you can't beat the stunning [fall foliage](#) views and leaf peeping opportunities you'll find along the way! We recommend everything from great restaurants to the [best hotels](#) to stay in during your trip.

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Catskills, NY

Forever cemented in pop-culture as the site of Woodstock (and the backdrop of *Dirty Dancing*) the Catskills boasts some of New York's most charming small towns, many of which are just two-and-a-half hours outside of the city.

What to do: A hiking trail on Overlook Mountain leads to the Instagram-worthy remnants of an unfinished [luxury hotel](#) and views of Echo Lake. The General Store of Catskill (356 Main St, Catskill; 518-653-9188, [thegeneralstoreofcatskill.com](#)) is another draw, located on the town's historic Main Street and offering an array of locally-made bath, body and wellness products.

Where to stay: It'll be hard to return to your NYC apartment after a few nights at Table on Ten (52030 NY-10, Bloomville; 607-643-6509, [tableonten.com](#)). The three-room inn is also a restaurant, serving wood-fired pizzas Friday and Saturday nights.

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Cooperstown, NY

This is a bucket-list destination for baseball and beer enthusiasts alike.

What to do: The four-hour drive to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (25 Main St; 888-425-5633, baseballhall.org) is well worth it for rabid sports fans. Not into baseball? Head to Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard (288 Goose St, Fly Creek; 607-547-9692, flycreekcidermill.com) to watch the cider-making process and grab apple-infused treats from the marketplace.

Where to stay: Treat yourself to the luxe accommodations at the Otesaga Resort Hotel (60 Lake St; 607-547-9931, otesaga.com) where amenities include complimentary breakfast, access to two tennis courts and canoe rentals for exploring Otesaga lake. Equally charming is the centrally-located 15-room Cooper Inn (15 Chestnut St; 607-547-2567, cooperinn.com).

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Hudson Valley, NY

Something tells us glampers dig the Instagram. Maybe it's the constant postings. Whatever the reason, more than enough 'Gram gold can be found in Hudson Valley—a gl camper's paradise.

What to do: Head to Storm King Art Center (1 Museum Rd, New Windsor, NY; 845-534-3115, stormking.org), a bucket-list site that has striking contemporary sculptures amid 500 acres of resplendent green, yellow and brown foliage. Afterward, move between art and antiques on Warren Street in Hudson, where NYC expats helm stylish galleries and boutiques. Then brunch at the oh-so-pretty Rivertown Lodge (731 Warren St, Hudson; 518-512-0954, rivertownlodge.com), a hip hotel for design lovers, which recently opened a new tavern that serves Dutch baby pancakes.

Where to stay: Book a tent at the just-opened Collective Hudson Valley (129 Ostrander Rd, Hudson; 970-445-2033, collectiveretreats.com; \$500–\$700/night) on an organic farm. Its luxe, low-pitched tents require no setup and are stocked with rustic furnishings and a generous dollop of ritz—like electricity, private bathrooms and 1,500-thread-count sheets on which to count sheep.



Lenox, MA

Once known as the “inland Newport,” this charming town in The Berkshires was a popular destination for wealthy vacationers during the Gilded Age. The walkable New England hamlet still attracts plenty of discerning travelers today with loads of cultural options and a prime location for leaf peeping around the region.

What to do: Take a trip back in time at the gorgeously restored The Mount (2 Plunkett St, Lenox; 413-551-5111, edithwharton.org), the turn-of-the-century home of famous American novelist Edith Wharton. Shakespeare & Co (70 Kemble St, Lenox; 413-637-1199, shakespeare.org) is a premier regional theater that continues its popular summer season through the autumn months.

Where to stay: You may want to spend more time looking at the chic décor at 33 Main (33 Main St, Lenox; 413-400-3333, thirtythreemain.com) than the vibrant leaves outside. The brand-new bed-and-breakfast was entirely designed by Annie Selke and a majority of the furnishings are available for purchase across the street.

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Stowe, VT

When it comes to fall foliage, Vermont is king. The state has the country's highest percentage of maple trees, and no better retreat exists for scoring that color-bursting seasonal photo. That's especially true in Stowe, a valley town in Northern Vermont.

What to do: Marvel at rust-tinged leaves from a car (foliage driving routes are an actual thing here), a gondola at Stowe Mountain ski resort (5781 Mountain Rd; 888-253-4849, stowe.com) or on foot: The three-mile Stowe Pinnacle Trail—4 miles southeast of the town—is one of many climbs with breathtaking views. Follow the state's foliage tracker (vermont.com/foliage.cfm) to ensure leaves are at peak awesomeness when you go. After that hiking, you deserve a bit of shut-eye.

Where to stay: Stowe's hallmark hotel might be the [Trapp Family Lodge](http://TrappFamilyLodge.com) (yes, named for that do-re-mi family you're thinking of), but for a more upscale option, tuck into the recently opened Field Guide (433 Mountain Rd; 802-253-8088, fieldguidestowe.com; \$189–\$639/night), which has a Scandinavian feel as well as fire pits and a complimentary breakfast basket delivered each morning.



Berkshires, MA

Known for its literary and musical culture (Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House was the setting for *Little Women*; Edith Wharton had a home there), the Berkshires are where the Boston city slickers go for a taste of the good and quiet life. Fortunately, it's close enough to New York that you too can escape for a weekend of New England foliage, a pint and a good book by the fire. The Berkshires explode in the fall as leaf lovers flock north to take in the brilliant colors. Head north along Route 7 from Sheffield to Williamstown for some of the best spots. The Mohawk Trail is also known for its autumnal palette, though it's slightly more touristy. It's said that the area's Bagel Too has the best bagels outside New York, in case you get homesick, but we'll let you be the judge of that.

What to do: If peace and tranquillity start to get a little tiresome, head over to Ramblewild (110 Brodie Mountain Rd, Lanesborough, MA; 844-472-6253; ramblewild.com), an adventure park and ropes course with a backdrop of more than 1,400 acres of forest. The park is divided by a ravine, and the two halves are connected by a 200-foot suspension bridge hanging over the water. Make your way to the 15-foot-high central platform, which is the nucleus for eight aerial

obstacle courses. Each challenges your fear of heights with high wires, zip lines, balancing logs, rope ladders, suspended bridges and more. For an activity that is less adventurous and even more picturesque, take a tour of Mount Edith Wharton's Home (*2 Plunkett Street, Lenox, MA; 413-551-5111, edithwharton.org*). You'll be smitten by the landmark's gorgeous sculpture garden and rich history.

Where to stay: The Williamsville Inn (*286 Great Barrington Rd, Housatonic, MA; 413-591-2914, williamsvilleinn.com*), which sits on 10 acres of gardens, was built in 1797 and has 16 guest rooms. Each room has a private bathroom with either a tub or a shower, and some rooms have gas fireplaces. The hotel is just a short drive from Tanglewood. Also, hands-on cooking classes are offered on-site at the culinary school. So eat up.



North Fork, LI

South Fork is so last season. Instead, skip it for Long Island's North Fork this fall, where the bucolic coast is just warming up. Without traffic you can make it to this venerable stretch of farms and vineyards in a hour and a half. Bring your taste for Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio.

What to do: Winery tour options abound here, so take your pick! Sample Merlot at One Woman Wines and Vineyards (*5195 Old North Rd, Southold; 631-765-1200, onewomanwines.com*), try Coffee Pot Cellars' sauvignon blanc (*31855 Main Rd, Cutchogue; 631-765-8929, coffeepotcellars.com*), or sip on something bubbly at Sparkling Pointe (*39750 Middle Rd, Southold; 631-765-0200, sparklingpointe.com*). No judgment if you decide to hit up all three.

Where to stay: North Fork is perfect for a day trip, but if you want to extend your stay, tap Arbor View House B&B (*8900 Main Rd, East Marion; 631-477-8440, arborviewhouse.com*), known for its plush garden and gourmet breakfast, as your relaxing home away from home.



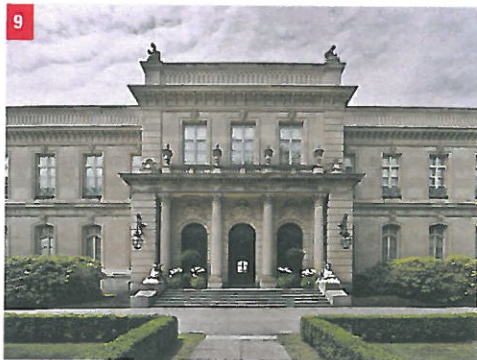
Salem, MA

This Massachusetts town's dark past draws urban witches and history buffs from all over the Northeast. With so many museums, attractions and tours devoted to the infamous Salem Witch Trials, there's plenty of creepy history to explore in the otherwise charming village. Even better, it's surprisingly easy to get to: Just take the short flight into Boston and rent a car for the hourlong drive east to Salem.

What to do: Dive right into the town's paranormal history at the [Salem Witch Museum](#), where exhibits on paganism, modern witchcraft and the phenomenon of witch hunts will give you a quick primer on the occult. Then take a pleasant stroll through the graveyard on a [cemetery walking tour](#). Your guide will point out notable burial sites, explain the strange symbols on certain tombstones and walk you through Salem's witchy history.

Where to stay: Though Boston is just an hour away, stay the night in Salem to amp up the spooky vibes. The historic [Hawthorne Hotel](#) (*18 Washington Square W, Salem; (978) 744-4080*) is fairly young by New England standards—it only opened for business in 1925—but has still had its fair share of reported hauntings. Rooms 325 and 612 are particularly notorious, with guests reporting ghostly apparitions, faucets turning on and off, glowing orbs and all kind of other things that go bump in the night.

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Newport, RI

It's all about classic, New England culture here, complete with historic places like White Horse Tavern (America's oldest restaurant) and a bevy of briny bivalves.

What to do: Newport is home to some of the most impressive, ridiculously elegant mansions in the nation. The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island's largest cultural organization, has 11 historic properties and landscapes on its register (newportmansions.org). Take a trip back in time from the colonial era to the Gilded Age by walking in the footsteps of some of America's most historic elite. If you only have time for one, make it the Breakers, the grande dame of Newport's elite homes, boasting 70 rooms, a man cave mostly made of gold and stories galore. (Cole Porter used to pen hits in one of its upstairs, luxe bathrooms.) You can peep at multiple mansions located in this seaside town during this fun and informative [Newport Gilded Age Mansions Trolley Tour](#).

Where to stay: The Attwater (22 Liberty St; 401-846-7444, theattwater.com, \$200/night), a funky hotel with a modern design, pays homage to Newport's seafaring history with nautical accents and varying shades of bold blues, while other touches like throw pillows, flowers and drapes scream out in bright purples, greens and reds. The kitschy beach house meets luxury boutique has tech-friendly features like iPads, Keurig coffeemakers and iPod docks. Its proximity to Newport Art Museum makes it appealing to city slickers looking for that New England escape complete with creature comforts.



Warwick, NY

A day at the orchard sounds nice, right? And just an hour and a half away from NYC? Even better.

What to do: Warwick's main attraction is Masker Fruit Farms (45 Ball Rd; 845-986-1058, maskers.com)—a 200-acre orchard open for apple picking seven days a week. Admission is free and apples are \$28.95 per half bushel (about 20). Swing by the country store on your way out to pick up apple butter and a jug of cider.

Where to stay: Warwick Valley Bed & Breakfast (24 Maple Ave; 845-987-7255, wvbedandbreakfast.com) kicks casually accommodations up a notch with on-call massage therapists and a vegetarian or vegan breakfast made at your request.

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Saratoga Springs, NY

Saratoga Springs has been a posh retreat from the big city for more than 200 years due to its natural mineral springs that spawned its name. The naturally carbonated wonders are some of the only ones in the country and attract throngs for their healing benefits, namely antacid properties to help upset stomachs and heartburn. But there's plenty else to see and do in this upstate New York retreat in the fall, from apple picking and corn mazes to foliage hikes and autumnal farmers' markets.

What to do: Zen out at Yaddo (312 Union Ave; 518-584-0746, yaddo.org, \$10), an artists' hub that opened in 1900 and sits on a bucolic 400-acre estate. Its mission is to give artists the space to work without interruption. Today it's a center for choreography, film, literature, music, painting, performance art, photography, sculpture and video installments, and aside from all the arty happenings, it's worth a visit just for the pleasant walk around the gardens. You can experience more culture at The National Museum of Dance (99 S Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY; 518-584-2225, dancemuseum.org), at which you can view an ever-growing collection of photographs, videos, costumes, biographies and more artifacts that pay homage to the art of dance, of course.

Where to stay: Right on bustling Broadway, Saratoga Arms (497 Broadway; 518-584-1775, saratogaarms.com, \$289/night) is a stone's throw from boutique shops and restaurants. Breakfast is included daily at this country-style inn, where you can find wraparound porches, fireplaces and balconies.

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Stone Ridge, NY

This centrally located, historic upstate New York town is the jumping off point for the rest of the Catskills—a great home base for exploring Phoenicia, Kingston or Rosendale.

What to do: Build up a sweat at Minnewaska State Park (5281 Rte 44-55; 845-255-0752, parks.ny.gov), a nearly 23,000-acre nature preserve. The Millbrook Mountain trail is a five-plus-mile loop within the park that climbs the mountain along the cliffs of Shawangunk Conglomerate. The steep path gives way to several gaps in the trees, where rocky bluffs overlook hundreds of miles of untouched park, which will undoubtedly be painted in glorious colors. (In other words: be prepared, Instagrammers.)

Where to stay: The recently reopened Hasbrouck House (3805 Rte 209; 845-687-0736, hasbrouckhouse.ny.com, \$275/night) is in an 18th-century Dutch Colonial mansion, with 17 rooms and nearby carriage and stable houses. Spread across three separate stone buildings, each with a collection of both vintage and modern pieces, the property is surrounded by country gardens and pays homage to the locally sourced food and drink of the Catskills. The restaurant Butterfield takes on a country-tavern vibe but with elevated cuisine like its Three Little Pigs Sandwich with smoked paprika, pulled pork, house-cured ham and slaw on a potato bun.



Stonington, CT

This seaside town is picture-perfect New England, with old-time homes, farm-to-table eats, craft breweries and kayaking on Little Narragansett Bay. Most people stop in Mystic, Connecticut, because of the public transit access (and the pizza), but Stonington offers the same type of feel, with far fewer people. Get in good-clean-fun mode at nearby B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill (129 N Stonington Rd, Pawcatuck, CT; 860-536-3354, bfclydescidermill.com), where pumpkin and apple picking, pies, maple syrup and fudge, attract fall-weather lovers every weekend.

What to do: Toast the changing of the season at Saltwater Farm Vineyard (349 Elm St; 860-415-9072, saltwaterfarmvineyard.com). Its tasting room lives in a restored World War II-era airplane hanger with views of the 15-acre vineyard. The winery produces chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and cabernet rosé, but come the colder months, you would be remiss to skip the estate's cabernet franc, known for its seasonal cherry and blackberry flavors.

Where to stay: With views over the harbor, the upscale and centrally located Inn at Stonington (60 Water St, 860-535-2000, innatstonington.com) has some pretty swanky touches: four poster beds, balconies, window seats, fireplaces and even whirlpool tubs. Consider breakfast in your plush bed overlooking the harbor from the floor-to-ceiling windows.



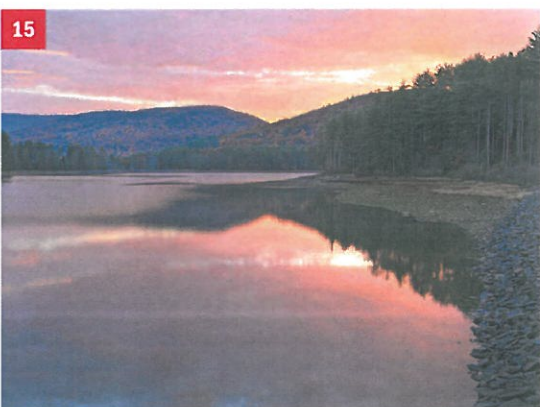
Mystic, CT

Three hours northeast of Manhattan lie this quaint maritime village, located on the Mystic River.

What to do: Shop for vintage furniture, wares and jewelry from more than 90 dealers at the Past Antiques Market (1630 Hartford-New London Turnpike, Oakdale; 860-437-3615, naturesartvillage.com) or take a crash course in nautical history at the Mystic Seaport (75 Greenmanville Ave; 860-572-0711, mysticseaport.org), the world's largest maritime museum.

Where to stay: Take in unbeatable views at the waterside Steamboat Inn (73 Steamboat Wharf; 860-536-8300, steamboatinnmystic.com). Guests can borrow bikes to peruse downtown Mystic, but you'll want to be back by 5pm for complimentary sherry and cookies in the Inn's common room.

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Woodstock, NY

Though the name conjures a crowd splashed in tie-dye and the faint scent of marijuana, Woodstock isn't actually where the 1969 festival was held. (That was in Bethel, about two hours away.) Even so, the town is a mix of retired hippies—a street there is named after the late great Band member Levon Helm—artists and city dwellers who feel the need to flee the metropolis on weekends. While there's a presence of Manhattan money that's been poured into the area in

recent years, true locals of Woodstock are all about clean eating, organic farms, art galleries and boutiques, plus preserving the environment. So, you know, good people.

What to do: Besides all the camping? If you've grown tired of that smoky campfire smell and yearn for a real table and chairs, pop into Oriole 9 (17 Tinker St; 845-OR9-5763, oriole9.com) in town. This local favorite is a café-cum-art-gallery that serves fantastic all-day breakfast and lunch. (Go for the curried coconut tofu hash.)

Where to stay: Trade in four walls and a ceiling for something a little more portable. Tentrr (tentrr.com, \$120/night) is a campsite service available in Woodstock and elsewhere upstate. The idea is simple: Book a tent and arrive to a set-up campsite stocked with food and drink. It's basically Airbnb for campers, touting fully-equipped campsites on private properties all across the Catskills. And don't worry: Tentrr provides queen-size cots, because you're too pretty to actually sleep on the ground.



Athens, NY

While all of your Brooklyn friends are brunching across the river in Hudson, you've hopped the ferry and are doing exactly the same thing across the river in Athens—minus all the sceney crowds. Go to Rive Gauche Bistro (7 2nd St; 518-945-1009, rivegauchebistro.com), a French spot built in a renovated historic building helmed by former New York City chef Joe Landa (La Boheme).

What to do: Take a walk to Black Horse Farms (10094 Rte 9W; 518-943-9324, blackhorsefarms.com), a local CSA with its own gourmet market. The Farms, open through Christmas, is a quintessential country market with flowers brimming out of ornate pots, baked goods—try a cider doughnut for a full-on fall experience—fresh produce, gifts, and spreads and jams in adorable jars. Here you can stuff yourself silly with fall treats like fudge and fruit pies. Cap off the day with a local pint at Crossroads Brewing Company (21 2nd St; 518-945-2337, crossroadsbrewingco.com), just four miles down the road.

Where to stay: Make your reservations now at the Stewart House (2 N Water St; 518-444-8317, stewarthouse.com, \$199/night) because with just 11 rooms, it fills up fast. Sitting on 90 acres of Hudson riverfront—and having recently undergone a complete renovation—the hotel has a crowd that swings hipster, with guests drawn to its exposed brick and original floors. Suites

give off a country-time feel, inciting visions of lemonade on front porches, but sport modern, refined amenities like marble showers and flatscreen TVs.

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Sullivan County, NY

Nestled in the western region of the Catskills, Sullivan County has an overload of seasonal merriment: color-popping vistas, haunted houses, harvest festivals—basically, all the things you want during autumn. A particular favorite among visitors is Cunningham Family Farms (233 Hurd and Parks Rds, Swan Lake, NY; 845-583-4083, [cunninghamfamilyfarms.com](#)), which boasts hayrides, a pumpkin patch and an obstacle course, plus events from Oktoberfest to honey taste-offs.

What to do: If you're into ghost hunting—and who *isn't*—check out one of the paranormal tours at the historic Burn Brae Mansion (573 High Rd, Glen Spey, NY; 845-856-3335, [burnbraemansion.com](#)) more than a century old. On the third Saturday of every month the spot opens its doors to aspiring paranormal investigators, who, armed with ghost-hunting equipment, chase spirits throughout the notoriously phantasm-filled mansion—while being filmed and edited for a short you can take home afterward—and cap off the night with dinner.

Where to stay: The rooms at the quaint Arnold House (839 Shandelelee Rd, Livingston Manor, NY; 845-439-5070, [thearnoldhouse.com](#), \$189/night) are modern with a vintage charm, touting antique furniture and down-duvet bedding. The premises also boasts a kindly tavern, which has been open for 50 years and prides itself on dishes utilizing the town's local ingredients, specifically the river trout. Want to complete the country-living experience? Hit up a cookout and bonfire at the estate's BBQ Barn.

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