

TripAdvisor Unveils America's Top 10 Fall Foliage Destinations Top Spots Offer Radiant Foliage and Other Fall Fun

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4. Champlain Wishes: Burlington, Vermont

A short walk from Church Street Marketplace lies Waterfront Park, where travelers can enjoy a stroll along the shores of Lake Champlain and become lost in the reflection of golden leaves with the mountains in the distance. As one TripAdvisor traveler noted, "This is a must-see for any visitor to Burlington - it was made for relaxation." Peak foliage-viewing is from the middle of September through the middle of October.

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