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# 6 New Getaways Where You Can Delight in Autumn's Charms

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LITCHFIELD, CONN.

## Belden House & Mews



The 31-room-and-suite Belden House & Mews, rich in 19th-century ambience, occupies three acres in the heart of Litchfield, Conn. [Read McKendree](#)

Dating to the early 1700s, picturesque [Litchfield](#) is known for its architecture — from colonial houses to Modernist gems by Marcel Breuer and Richard Neutra. See the leaves in all their splendor



from [White Memorial Foundation](#)'s hiking trails, or from a kayak or a canoe on [Bantam Lake](#). With the addition of this 31-room-and-suite property, it's easy to explore Litchfield for more than an afternoon.

Created by the team behind the [Troutbeck](#) estate in the Hudson Valley, Belden House & Mews is spread across three acres in the heart of town. Ten of the rooms and suites (some with fireplaces, balconies and soaking tubs) are in the Belden House, which retains its 19th-century residential feeling with a library, a living room with fireplace and window seats, and a dining room where the menu highlights New England seafood and local produce. In the morning, you'll find coffee and tea at the bar, where, later, you can wander over for cocktails, mocktails, beer and wine. If you want to spread out, the house has a three-bedroom, 2,100-square-foot penthouse with a living room, dining room and rooftop terrace.

The other 21 accommodations, some of which you enter through private terrace gardens, are in the Mews, a Modernist building behind the Belden House furnished with pieces that nod to midcentury art and architecture. All of the hotel's rooms, by the New York-based [Champalimaud Design](#), have desks, butler service and heated floors. Also in the Mews is the Belden Bathhouse, with a dry sauna, salt scrub and shower, steam room and 225-gallon Japanese tub (ofuro) where you can try a cold plunge or hydrotherapy. There's fitness equipment and a seasonal outdoor 50-foot pool, too. The property's in-town location is close to boutiques and restaurants. Prices from \$500 a night.