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## Late autumn in Estes Park provides great shopping, lodging deals, entertainment

Motel rooms for \$50 a night? Spa suites starting at \$115? They're available in Estes Park today! There's no truth to the rumor that Estes Park is an expensive overnight get-a-way, especially at this time of the year.

Estes Park hoteliers switched to winter rate schedules earlier this month, and with Halloween and holiday time just around the corner, this mountain village in Fort Collins' back yard could turn out to be the best choice for some well-deserved break time away from home.

There's plenty for people of all ages to do once they get here, and this time of year is known for its pleasing weather conditions that are ideal for shopping, hiking, wildlife watching, and just plain old relaxing.

For those beginning the search for holiday gifts, the price is right as well. Boutique-variety shopping in Estes Park doesn't mean the traditional boutique high prices. Goods in the shops here are competitively priced with those found along the Front Range. With Estes Park hosting visitors from all over the world, the merchants stock their shelves with unique goods not likely to be found in chain, big-box stores.

If you're one of those who enjoys being outdoors, some of the more popular treks here are more accessible at this time of year because fewer people think of the area as a late autumn hide-a-way. An appropriate example is the 3.2 mile hike to Bridal Veil Falls in Rocky Mountain National Park where parking is extremely limited at the Cow Creek trailhead at McGraw Ranch off County Road 43 (Devils Gulch Road). The waterfall at the end of the route gets its name from its splash on the rocks, which looks like a veil.

Want some entertainment to accompany your night (or two) away from home? Nightly entertainment can be found in Estes Park all year long. Folk singers and acoustic guitar musicians perform nightly in the Tavern at Marys Lake Lodge. On Friday and Saturday nights you'll have more options of entertainment from rock bands to jazz performers at multiple locations in the area.

For the most up-to-date information about activities and entertainment in Estes Park click on either the "Calendar" or "Events-After Hours" listings on [www.EstesParkCVB.com](http://www.EstesParkCVB.com) or call 970-577-9900.

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