

# Southeast Getaway Travel Newsletter

Relax and Enjoy Destinations

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Dear Harry,

Just the word autumn signals so many great memories involving all the senses. Harvest, share and then relax and enjoy the season. Beautiful apple trees, picking apples, eating apples. Now isn't every sense involved there. Fall is the perfect time for that slow easy drive-to relaxing destinations and we have some great suggestions.

## Richmond, VA



Richmond is a preferred destination for visitors to Virginia. From colonial times to the Civil War, Richmond was at the center of events in America. Colonial Williamsburg was one of America's first settlements, and its history and traditions resonate with those of Richmond. Richmond was the capital of the confederacy, and it has retained many of the historical aspects of traditional Southern culture. Richmond is not only the capital of Virginia, but its proximity to Jamestown, Yorktown, and other significant areas of early settlement, make it an historical hub of sorts for the entire country. The Virginia countryside is particularly beautiful in the vicinity of Richmond, which straddles the Tidewater and Piedmont regions. This inspiring mountain landscape can be enjoyed at any time of the year. Each season seems to bring it to the peak of perfection. Richmond is only 100 miles from Washington, D.C., giving visitors access to all that the nation's Capitol has to offer. With its genteel Southern grace and charm, it is always a pleasure to spend time in Richmond: a center of culture and education.

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## • The Great State of Tennessee

Chattanooga, the 4th largest city in the state, is located in Southeast Tennessee near the border of Georgia at the junction of four interstate highways. The city has received national recognition for the renaissance of its beautiful downtown and redevelopment of its riverfront. Chattanooga was one of the first US cities to effectively use a citizen visioning process to set specific long-range goals to enrich the lives of residents and visitors. In Chattanooga, citizens like to get involved, and they like to show off their accomplishments. There are many attractions to experience in this traditional southern town. The best known are probably the Tennessee Aquarium, Lookout Mountain, the African American Museum, and the Appalachian Trail, but Chattanooga is also the site of many Civil War battlefields that are historically significant. The Creative Discovery Museum for children is outstanding and will entertain every member of the family. Among annual events of interest are the Riverbend Festival, the Bessie Smith Strut, the Fall Color Cruise, and the Southern Writers Conference. Chattanooga is the home of NCAA Division I-AA national football championships and hosts the national softball championships every year as well.



The climate is moderate, so the outdoors can be experienced year round. Whether your interest is hiking, biking, walking, sky diving, rafting, or just strolling through a local park, Chattanooga serves well either as a destination in itself or as a base for unique adventures throughout the region. Some of these are hang-gliding, bass fishing, mountain climbing and caving expeditions. A little known fact about Chattanooga is that the Smoky Mountains and Tennessee River valley are known to support the greatest variety of flora of any area in the United States. With its scenic beauty, moderate climate, proximity to a host of attractions and sites, and proximity to major Interstate highways, Chattanooga is a city that should be on every traveler's itinerary.

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## • October's Little Gem of the South--Helen, GA



Helen, Georgia is a Bavarian Experience with no passport required. It is a re-creation of an Alpine Village nestled in the Northeast Georgia Mountains a quick drive from interior Georgia and the South Carolina border. Oktoberfest is celebrated all month.

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