U.S. 17: A Highway of Possibilities This Fall

Road trips are a rite of passage for any family. They're especially breathtaking in the fall, as the temperatures begin to drop and the leaves change from a healthy green into a cornucopia of bright, aesthetically-appealing colors.

Nature's fall beauty is on full display along U.S. 17. Also known as the Coastal Highway, this stretch of road begins in Calabash, N.C. and continues heading south into the Palmetto State.

As you drive, your family will cross into the Myrtle Beach area, or the Grand Strand to locals. This is one of the world's most beloved family-friendly destinations, and home to 60 miles of gorgeous sandy beaches.

You'll continue to experience the beauty and history along U.S. 17 when you pass into Georgetown County. This portion of the Grand Strand has a number of historic homes to visit, and fantastic communities like Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island to see.

Once the car has been refueled, it's further south on U.S. 17 you go. Eventually, you'll run into the historic city that is breathtaking Charleston. Its architecture and design has remained true to its Colonial founding. Once you've stretched your legs along the waterfront, hop in a boat for a journey over to nearby Ft. Sumter, the site of the start of the Civil War.

So, as you can see, road trips don't come much better than U.S. 17. From time on the beach to time exploring our nation's history, this stretch of South Carolina road offers a number of options for getaways this fall.

And don't forget to look at the beautiful colors during the drive.