



Six Fantastic Destinations to Visit This Fall

August 29, 2019 – As we head into Labor Day weekend, we thought the time might be right to remind you that though we’re saying goodbye to summer, a whole new travel season is just around the corner. At [Mindy Bianca Public Relations](#), we believe that each season brings its own charm, magic and intrigue, so we’re always eager to learn about what’s happening in our client destinations. This year, we hope you’re equally as excited about these how these six destinations are showcasing fall foliage and autumnal festivities:

Explore “America’s Most Perfect Village” in [Cooperstown, New York](#)

Upstate New York offers one of the earliest and most impressive seasonal displays in the country, making fall one of the best times of year for a visit. Situated on the peaceful shores of Otsego Lake in the charming village of Cooperstown, [The Otesaga Resort Hotel](#) provides breathtaking lakefront views of the changing seasons. In October, the hotel is offering a special [Autumn Harvest Package](#) with rates at 20% off standard rates. The package also includes breakfast, tickets to [The Farmers’ Museum](#), a jar of locally produced Beekman 1802 Blood Orange Cranberry Raspberry Spread, complimentary Wi-Fi and parking. In the month of October, [The Farmers’ Museum](#) hosts some special events that add to the fall fun. “Things That Go Bump in the Night” is an eerie candlelight tour on which guides share stories of the mysteries and ghostly happenings in the museum’s historic village. Tours will take place October 18-19 and 25-26 (and November 1, too!).

Take a Gardening Class in [Wilmington and the Brandywine Valley](#)

With a commitment to natural landscapes and carefully tended gardens, Greater Wilmington, Delaware and the Brandywine Valley has become one of the most carefully preserved regions along the East Coast. Among the thousands of acres where visitors can experience the glory of fall are such internationally renowned gardens and estates as [Longwood Gardens](#); [Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library](#); [Mt. Cuba Center](#); the [Hagley Museum and Library](#); and [Nemours Estate](#). With more than 100 new programs debuting this fall, [Mt. Cuba Center](#) invites visitors to play in nature while learning about gardening, conservation, art and wellness. A botanical garden unlike any other, Mt. Cuba is an inspiring place for gardeners to learn about what will work best in their own garden. (Hint: fall is the perfect time to plant trees and perennials, and this is the place to learn how to do it right!)

Bike the Great Allegheny Passage on the [Mountain Side of Maryland](#)

The mountains are calling! Offering 60,000 acres of public land and endless amounts of outdoor adventure, Allegany County’s Mountain Maryland is a beautiful place to explore this fall. The [Great Allegheny Passage](#) is a 150-mile, nearly level rail-trail that connects Cumberland, Maryland, and

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The “GAP” features spectacular views of this part of the country for much of the year, but pedaling through the brightest bursts of color in mid-October is arguably the best time to bike the Passage. Riders along the trail can check out dozens of iconic views and structures, including Mile Marker 0 in Cumberland (the location where the Great Allegheny Passage meets the historic C&O Canal Towpath National Park that leads to Washington, DC, 184 miles to the east), the fossil-filled Bone Cave (where The Smithsonian Institution conducted an excavation between 1912 and 1916), the Mason-Dixon Line and much more.

Enjoy Land and Water Activities at Devils Fork State Park in [South Carolina’s Lake Hartwell Country](#)

The Blue Ridge Mountains offer a spectacular display of fall foliage, and [Devils Fork State Park](#) in [Oconee County](#) in South Carolina’s Upcountry offers both land and water activities that enable visitors to take in the explosion of color. The park is the only public access point to Lake Jocassee, a 9,000-acre, 385-foot-deep reservoir that’s home to the greatest biodiversity on the East Coast. Visitors can take in the season’s bounty of color in a variety of ways on the lake, including through a naturalist-led pontoon boat tour of the lake with [Jocassee Lake Tours](#); fishing for trophy trout and smallmouth bass; and scuba diving in the unusually clear water (there’s a “dive playground” here and each year the park hosts an underwater pumpkin carving contest). For visitors who prefer to stay on land, the park offers a two-mile hiking trail as well as an easy one-mile nature trail. Overnight guests can stay in one of 20 fully furnished villas or at one of two campgrounds located near the park.

Be Among the First to Experience Pumpkin Nights at Silver Dollar City in [Branson, Missouri](#)

A brand-new glowing nighttime experience for families is coming to [Silver Dollar City](#) in Branson, Missouri, this fall. Featuring thousands of pumpkins, new activities, fun photo opportunities and specialty food, the addition of [Pumpkin Nights](#) to the park’s annual Harvest Festival Celebration provides a new illuminated way for visitors to ride into the night at the award-winning theme park. During this season, visitors can also look forward to seeing artisans from “The Home of American Craftsmanship” demonstrating their work during Harvest Festival Craft Days. Harvest Festival season begins on September 25 and extends through October 26 (Wednesdays through Sundays).

Grab Your Hiking Boots and Binoculars for Leaf Peeping in [Front Royal, Virginia](#)

Located inside the [Shenandoah River State Park](#), Cullers Overlook is one of the best places in Virginia to view the changing leaves of fall. Easily accessible from the road and the Visitor Center, this location gives hikers the perfect view of the northeastern portion of Massanutten Mountain, miles of the George Washington National Forest, a great deal of the state park itself, and a gorgeous, Instagram-worthy shot of the Shenandoah River running right through the middle of it all. When standing at Cullers Overlook absorbing the colorful landscape, you can’t help but take a deep breath and enjoy the view.

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