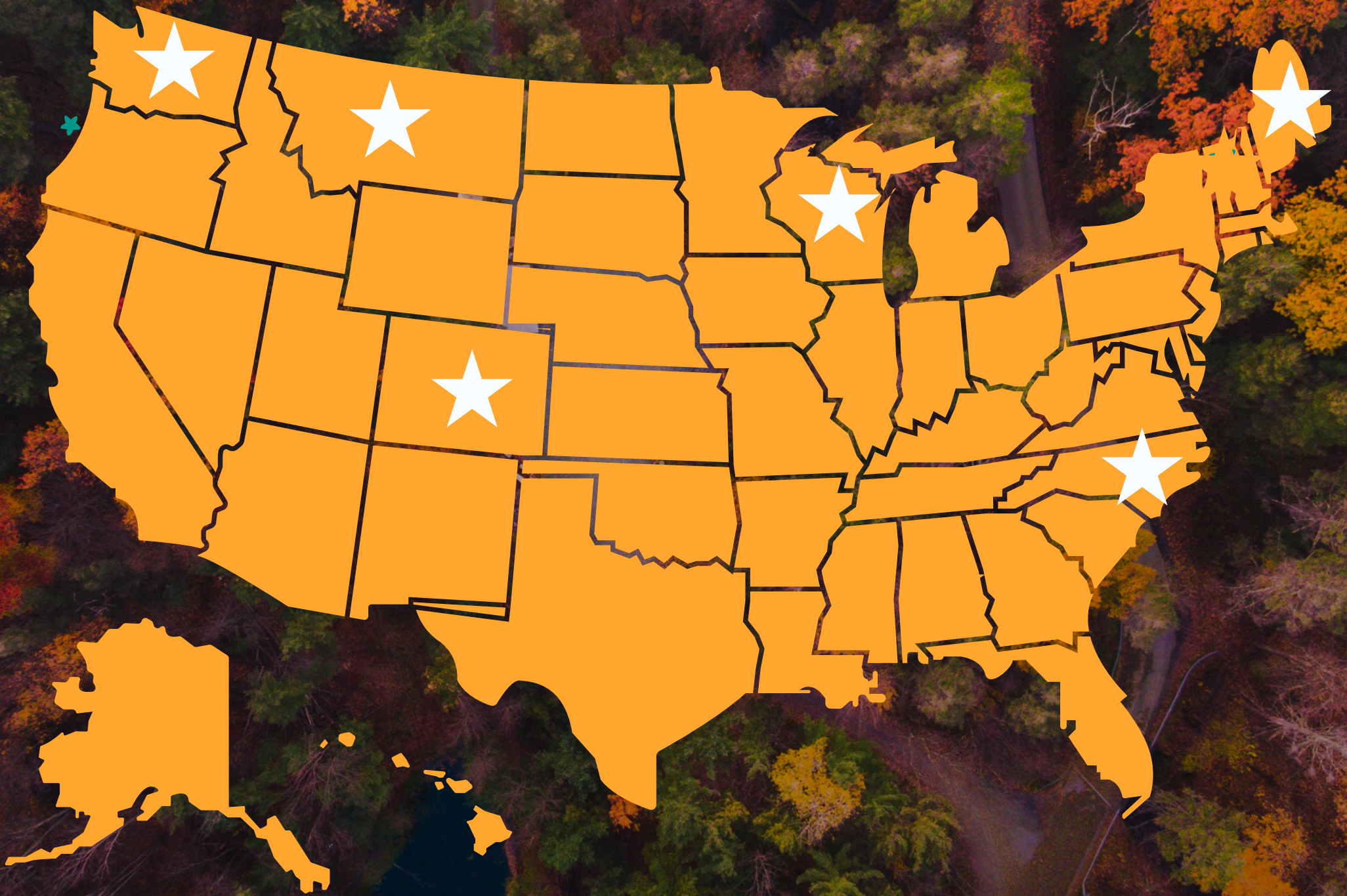


Top States for **Fall 2025 Travel Assignments**



Everything you want for a festive, fun-filled fall, in states with a high demand for travelers and traveler-friendly facilities.





Washington

Must-See Places

Leavenworth: This Bavarian-style village comes alive with Oktoberfest and autumn colors.

Palouse Falls: Enjoy picture-perfect fall foliage blanketing the Palouse Scenic Byway on your way to this dazzling waterfall.

Yakima Valley Wine Country: Sip your way through scenic vineyards bursting with fall color.

Mount Rainier National Park: The park's foliage explodes in vibrant reds and golds, especially around the Paradise and Sunrise areas.

Olympic Peninsula: Stunning fall colors in temperate rainforests and cozy coastal towns with seasonal festivals.

Best Things to Do in Fall

- **Oktoberfest in Leavenworth:** One of the best in the country
- **Green Bluff Harvest Festival:** A full fall experience near Spokane
- **Ciderfest at Yakima Arboretum:** Crisp Washington ciders in peak foliage.
- **Washington State Fair in Puyallup:** The biggest fair in the state

Cost of Living

- No state income tax, but Seattle's cost of living is higher.
- Housing is more affordable in Spokane, Yakima, and Tacoma.



Did You Know?

You can take a guided horseback ride in the Cascades or Yakima Valley, experiencing autumn colors in a truly unforgettable way.

Travel Alike States

Oregon, Colorado, Vermont



Maine

Must-See Places

Acadia National Park: Marvel at fiery fall foliage along rugged coastline and mountain trails.

Portland's Old Port: Charming cobblestone streets filled with fall farmers markets and cozy cafes.

Camden Hills State Park: Panoramic views of autumn colors over Penobscot Bay.

Kennebunkport: Quaint seaside town with colorful fall decorations and harvest events.

Moosehead Lake: A peaceful lake surrounded by vibrant foliage, perfect for scenic drives and boating.

Best Things to Do in Fall

- **Camden Fall Festival:** Enjoy raft vendors, live music, and foliage tours.
- **Maine Harvest Festival in Portland:** Local food, music, and art celebrating autumn.
- **Apple Picking at Beech Hill Farm:** Classic fall fun with panoramic views.
- **Boothbay Harbor Lobster Festival:** A tasty, festive way to enjoy Maine's infamous lobster.

Cost of Living

- Lower than many Northeast states.
- Affordable short-term housing in inland towns and smaller coastal communities.



Did You Know?

You can sail along the coast on a traditional windjammer cruise while surrounded by fall foliage and fresh sea air.

Travel Alike States

New Hampshire, Vermont, Upstate New York



Wisconsin

Must-See Places

Door County: Rolling hills and shoreline drenched in fall color, plus charming small towns.

Kettle Moraine State Forest: Trails weave through some of the best autumn woods in the Midwest.

Milwaukee Riverwalk: Fall festivals and vibrant city views along the river.

Apostle Islands: Explore fiery forests paired with Lake Superior's crisp waters.

Devil's Lake State Park: Popular for hiking amid vivid fall landscapes and bluffs.

Best Things to Do in Fall

Oktoberfest in La Crosse: Authentic German traditions and festivities.

Harvest Fest at Old World Wisconsin: Historic farming life and seasonal fun.

Apple Festival in Door County: Local orchards and best-of-the-season treats.

Cost of Living

- Affordable, especially in rural areas and mid-size cities like Eau Claire or Appleton.
- Great pay-to-cost-of-living ratio for travelers.



Did You Know?

You can explore a giant corn maze at Treinen Farm near Madison, then sip fresh cider while taking in the driftless hills.

Travel Alike States

Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana



Colorado

Must-See Places

Aspen: The golden quaking aspens light up the mountainside like no other place.

Rocky Mountain National Park: Alpine meadows and forests burst with fall color at higher elevations.

Glenwood Springs: Relax in hot springs surrounded by autumn scenery.

Durango: Historic town with fall festivals and scenic train rides through colorful canyons.

Estes Park: Gateway town to Rocky Mountain Park with charming fall events.

Best Things to Do in Fall

Aspen Leaf Peeping Festival: Iconic golden aspens with food, music, and hikes.

Great American Beer Festival in Denver: A must for beer lovers.

Durango Autumn Arts Festival: Crafts, food, and music.

Cost of Living

- Urban centers are pricey, but rural mountain towns vary.
- Pays well for high-demand roles in both large hospitals and smaller facilities.



Did You Know?

You can hike through golden aspen groves near Aspen or Ouray, and end your day with a soak in nearby hot springs.

Travel Alike States

Utah, New Mexico, Washington



North Carolina

Must-See Places

Blue Ridge Parkway: Known as “America’s Favorite Drive,” awash with fall color and scenic overlooks.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Misty mountain vistas and vibrant forests in peak fall glory.

Asheville: Bustling arts scene with autumn festivals and craft breweries.

Outer Banks: Mild fall weather with coastal charm and migratory birdwatching.

Biltmore Estate: A historic mansion surrounded by colorful gardens and forest trails.

Best Things to Do in Fall

Apple Festival in Hendersonville: Fall fun in the heart of apple country.

North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh: Big city fair with rides, food, and fall exhibits.

Folk Festival in Asheville: Appalachian festivities, music, crafts, and food.

Cost of Living

- Reasonable, especially in western towns and mid-size cities.
- Strong housing availability for travelers.



Did You Know?

The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad offers scenic fall foliage train rides, complete with open-air cars and mountain views.

Travel Alike States

Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia





Montana

Must-See Places

Glacier National Park: Early fall brings fewer crowds and stunning reds and yellows.

Yellowstone National Park: Dramatic fall landscapes and wildlife migrations.

Bozeman: A vibrant college town with fall festivals and brewery tours.

Flathead Lake: The largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi, framed by autumn trees.

Big Sky: Scenic mountain views with crisp fall air and fewer tourists.

Best Things to Do in Fall

Big Sky Autumn Fest: Live music, food trucks, and outdoor fun.

Harvest Fest in Missoula: Local seasonal food, wine, and art.

Yellowstone Wildlife Watching: Fall is prime time to spot elk, bison, and more.



Cost of Living

- Rural towns offer lower cost of living, though popular cities like Bozeman are higher.
- Great pay opportunities due to staffing needs in rural facilities.

Did You Know?

You can take a scenic chairlift ride in Big Sky to see fall colors from above, even before the first snow hits the slopes.

Travel Alike States

Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska