

# 5 Hotels Where Fall Takes Center Stage

Setting is everything when it comes to autumn getaways, and these hotels will put you in the right place at the right time.

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Two new boutique hotels in Asheville, N.C., are surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, where leaf-peeping opportunities abound. [ExploreAsheville.com](http://ExploreAsheville.com)

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It's that time of year when the night air cools, pumpkins appear on doorsteps and apples are ripe for the picking — sure signs that leaf-peeping season is on the horizon. If you're hoping to spend a weekend marveling at fall foliage but haven't yet booked a place to stay, the time is now. To help you on your way, here are five new properties for autumn adventures, including a pair of boutique hotels in Asheville, N.C., amid the Blue Ridge Mountains; a former textile mill turned hotel in Southern Maine; a reopened haven in Yellowstone National Park; and a luxury hotel in Boston that makes for a pampered departure point for New England road trips.



Set in a 1920s warehouse in Asheville, N.C., the Radical is a new hotel that's about a 15-minute drive to the scenic [Blue Ridge Parkway](#). Matt Kisiday

## Asheville, N.C.

### The Radical

Opening on Oct. 12, this playful boutique hotel is in a 1920s warehouse that was once a breakfast cereal factory. It's about a 15-minute drive to the scenic [Blue Ridge Parkway](#), and just seven minutes or so to the thousands of acres of gardens and grounds at the [Biltmore Estate](#), the vast country home built by George Vanderbilt. (Leaf-peeping tips can be found at [Blueridgeparkway.org](#), while fall experiences at Biltmore are at [Biltmore.com](#).) The hotel is in the city's [River Arts District](#), which means that when you're not admiring autumn's colors, you can easily stop into the studios and galleries of numerous local artists, as well as spots to eat and drink along the French Broad River.

The hotel's public spaces and 70 rooms and suites take their inspiration from the district's creative spirit, as well as its industrial past, with exposed brick walls, concrete pillars and street art. Before exploring the area's trails and breathtaking views from the Blue Ridge Parkway, stop into Afterglow to fuel up with coffee and housemade bread and pastries. Drop by again in the afternoon or evening for cocktails and light bites. Or head up to the Roof for cocktails, food, music and views of the river. For heartier fare there's the Golden Hour restaurant from Jacob Sessoms, a chef and restaurateur, which offers Southern flavors with an emphasis on local ingredients. Prices from \$239 a night.