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6 New England Honeymoons That Are Perfect For Fall

Romantic fall fun awaits.

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The history, [the foliage](#), the cuisine—there are few places more enchanting than New England in the fall. The shoulder season between summer vacations and winter ski trips is an ideal time to come and escape the crowds. But knowing the difference between Newport and Newburyport can be a make or break for planning a good New England honeymoon this time of year. The good news is, whether you're looking for an adventurous mountainside retreat, or a cozy oceanfront escape, there are still endless ways to enjoy this extraordinary region. Here, a few of our favorite romantic places to honeymoon in New England this fall.



Two Cape Cod Institutions

Driving to Cape Cod can be a nightmare during the summer, but this time of year you will cruise right over the Sagamore Bridge without any issues. And while the mountains further north in New England can get pretty chilly this time of year, the ocean surrounding [Cape Cod](#) tends to keep things a little more temperate later into the season. Two of the best hotels that remain open year-round are [Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club](#) in Brewster and [The Chatham Bars Inn](#) in Chatham. But why choose one? Rates are more competitive this time of year—do a couple nights at each, then you can compare which one feels cozier!



Iconic White Mountains Retreat

When it comes to historic hotels that have continuously operated their entire existence, that are still enviable destinations, there aren't many hotels in New England that can compete with the truly iconic Mount Washington Hotel, currently known as the **Omni Mount Washington Resort**, this National Historic Landmark opened in 1902 and has enchanted visitors to the White Mountains ever since. And thanks to a 2009 renovation, it now has one of the largest spas in the region, which incorporates local New England botanicals into its treatments—taking **couples massage** to a whole new level.



The Berkshires

There is no shortage of activities in the Berkshires in the fall—antiquing, [art galleries](#), theater, festivals, leaf-peeping, so forth—and no shortage of hotels, either: the epic Italianate mansion hotel [Wheatleigh](#); the [Red Lion Inn](#) with its endless hallways lined with antiques; the decadent [Blantyre](#), which has the only Champagne Salon by Dom Pérignon in North America; and, the endlessly enchanting [Stonover Farm](#) (where one suite is actually a refurbished 1850 one-room school house).



Nantucket Without The Crowds

Insiders know that the best time of year to visit Nantucket is the **off-season**. While it might not be ideal beach weather, there is still so much to do and see here once the crowds have dissipated. It's easier to get restaurant reservations, hotel rates are more competitive, and you can walk the entire length of Surfside Beach without seeing a single soul. **The Wauwinet** stays open most fall weekends until December, and the iconic **Jared Coffin House** in the heart of town stays open all year round. And luckily it's still fairly easy to get there—direct flights from New York continue through the first weekend of December, and you can fly from Boston year round.



Maine, The Way Life Should Be

Mount Desert Island located just off the coast of Maine is the perfect place to find some privacy. Acadia National Park covers most of the island, and the scenery is unlike anything else you'll see in the northeast—the mountains come right up to the ocean, and are the highest waterside peaks on the eastern seaboard this far north of Rio De Janeiro. While many of the biggest hotels close during the colder months, this is the perfect time of year to visit one of the many **owner-operated B&B's**. Spend a day **hiking** (or better yet, driving in the comfort of a warm car) through Acadia National Park; then warm up with a bottle of wine by the fire.



A Quaint, Quintessential Vermont B&B

If it's a *Gilmore Girls* kind of vibe you're after, look no further than the [Inn At Weathersfield](#). Nestled in a the sleepy southeastern corner of Vermont, it's surprisingly accessible from both Boston and New York but still feels remote and peaceful. There are plenty of hikes within a short drive, and the inn is just a stone's throw from the adorable town of Woodstock and everything it has to offer. Best of all? The owners Marilee and Richard Spanjian couldn't be more charming, and are more happy to do whatever it takes to make the two of you feel at home. After your honeymoon, you'll certainly come back to visit again and again.