



IT'S EASY TO GET LOST IN THE RUSH OF FALL. FROM LABOR DAY TO THANKSGIVING, THERE ARE JUST 80 SHORT DAYS, ALL OF WHICH CAN PASS BY FASTER THAN THE LEAVES FROM THE TREES IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL. WHAT BETTER WAY TO SAVOR THE MOMENT THAN TO PRE-RESERVE A LITTLE DOWN TIME IN THE FORM OF A WEEKEND GETAWAY? WE'VE ROUNDED UP EIGHT OF OUR FAVORITES, FROM BUZZY NEW RESORTS AND FUN FOODIE DESTINATIONS TO SEXY COUPLE'S ESCAPES, ALL AN EASY FLIGHT OR DRIVE, NO PASSPORT REQUIRED. WHILE WE LOVE BIG CITIES, WE'VE BYPASSED THOSE DESTINATIONS FULL OF HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, FOCUSING INSTEAD ON LESS-TRAVELED DESTINATIONS WHERE YOU CAN TRULY GET AWAY FROM IT ALL AND RELAX. BRING THE KIDS – OR NOT – AND PLAN FOR A LITTLE "ME" TIME THIS FALL.

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Top: Primland Resort; Bottom: Farmhouse Interior

LEAF PEEPERS

Take in the beauty of fall foliage at these resorts where you can do everything...or nothing at all.

PRIMLAND RESORT Meadows of Dan, Virginia

If you tell friends you're off to the Meadows of Dan, they may think you're making up a mythical place to get a laugh. That is, until you explain that you're headed to real-life Primland, an off-the-radar East Coast escape where founder Didier Primat envisioned a place where you'll feel both a sense of family and private retreat; far from the cares of the world. Nestled just over the border from North Carolina, Primland offers everything one might wish for in a fall weekend escape, from a luxurious spa to an 18-hole course designed by Don Steel to an archery space and shooting range. Bunk down in the main lodge or indulge your inner child in a not-so-rustic tree house, where you'll wake up to enjoy coffee on your expansive deck overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Fly or Drive? Fly to Greensboro, Charlotte or Roanoke, Virginia.

Pro Tip: Get your aggression out with a new tomahawk throwing class. Want something a bit more zen? Try out the new meditation and yoga deck.