

TRIP PLANNING

The best places to travel in November

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TRAVELING IN NOVEMBER is usually reserved for long, stressful journeys through crowded airports to spend time with family around a big stuffed bird. And we can't fault anyone for reserving their November vacation budget for Thanksgiving. But if your family isn't doing a big dinner this year, or you're not feeling the whole over-the-river-and-through-the-woods thing, November is a fantastic month to travel for yourself. [Fall](#) is still in full swing in some parts of the country, and warmer southern destinations aren't packed into high season quite yet.

Things like harvest festivals happen all month, and the good cheer of the holidays is already becoming infectious. From [Dominica](#) to [India](#) to Eastern Pennsylvania, here are the best places to travel in November, even if you are still planning to go home for Thanksgiving.



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El Salvador

Unlike in the US, where it seems every week has three made-up national food holidays that aren't celebrated by much more than two-for-ones at your local sports bar, National Pupusas Day is a big deal in El Salvador. The second Sunday in

November (the 11th for 2018) celebrates the country's national dish, *pupusas*, which are thick corn tortillas stuffed with a savory filling. A massive *pupusas* fair hits the streets of San Salvador, and thousands of locals make a pilgrimage to Olocuilta, home of the world's largest *pupusa*. That isn't the only reason to come to El Salvador this month, though. The last Saturday of the month, November 24, is the San Miguel Carnival. As the name implies, it's a massive parade with up to a million attendees full of music, food, and possibly a drink or two. It's a venerable Salvadorian Mardi Gras kicked off with a mass to honor Our Lady of Peace.