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Autumn's Bounty Awaits in Newport

The season of farmers, fishermen and local flavor is around the corner.

Newport (R.I.) August 25, 2017 – In Newport and its neighboring coastal communities, fall is a time when the air turns as crisp as the ripened apples on the trees and the pace is noticeably slower—but that doesn't mean things slow down. In fact, there's a lot on our destination's plate, both literally and figuratively. Like a fine wine, the autumn season is one to be savored. It's a time when nature's phenomenal beauty reminds you to be mindful; to take a moment to inhale all the splendor that surrounds this extraordinary place. From the cobblestone streets to the centuries-old architecture, from thoughtful menus to evenings around the fireplace, from hayrides to harvest fairs to quiet walks along the ocean's edge ... there's no place like Newport in the fall, and it's just a month away.

Some seasonal events throughout the destination include:

Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival, Sept. 21 - 24: Held in one of the most spectacular settings in America, this remarkable weekend experience features hundreds of wines from around the world, fabulous food, celebrity chefs and cooking demonstrations, educational seminars, special events and a gala celebration. newportmansions.org/events/wine-and-food-festival

Bristol Burger Bash, Oct. 1: Burgers, beer and bluegrass! Sample the East Bay's best burgers in a historic mansion setting while enjoying local beers and wines and listening to down home live bluegrass in the Linden Place ballroom and throughout the gardens. lindenplace.org/bristol-burger-bash-2017

43rd Annual Harvest Fair at Norman Bird Sanctuary, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1: An autumn ritual for generations, this beloved old-fashioned fair offers barrel train rides, midway games, artisanal finds, food trucks and local beer, live music, the challenging "Monkey Bridge" and the infamous mud pit. htnormanbirdsantuary.org/annual-events/harvest-fair

Broadway Street Fair, Oct. 7: A family-friendly day of music, food, children's activities, art, dancing and so much more along more than a half dozen blocks on Newport's popular retail and restaurant-lined Broadway and continuing throughout Washington Square.

broadwaynewport.com/street-fair

Bowen's Wharf 27th Annual Seafood Festival, Oct. 14 - 15: Honoring the "Harvest of the Sea," this ever-expanding event features lobsters, clam chowder, stuffed quahogs, clam cakes, shrimp, scallops, raw oysters and clams as well as dishes for landlubbers and kids in a festival atmosphere along the waterfront. Named one of the "10 Fabulous Fall Festivals on the Coast," by *Coastal Living Magazine*. bowenswharf.com/events

Trinity Church's Annual Pumpkin Patch, mid- to late-October: In the heart of downtown Newport, Queen Anne Square transforms into an autumnal epicenter with thousands of pumpkins for sale, artisan crafts, live music on the weekends and hot apple cider.

Newport Vineyards Harvest Festival, Oct. 29: Sip, savor and toast the season's bounty with a day full of grape stomping, pie eating, live music, craft cocktails and of course, local wine tasting. newportvineyards.com

Taste of Newport, Oct. 29: This savory event showcases thoughtfully curated culinary and libation samplings from more than two dozen participating restaurants all to benefit Child & Family, the largest and most comprehensive social service provider in Newport County. childandfamilyri.com/get-involved/special-events/taste-newport

Newport Restaurant Week, Nov. 3 - 12: Marking its 12th successful year, chefs and restaurateurs "bring the heat" with creative menus and seasonal, ingredient-driven dishes. This 10-day culinary celebration includes locally-owned cafes, restaurants and bistros throughout Newport and Bristol counties, all offering special prix-fixe prices: \$16 three-course lunches and \$35 three-course dinners. discovernewportrestaurantweek.org

18th Annual Harvest Festival at Greenvale Vineyards, Nov. 11: Celebrating the completion of the grape harvest, this event features live music, tractor rides, face painting for the wee ones, walking tours and tastings of the vineyard's award winning, estate-grown wines. greenvale.com

Bowen's Wharf Block Party, Nov. 24: Kicking off the holiday season the day after Thanksgiving, this event offers prime viewing of the City of Newport's annual on-the-water Illuminated Boat Parade. Listen to Caribbean Christmas and holiday tunes while shopping and dining among the wharf's many retailers and restaurants. bowenswharf.com/events

Other seasonal experiences include winery, brewery and distillery tours, more than half a dozen farmers' markets, wine and cheeses classes, craft fairs, ghost tours and haunted happenings, corn mazes, apple picking, fall sailing, road races and more. For details visit DiscoverNewport.org

ABOUT DISCOVER NEWPORT

Discover Newport is the official destination management organization (DMO) dedicated to promoting the City of Newport and the eight surrounding coastal townships in Newport and Bristol counties, Rhode Island. These include Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Warren. As a non-profit organization, Discover Newport partners with stakeholders throughout our tourism and hospitality industry to market the region as a premier destination for business and leisure travel.

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