



## **Best Romantic 2006 Fall Get-Aways**

The weather outside is sultry and warm, still suitable for swim attire. But Fall vacation plans are well underway in households nationwide. With school back in session, Autumn is a great opportunity to take a weekend off to enjoy the serene, Autumn air, glowing foliage and pre-winter preparations.

What's more appropriate for lovers than Florence Italy, with some of the world's most spectacular architecture, art and museums. With the city sparse in travelers, you can tour the home of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, dine in quiet corner cafes and sip on decadent wines. Visit the Fountain of Neptune, the Santa Croce church and Ponte Vecchio. Temperatures reach the 80s in September, dropping to temperate 70s in October.

Vermont is at its peak in the Fall, with vibrant Maples amid lavish bed and breakfasts. Discover spectacular fall foliage, go apple picking, sip cappuccino or chai tea, visit a local farmer's market or take a picturesque bike ride among brilliant reds, robust oranges and bright yellows. Foliage peaks in early to mid-October. But book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

You may also enjoy a Provençal holiday in southern France, where charming French towns and villages are left peaceful and tranquil following the influx of summer tourists. Experience the romance of Oleander and blooming Lavender fields along miles of vineyards. Tour ancient abbeys, chapels and historic forts. Experience the tastes of world-renowned wines. Travel the quaint, private backcountry roads and old cobbled streets while dining amid distinctly European outdoor cafes.

Finally, who can resist an urban escape to New York City when Central Park is painted in foliage and skies are a soothing tone of blue. Experience the Big Apple's glory, taking in a Broadway musical, enjoying unbelievable nightlife, tasting dishes for countless cultures and pampering yourself with some of the finest spa and beauty services the nation has to offer. Climb the Empire State Building, see the Statue of Liberty glowing in the night sky, then watch or participate in the extravagant New York Village Halloween parade complete with dancers, music and thousands of costumed natives.

Treat yourself and your significant other to a Autumn vacation you'll never forget.

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