



NYC Lifestyle

September 13, 2024

Get ready for fall!

Fall in NYC means an exciting lineup of seasonal fun. From apple picking to lantern parades and book festivals, we've rounded up the best autumn activities in and around the city!

Corn Mazes

Explore the corn maze at [Hank's Pumpkintown](#) on Long Island or [Stony Hill Farms](#) in Chester, NJ. Both farms are open now through the end of October and offer hayrides, pumpkin picking, and family-friendly games.

Apple Orchards

Enjoy a perfect fall day at one of the many apple orchards close to NYC. [Harvest Moon Farm & Orchard](#) and [Fishkill Farms](#) are open now through the end of October and offer pick-your-own-apple experiences, as well as baked goods and scenic views.

Brooklyn Book Festival

Find the perfect book to curl up with this fall at the [Brooklyn Book Festival](#), a nine-day event series culminating in a literary marketplace outside Brooklyn Borough Hall on September 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Morningside Lights

On September 21 at 8:00 p.m., [a parade of handmade lanterns](#) celebrating "100 Years of New York Art" will walk through Morningside Park. Help create a lantern by [registering for a free workshop](#) in the week leading up to the event.

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Queens Agricultural Fair

Head to the [Queens County Farm Museum](#) in Floral Park, NY for the [41st Annual Queens Agricultural Fair](#). The event will be held on October 5 and 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will feature carnival rides, pie-eating contests, and live music.

Little Red Lighthouse Festival

Celebrate Manhattan's last lighthouse at a [free, family-friendly event](#) in Fort Washington Park on September 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy live music, a PuppetMobile performance, and a reading of the children's picture book inspired by the lighthouse. Arrive early to secure timed tickets for a tour of the lighthouse!

Adirondack Balloon Festival

Each year, over 100,000 people attend the [Adirondack Balloon Festival](#) to see dozens of hot air balloons take flight. This year, the free event runs from September 19 to 22 in Queensbury, NY, about three hours from NYC. [See their FAQ page for more information.](#)

Fall-O-Ween

From September 28 to October 27, the [New York Botanical Garden](#) will become "NYC's pumpkin headquarters." Events include a [beer sampling festival](#) on September 28, [pumpkin carving demonstrations](#) throughout October, and a [Nightmare Before Christmas light trail](#) open from September 27 to November 30.