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The best fall festivals for New Yorkers

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Cider doughnuts, a corn maze and a larger-than-life pumpkin patch — must be festival season.



It's finally fall and the temperature is dropping, enough for pulling on a chunky sweater and heading to the nearest fall festival — and you don't have to travel very far. Seasonal festivals abound in Manhattan and within an hour's drive from the city.

Harvest Festival at 21 West End

The Upper West Side gets a not-so-spooky block party on Freedom Place (60-61st streets), courtesy of the new 21 West End building. The festival is free and open to all, not just residents, with pumpkin carving, cider doughnuts, food trucks and a beer garden, live music from the Frankie Moreno band, vendors and a bounce house. Oct. 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 21 West End Ave., facebook.com/21WestEnd