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## Autumn is prime time for the colorful delights of Lancaster, Pa.

*Foliage, festivals, frights, & more all in store*

(Lancaster, Pa.) Fall is officially here, and Lancaster PA is full to bursting with both new & classic autumn fun.

If you like colorful foliage, we're on tap for a wonderful season this year, which runs primarily late September through late October, with the prime period covering the middle two weeks of October.

Our [Covered Bridge driving tours](#) are ideal (and likely less-populated) ways to see some of the best foliage and farmlands, while experiencing these iconic "kissing bridges" and some of our charming towns & villages you'll find along the way. (Here's [a nice hi-res pic](#), to get a sense of things. This particular bridge (Jackson's Sawmill CB) is part of the Southern Amish Countryside tour.)

Another great way to take in the leaves is along our [overlooks of the Susquehanna River](#).

For autumn colors closer to the ground, why not visit one of our many pumpkin patches, such as the perfect pickings at [Country Barn Farm Market](#)? (And when they've given their all for the season, bring 'em to the annual [Pumpkin Madness Festival](#) on November 5 at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm!)

Or explore the county's picturesque backroads with a "Spooky Scoot" or "Sunset Covered Bridges" tour from [Strasburg Scooters](#), whose rides include the newer two-person, side-by-side Scoot Coupe.

With its deep Pennsylvania German roots, Lancaster is a great place to celebrate [Oktoberfest](#), from more traditional settings to the Renaissance era to an old-fashioned steam train.

For something a bit less boisterous, you should soon be able to enjoy a smooth whiskey made onsite at the new [Heritage Spirits](#) in Lititz, slated to open in November, and now is also a great time for the tastes & vistas at our fantastic wineries like [Waltz Vineyards](#) in Manheim.

Seasonal scares can be had, too, from the mild ([Dutch Wonderland's Happy Hauntings](#)) to the maniacal ([Field of Screams](#) and [Jason's Woods](#)).

If you prefer a more cerebral fright, take part in any of several [murder mystery experiences](#), including the inventive regular offerings at Bube's Brewery (pro. BOOBIES) in Mount Joy – *the only U.S. brewery from the 1800s that has survived intact* – or steel yourself for interpretive theater based on the works of the great dark master with "[Poe Evermore](#)" at the Mount Hope Estate (11/2-13).

Want a more uplifting performance? Try the inspiring story of "[Billy Elliott](#)," which opens the Fulton Theatre's season (thru 10/16), or the useful (and timely) Plain lessons of "[Josiah for President](#)" at the Bird-in-Hand Stage (thru 11/5).

*Lancaster County is a wonderful blend of urban style and rural splendor, with many rich cultures, from the Amish to the arts. Travelers can take in our vibrant downtown city life – with galleries, great dining, specialty shops, and live music – or explore surrounding towns and villages to get a sampling of the heritage, food, craftsmanship, and attractions for which Lancaster is famous. Visit us at [www.DiscoverLancaster.com](http://www.DiscoverLancaster.com).*