

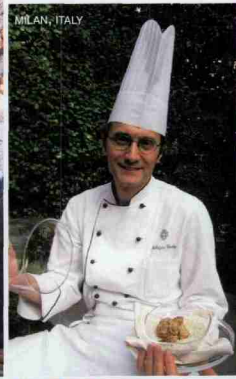
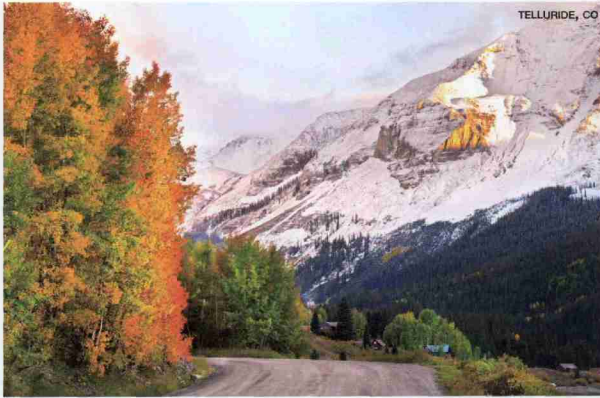
TRAVEL VIEWS

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Fall Pick-Me Ups

Put these on your autumn calendar for colorful getaways



Sometimes, even when you are in a place as luminously beautiful as the Hamptons, it can get ho-hum. After spending so many summer days here, you may want to shake it up a little bit. Here are some suggestions for fall weekend excursions that are both memorable and fun.

**The 13th Annual Nantucket Cranberry Festival** Don't think that cranberries are just for pairing with vodka. The Nantucket Conservation Foundation's Cranberry Festival, on Saturday, October 10, is a highlight of the island's fall happenings. Cranberries have grown on Nantucket since 1857 and, prior to World War II, they were a valuable part of the Nantucket economy. The fun takes place at the Milestone Bog, one of the few certified organic cranberry bogs in the country. With an impressive 195 acres under cultivation and an additional 37 acres in production at Windswept Bog, this is one of the oldest continually operated farms on the island. Also at the festival will be family activities: petting zoos, antique tractor displays, hay rides, and kid sack races. But there's lots more to do on this magical island, which is an easy trip from New York, especially now that there's the Seastreak ferry that leaves from East 35th Street, a ride that takes about five hours to Nantucket. Aside from indulging in cranberry inspired hats, shirts, drinks, and food—at restaurants from the critically acclaimed Topper's to the very casual Nabe—Nantucket is ideal for bike rides along miles of untarnished land as well as for going hiking and fishing. Hotels in town range from the White Elephant to Cliffside

Beach. There are lots of activities in an absolutely charming place.

**Truffle season at Milan's Hotel Principe di Savoia** For something truly different and conversation worthy, go to Milan's Hotel Principe di Savoia this fall and take their tour of the northern region of Piedmont during truffle season. The guides, along with trained truffle-hunting dogs, whisk visitors to the village of Alba, which is famous for its white truffles, peaches and wine. As an added bonus you can have a three course truffle-themed lunch at the medieval castle of Roddi, and visit the Alba Truffle fair in the afternoon. For an extra James Bond type moment, you are driven in style to Alba in a Class E Mercedes. Returning to the hotel, you also get to enjoy Milan, and catch the tail end of the World Expo, which runs through October.

**Lake Placid Lodge** There are certain hotels that suggest romance and staying in bed all day. At the Lake Placid Lodge, there are 17 luxurious Adirondack-styled lodges and 13 rooms overlooking crystal clear waters with amenities including fireplaces, comfy throw blankets, and hot chocolate. It is the only hotel on Lake Placid from which to see the magnificent

fall landscape. In town, there are fun places including Maggie's Pub and Chair 6 for dining after hikes or biking, if you do leave your room.

**Glider Air Tour at Madeline Hotel and Residence in Telluride, Colorado** Sure you go to Aspen. But what about Telluride, which is about 4 hours south, by car. There you can check out the glider air tour given at the Madeline Hotel and witness foliage at the nearby San Sophia Mountain range, where peaks, valleys, and meadows are ablaze with the dizzying colors of fall. A local pilot will guide you on the adventure. Aside from gliding, there are also scenic hiking trails, mountain biking, and organized jeep tours to Ouray, about an hour by car, and as well as the Million Dollar Highway. There are restaurants galore in Telluride and, of course, the Telluride film festival in early September, then stick around for the foliage. You can always go to Aspen for winter skiing.

**Castle Hill Inn** Nestled on a 40-acre peninsula in Newport, Rhode Island, overlooking Narragansett Bay, Castle Hill Inn exemplifies the warmth and quiet luxury of 19th century seacoast life. Combining the elegance of a boutique hotel with the inviting comforts of a coastal inn, the Inn offers resplendent lodging options to suit the needs and preferences of all guests. Accommodations include nine guest rooms and suites in the original 19th-century Agassiz Mansion, and 24 private, waterfront accommodations in the Harbor House, Chalet, Beach Houses and Beach Cottages. Within the mansion, indulgent meals are prepared by renowned Executive Chef, Karsten Hart, and the recently renovated Lawn at Castle Hill is the epitome of classic New England al fresco dining. On property activities include stargazing, clambakes, bonfires, games on the lawn, kayaking, paddle boarding, yoga, surfing, sailing and much more.

