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# Southern Sweep: TripAdvisor Reveals Travelers Are Heading To Southern Attractions This Fall

## 25 Trendiest U.S. Attractions with Bookable Tours on TripAdvisor Revealed for Fall

NEEDHAM, Mass., Nov. 15, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>TripAdvisor</u>, the travel site that helps find the latest reviews and lowest prices, today announced the results of its Seasonal Attractions Trend Index providing travelers with insight into the hottest attractions for fall, based on year-over-year search activity on TripAdvisor. The seasonal index reveals the top 25 U.S. attractions with the greatest increase in traveler interest, offering inspiration and highlighting amazing activities and tours that can be booked to get the most out of any upcoming trip.



"TripAdvisor Attractions data shows that travelers have a strong interest in historic attractions this season, as well as continued interest in Southern nature and structures," said Brooke Ferencsik, senior director of communications for TripAdvisor. "TripAdvisor offers bookable tours for travelers to maximize any trip and have a fuller experience than if they explored on their own."

## Top Trending U.S. Attractions, Fall 2017

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U.S. Attraction	Reason to Go and What to Book	Increase
1. Grand Canyon South	Travelers can enjoy one of the natural wonders of the world	
Rim - Grand Canyon	by booking a <u>Grand Canyon South Rim Bus Tour with</u>	
National Park, Arizona	Optional Upgrades on TripAdvisor from \$100 per person.	45%
	Travelers can book a Ryman Auditorium Self-Guided	
	Experience on TripAdvisor from \$20 per person to learn a	
2. Ryman Auditorium -	bout one of the most famous concert halls in the history	
Nashville, Tennessee	of country music.	25%
	Travelers who book the Chapel of the Holy Cross Tour on	
	TripAdvisor from \$15 per person will ride a historical trolley	
3. Chapel of the Holy	as they learn about Sedona's history at this chapel, built into	
Cross - Sedona, Arizona	dramatic rock formations.	21%
	Travelers who book the San Francisco Urban Hike: Coit	
	Tower, Lombard Street and North Beach tour on TripAdvisor	
4. Coit Tower - San	from \$49 per person can ascend Telegraph Hill to Coit Tower	
Francisco, California	for stunning 360 degree views of the city.	21%
5. Biltmore Estate -	Travelers visiting America's largest home will learn about	
Asheville, North Carolina	George Vanderbilt's country estate from the Gilded Age.	20%
	Explore interactive exhibits on the seven levels of this	
6. Newseum - Washington,	building that explore free expression and the five freedoms of	
D.C.	the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly and	
	petition.	20%
7. Gateway Arch - Saint	A visit to St. Louis isn't complete without standing at the	
Louis, Missouri	nation's tallest monument, which commemorates Thomas	
	Jefferson and the role St. Louis played in the country's	
	westward expansion. Travelers can also explore the Arch's	
	inner attractions.	19%
	Colorado Springs Foothills and Garden of the Gods Jeep	
8. Garden of the Gods -	Tour on TripAdvisor from \$88 per person offers rich	

Colorado Springs, Colorado	Colorado history and amazing scenery.	19%
9. The Johnny Cash	With a <u>Johnny Cash Museum Admission Ticket</u> (bookable on	
Museum - Nashville,	TripAdvisor from \$19 per person), travelers can wander the	
Tennessee	world's largest collection of Johnny Cash artifacts and	
	memorabilia by walking through the life of the "Man in	
	Black," depicted in interactive exhibits and films.	16%
10. Heard Museum -	Travelers can visit this museum to learn about Native	
Phoenix, Arizona	American art and culture in Phoenix.	16%
•	This park features six world-class festivals, 30 thrilling rides	
11. Silver Dollar City -	and attractions, 40 live shows daily, 60 unique shops, a dozen	
Branson, Missouri	family restaurants and over 100 demonstrating craftsmen.	14%
12. The Grand Ole Opry -	Country music's most famous concert hall honors the genre's	1 170
Nashville, Tennessee	rich history and dynamic present. Travelers can book a one-	
rvastiville, i etittessee	hour behind-the-scenes Grand Ole Opry House Backstage	
	Tour on TripAdvisor from \$25 per person.	11%
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13. <u>Jackson Square</u> - New	Travelers can explore this fun area with street painters,	
Orleans, Louisiana	musicians and jugglers via the New Orleans French Quarter	
	Segway Tour on TripAdvisor from \$65 per person.	9%
14. <u>Dollywood</u> - Pigeon	Spanning 150 acres in the foothills of the Great Smoky	
Forge, Tennessee	Mountains, this theme park has over 40 rides and attractions	
	with daily musical showcase.	8%
15. Great Falls Park -	An 800 acre park located just off the Potomac river, Great	
McLean, Virginia	Falls Park is a natural beauty. With hiking trails, rock	
o_oa., vga	climbing, and must-see waterfalls, this Virginia park is a	
	necessity for all nature-lovers.	8%
16. <u>Georgia Aquarium</u> -	Travelers who book the Small Group Half Day Trip to Georgia Aquarium on	
Atlanta, Georgia	TripAdvisor from \$70 per person can	
, tilarita, Goorgia	marvel at majestic aquatic animals and thousands of species	
	of exotic fish in the country's largest aquarium.	8%
	Travelers who book The High Roller at The LINQ on	070
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17. High Roller - Las	TripAdvisor (from \$20 per person) can get a bird's eye view	70/
Vegas, Nevada	of the Strip from inside one of the wheel's luxurious cabins.	7%
18. <u>Luray Caverns</u> - Luray,	Travelers can explore the largest cave in the Eastern U.S. to	
Virginia	view bizarre formations like the "Throne Room," "Giant's	
	Hall," and "Fried Eggs."	7%
19. Stratosphere Tower -	Thrill-seeking travelers can book the SkyJump Las Vegas at	
Las Vegas, Nevada	Stratosphere Tower on TripAdvisor from \$120 per person to	
	safely jump from the tallest free-standing observation tower	
	in the U.S.	7%
	Travelers who book the Food and Cultural Walking Tour of	
20. Pike Place Market -	Pike Place Market on TripAdvisor from \$48 per person can	
Seattle, Washington	experience one of the few authentic farmer's markets in the	
	U.S.	7%
21. Dallas Arboretum &	Travelers can visit this nationally acclaimed 66-acre display	1,70
Botanical Gardens -	of breathtaking flora, nestled on the shores of White Rock	
Dallas, Texas	Lake. Summer in the garden includes an outdoor concert	
Dallas, Texas	<u> </u>	70/
OO O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	series on Thursday evenings and numerous water features.	7%
22. Space Needle - Seattle,	Travelers who book the Seattle Space Needle Observation	
Washington	Deck Admission on TripAdvisor from \$23 per person can	
	explore jaw-dropping 360 degree views to see majestic	
	mountains, sparkling waters and towering skyscrapers.	5%
23. The National WWII	Originally founded in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum,	
Museum - New Orleans,	The National WWII Museum showcases exhibits from	
Louisiana	industrial efforts on the Home Front to the combat experience	
	of American service members abroad. Travelers can purchase	
	a general admission pass on TripAdvisor from \$27 per	
	person.	3%
24. Pictured Rocks	Encompassing cliffs, dunes, waterfalls and lakes, the	
National Lakeshore -	lakeshore is known for the dramatic multicolored cliffs.	
Munising, Michigan	Adventure seekers can hike Twelvemile Beach along Lake	
manionig, mionigan	Superior for views of the Au Sable Lighthouse.	1%
25. Griffith Observatory -	Travelers can gaze at the stars through telescopes in this	''
Los Angeles, California	iconic planetarium, when booking the Hollywood Hills	
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	Hiking Tour in Los Angeles on TripAdvisor from \$52 per	
	person. They'll also get a chance to check out the other	
	Hollywood stars on your insider's tour at the newly	
	refurbished Griffith Park Observatory, high atop Mount	100
	Hollywood.	1%

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### Methodology

The Attractions Trend Index rankings were determined based on the percent increase in search sessions on TripAdvisor desktop and mobile for U.S. travelers between 2016 and 2017 for the period of September 1 - October 7. Attractions were required to have at least 15,000 sessions in 2016 and at least four out of five bubbles on TripAdvisor to qualify.

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\*Source: TripAdvisor log files, average monthly unique visitors, Q3 2017

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