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Best Places to Travel in October

In October, we're well into [fall](#), but if you're still in a summer mood, you can stay warm in Aruba, Maui, or Greater Palm Springs. On the other hand, if you're looking forward to sweater weather, chilly nights, and [leaf-peeping](#), head to Boston, Providence, or Cooperstown, New York.

[Festivals](#) in New Orleans, Charlottesville, and Albuquerque will keep the atmosphere lively, a welcome change from the past year. And now that Europe is open to visitors, it could be time to spend autumn in Paris or among the vineyards of Provence or the Loire Valley.

Charlottesville, Virginia



Many of us have missed travel, and we welcome the return of the opportunities we waited for. Whether you stay close to home or venture far, seek relaxation or adventure, solitude or crowds, the words of Confucius might be fitting, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

Here are ten of the best places to travel in October.

Autumn colors are just one of the reasons to visit [Charlottesville](#) in October. It's a beautiful time for a drive on the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) or for hiking in [Shenandoah National Park](#) among the fall foliage. Set in the foothills of western Virginia, the area is home to [farms and orchards](#) — and October is prime apple picking season. [Pippin Hill Farms & Vineyard](#) includes kitchen gardens, vineyards, and a [cooking school](#) for a complete culinary program. More than 30 wineries are located along the [Monticello Wine Trail](#). This year, the [Virginia Film Festival](#) takes place from October 27-31, hosted in partnership with the University of Virginia. Places to stay in the area include the boutique [Oakhurst Inn](#), [The Draftsman](#), newly opened in the heart of downtown Charlottesville, and luxury resort [Keswick Hall](#), with mountain views and dining by Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Historic boutique art hotel, [Quirk Hotel Charlottesville](#), was built around two 19th-century homes and features a rooftop lounge and a barrel-aged spirits bar.