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Forty Reasons to Visit Virginia This Fall

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RICHMOND, Va. – Fall is a brilliant season to visit Virginia – this year especially, as the state celebrates 40 years of Virginia is for Lovers. Make plans on Virginia.org/fall to savor the season with vibrant foliage, hundreds of festivals and significant travel savings. Here are 40 reasons to visit Virginia this fall:

1. 15 Million Acres of Foliage – [color of this magnitude](#) is not to be missed.
2. 2,500 Miles of [Scenic Drives](#) – take a spin through some of the most breathtaking natural beauty Virginia has to offer.
3. Close to You – Virginia is within a day’s drive or less for 60 percent of the U.S. population, making it a perfect for a weekend getaway.
4. Glorious Weather – fall weather in Virginia is a delight – crisp and gentle, enticing travelers to get out and savor the season.
5. Travel Deals – Save up to 40 percent off on fall travel in Virginia with offers at more than 200 destinations across the state, all listed at www.Virginia.org/40off
6. Festival Favorites – Virginia hosts hundreds of [fall festivals](#) with [seasonal culinary](#) favorites, hayrides, corn mazes, apple picking and more.
7. Get Cozy – Virginia’s cabins, cottages and parks offer a way to cozy up surrounded by Virginia’s natural beauty. Find one today at www.Virginia.org/fall.
8. Blue Ridge Parkway – this [grande dame of American scenic drives](#) shows off spectacular color each fall.
9. Skyline Drive – sister to the “Parkway”, [Skyline Drive](#) winds through the glory of Shenandoah National Park, full of color and natural beauty.
10. Weekend Escapes – break free for a weekend trip built around wine trails, historic downtowns, luxury resorts or favorite fall festivals.
11. Virginia Wine Month – October pays homage to the grape with tastings and celebrations at Virginia’s [140+ wineries and festivals](#).
12. Virginia State Parks – always voted among the most beautiful in the nation, [Virginia’s state parks](#) are excellent fall getaway spots for nature lovers.
13. Beautiful Bounty – fall is harvest time in Virginia, when everything from grapes, pumpkins, apples and more are found fresh and local at farm stands across the state.

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14. Famous Stew – Brunswick Stew is a traditional fall favorite, celebrated at festivals across the state and especially in [Brunswick County](#), Virginia!
15. Free Favorites – live passionately for [free this fall](#) at one of the many attractions and destinations that offer up fun at no charge.
16. Zip It – zip through the foliage of the Blue Ridge mountains on [Bryce Resort's](#) 3,000 feet of zip line.
17. Farmers Markets – Virginia's historic downtowns and Main Streets are renowned for authentic [farmers markets](#) – where local is a way of life, and has been for years.
18. Green Getaways – take your passion for the environment on vacation with you in Virginia, with more than 500 hotels, B&Bs, museums, restaurants and more certified as Virginia Green. More ideas at www.Virginia.org/green.
19. Walk it Off – take a hike this fall along some of Virginia's celebrated hiking trails, with more miles of the [Appalachian Trail](#) than any other state, and pedestrian trails in every corner of Virginia.
20. It's A-Mazing – [corn mazes](#) make fall fun in Virginia, with new shapes and challenges each year.
21. Aw Shucks! – oyster season takes hold in fall, with festivals and furious shucking classics such as the [Urbanna Oyster Festival](#), November 4 - 6, the [Chincoteague Oyster Festival](#) on October 10 and the [Oyster Point Oyster Roast](#) on October 23, to name a few.
22. Wine Trails – add some reds and whites to color tours on one of [Virginia's 13 wine trails](#) that stretch across the state, from the Appalachian Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay.
23. [Football Favorites](#) – football and fall go hand in hand in Virginia, go to a game at one of the state's universities or colleges and stay for a weekend of fall fun.
24. Relax – take time to wind down with a fall trip to Virginia – spas, resorts, wineries and cozy cabins offer tons of great R&R.
25. Make Some Hay – hayrides delight travelers of all ages at fall festivals across the state.
26. Reconnect – time is well-spent in Virginia, at fall festivals, celebrations and great “togethering” spots across the state.
27. Fall Packages – Virginia.org/fall makes fall travel easy, with ready-made fall travel packages that include lodging, meals, activities and special extras.

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28. Beach Front Bliss – head to [Virginia's many beaches](#) this fall, the weather may be cooler, but the views are still breathtaking.
29. Haunts and Spooks – [Halloween](#) is big in Virginia, with more sites on the National Haunted Registry than any other state, fall is a great time to indulge the darker side of travel.
30. Heal What Ales You – [Virginia's micro-breweries](#), local pubs and [Oktoberfest](#) celebrations will add rich flavor to fall travel.
31. Shopping bargains – shopaholics, art connoisseurs and antique hunters will find [bargains galore](#) on fall getaways in Virginia.
32. Musical Delights – music that appeals to everyone can be found at Virginia's fall music festivals like the [Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion](#), September 19 -20 and [GrahamFestUSA](#), September 6 – 7 to name a few.
33. Blossom and Butter – savor the best apple butter in the state, along with music, crafts and the freshest of apples at the [Winchester Apple Festival](#), September 19 - 20.
34. Gobble Gobble – Thanksgiving traditions are on full display in Virginia, from Colonial settings to master feasts at resorts and parks across the state, Virginia is a great place to celebrate Turkey Day.
35. Historic Hotels – Virginia's landmark legends such as [The Jefferson](#), [The Homestead](#), [Hotel Roanoke](#) and [The Mimslyn Inn](#) make fall getaways unforgettable.
36. U Pick Fall Fun – [farms](#) found in Virginia's countryside let travelers pick their own fun, with apple picking, pumpkin patches and gardens to find all of the fall favorites.
37. Elegant Environments – relax in the hospitality and comfort of Virginia's historic [B&Bs](#) found in small towns, historic hot spots and charming cities throughout the commonwealth.
38. Creative Color – try a [biplane ride](#) over the countryside. or take a hot air balloon or horseback ride along the trails to take in fall color creatively.
39. Go Nuts – celebrate legendary Virginia peanuts at two major festivals in [Suffolk](#) in Hampton Roads and [Emporia](#) in Central Virginia, with every peanut dish known to man.
40. Forty years of Virginia is for Lovers – since 1969, Virginia is for Lovers has stood for a love of life and a passion for travel. Live out your travel passions this fall on a getaway to Virginia. Go to www.Virginia.org/fall or call 1-800-VISITVA to plan a trip and get more Virginia travel information.