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Labor Day weekend. The weeping willow tree is weeping autumn leaves on my lawn. Swimming pools are closing. I am getting that frantic feeling that comes when summer is gone and I haven't had enough of it yet.  
That sense of urgency is part of what motivates us to savor September, with its color tours, autumn festivals, college football games and other fall calendar events. While you are closing the cottage, getting the kids ready for school and shaking the mothballs out of your woolen sweaters, plan some close-to-home autumn travel.

## Indian fair spirit-lifting time

The first American Indian State Fair, combined with the sixth annual Indian art sale and exhibit, will be held Sept. 18-20 at the Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe Reserve in Mount Pleasant.

It is one of several special events that you can choose to help you celebrate autumn. On-site camping is allowed on the reservation, so that you can enjoy the arts, the pow-wow, the music and games, at your leisure.

Labor Day festivals are scheduled all over the state weekend: Apple Festival, Bangor; Jamboree, Grand Rapids; Regatta, St. Joseph; Logging Fest, Newaygo; Riverfest '81, Lansing; Osceola County Centennial, Mio; Air Show 81/United Way Captain Phogg Balloon Classic, Bishop Airport, Flint; Rodeltcher's Dragan Festival, Freeland; Michigan Peach Festival, Romeo.

Not to mention the Hungarian Grape Festival at Yack Arena in Wyandotte, Sept. 5; Fly-in, Dawn Patrol and Antique Auto Show, Sept. 6 in Harrison; and the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk starting at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 7 in St. Ignace.

And that's only the first weekend in September. Sept. 11-13: Posen and Edmore Potato Festival; Paw Paw Wine Festival; Carry National Festival, Holly; and the start of the week-long Mt. Clemens Farm-City Festival and Allegan County Fair. Saline County Fair is Sept. 8-12.

Sept. 12 and 13 launches the Historic Home Tours, Marshall; Folk Life Festival, Hastings; Tabor Hill Festival,

Bridgman. The second annual Bluegrass Festival will be in Scottsville, Sept. 13.

Sept. 12-13 and the two following weekends are also the dates of the Honey Harvest at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The Celebration on the Grand, which is highlighted this year by the new Gerald R. Ford Museum, will be held in Grand Rapids, Sept. 14-20. Sept. 17-20 also sees the Scottville Harvest Festival and Niles Four Flaps Apple Festival. Sept. 18-19 is Alpena Wood Carvers weekend and Mason Down Homes Days; Sept. 18-20, Hart Plaza Oktoberfest; Sept. 19, the German Folklife Festival in Frankenburg; Sept. 19-20, Milford Art Festival and Adrian Heritage Festival.

One of the highlights of autumn in Michigan is the Hillsdale County Fair, held this year Sept. 26 to Oct. 3. That Sept. 26-27 weekend also hosts Kalamazoo Fall Harvest Festival; Lowell's Fallburg Fall Festival; Saugatuck Indian Summer Fest; and Newaygo Color Tour Flea Market.

If you somehow survive October without attending a fair, here is your last chance: The Old World Market, International Institute in Detroit, Oct. 1-4; White Lake Oktoberfest or the New Boston Apple Fest, Oct. 2-4; Color Fiesta, Cadillac, Oct. 3-4; Red Flannel Festival, Cedar Springs, Oct. 3; Color Cruise and Island Festival, Grand Lodge, Oct. 16-18; and the White Pine Village Autumn Festival, Ludington, Oct. 17-18.

## Fall right for tour

There is something nostalgia-making about these autumn days, which make them a perfect time for the 18th annual Historic Home Tour in Marshall. Seven homes and two retail buildings have been added to this year's tour, to be held Sept. 12 and 13.

The home tour is sponsored by the Marshall Historical Society, Box 68-R, Marshall, MI 49668; or during the tour days at either Honolulu House or at roadside locations entering the town.

While you are there, explore some of my favorite year-round Marshall attractions: the National House Inn, Win Schuler's original restaurant, the True Grist diner theater, and explore two places I've always wanted to visit — Cornwell's Turkey House and the Mole Hole gift shop.

There are other home tours in Michigan this month: Historic Home Tour, Marine City, Sept. 26; and the Clinton County Anniversary Celebration and Home Tour in St. John's, north of Lansing, Sept. 19. Clinton anniversary events are held throughout the last three September weekends.

This 1870 Italianate seems to crown its beautifully terraced front lawn and is being maintained by newcomers to town, Bill and Marion Labadie. The Labadies are furnishing it in newly acquired antiques and showing it on the 18th annual Marshall Historic Home Tour, Sept. 12 and 13.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults (children under 12 free) for the two-day tour, and can be bought in advance through the Marshall Historical Society, Box 68-R, Marshall, MI 49668; or during the tour days at either Honolulu House or at roadside locations entering the town.

The homes include Italianate, Gothic Revival, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, 19th Century transitional and Colonial reproduction homes. The oldest is an 1849 cottage owned by John and Cathy Galloway, the youngest homeowners in the tour.

A 19th century commercial building, site of the Spinning Wheel fabric shop, will exhibit dramatic loft apartments

now completed on the second floor. The tour also includes two retail restorations, the Rosemary Davis Real Estate Building and the Johnson office building.

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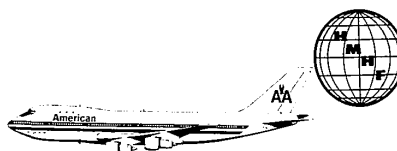
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