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Visitors enjoy the scenery along the Tarim River in Bayinguoleng Mongolian autonomous prefecture, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. QIN JIE / FOR CHINA DAILY

## COLORING THE COUNTRY

Autumn's seasonal splendor is unfolding across the nation

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**T**he country has become a cornucopia of autumn colors, from its northern foothills to the South China Sea's islands, and from its western plateaus to its eastern farm fields.

Corn and rice are being harvested beneath ruby-red maple canopies. Thousands of paddies are ringed with green and yellow. Green lotus ponds and purple lavender adorn the

mountainsides. Harvests bring joy to farmers as they reap the rewards of their hard work and parents await the return of their children from the cities.

The way the season sweeps over the grasslands and forests has inspired paintings and poetry since ancient times — for good reason.

It's also a time to enjoy certain foods like lotus seeds, which, according to traditional belief, sustain health as the weather changes.

Indeed, fall's beauty extends beyond the visual and offers a feast for all the senses.



The fall foliage season with blazing maples near the Mangshan Forest Park and the Ming Dynasty Tombs Reservoir in Beijing. SONG JIAYIN / FOR CHINA DAILY



In Longling village, Rongshui, South China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, Miao ethnic girls watch snail- and fish-catching competitions. HUANG XIAOBANG / XINHUA



The avenue outside the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing turns golden with ginkgo trees in full blossom. DU JIANPO / FOR CHINA DAILY



An aerial photo of Hongshan Cuigu Scenic Spot in Jinan, East China's Shandong province. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY