



8 Beautiful Destinations to View Fall Foliage

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Our favorite lesser-known places for leaf-peeping across the U.S.



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McCall, Idaho

By mid-September, the fall colors are usually in full display along Payette Lake in the gorgeous lakeside town of McCall, Idaho, about two hours north of Boise. Spend your days strolling the paved wildlife trails within Ponderosa State Park, on a peninsula in the lake, where you may spot deer. The park has several cabins and camping sites for overnight stays. In town, the Shore Lodge has a smack-dab setting on the lake, with views from rooms with a private balcony. A visit to nearby Burgdorf Hot Springs, where natural mineral waters bubble up in rustic pools originally built by miners in the 1800s, is a must for the most spectacular soak with views of the flaming gold Salmon River Mountains around you. (Rustic cabins are also available to rent on-site.)