

Vermont
Very Best of Vermont
July 12 (Tue) - 15 (Fri), 2022
4 Day Tour

Meals Included: 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

Day 1 Tuesday (D)

6:00am Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)

6:20am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)

6:40am Depart Bethlehem, PA (William Penn Park & Ride - Lot C-1)

Lunch stop on own

Arrive Montpelier, VT

Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks – Sugar on Snow included

Nestled on a hilltop just 2.7 miles outside of Montpelier, Vermont (the smallest state capital in the USA) – Morse Farm is a throwback to a simpler, quieter time when generations of the same family worked together to carve out a living on the land. A visit to Morse Farm will include viewing an entertaining and informative sugarmaking video presentation by Burr Morse as well as visiting the sugarhouse. Visitors can walk trails winding through the sugarbush and visit Rex and James, the Morse Farm goats. Pieces of folk art and antique farm implements can be found throughout the property. The Morse Farm country store with is always well stocked with maple products as well an assortment of Vermont specialty foods and gifts.

Sugar on Snow at the Morse Farm is a Vermont tradition! Enjoy our 100% pure Vermont maple syrup boiled to a soft ball stage and poured over shaved ice. A sweet maple taffy will form as the hot syrup meets the coldness. You'll sink your fork in and enjoy the sticky sweetness! Enjoy a dill pickle to offset the sweetness and a raised donut to soak up the extra syrup.

Check into hotel - Three (3) Nights

Best Western Plus – Waterbury-Stowe

Dinner included at hotel

Day 2 Wednesday (B,D)

Breakfast at hotel

Rock of Ages – Quarry Tour & Visitor's Center

A seasoned guide will come aboard the coach bus and take you to the quarry. They will share information on their rich history and how the operation works. The vistas are not to be missed from the quarry platform. Then visit the 160,00 square foot manufacturing plant, you will watch a variety of staff working on stone in different stages of production, take a turn on the outdoor granite bowling lane watch a video and view exhibits inside the Visitors Center showcasing our history and amazing projects. There is a wonderful gift shop featuring granite gifts. Receive a free granite souvenir from our grout pile. This is a one-of-a-kind tour experience, not to be missed while visiting Vermont.

Vermont State House Tour

The Vermont State House is one of the oldest and best preserved of our nation's state capitols. After nearly 160 years it remains an icon in Montpelier, the smallest capital city in America. Its House and Senate chambers are the oldest active legislative halls in the United States that have preserved their original interiors. This architectural gem is also home to some of the state's most important art. As you tour this remarkable piece of living history, you will develop a sense of what makes this building, and the state for which it was built, unique. Highlights include the Governor's Office, the Cedar Creek Reception Room, the Hall of Inscriptions, and the legislative chambers.

Lunch and time on own in Montpelier

Trapp Family Lodge – Historical Tour

The von Trapp family's journey is a remarkable story. In 1938, just before World War II, the Baron and the Baroness von Trapp left all their possessions and estate near Salzburg. With nine children and one on the way, they fled Austria and were granted asylum in this country. Arriving with only \$4.00, they settled in Philadelphia, and through their music, turned a family hobby into a profession as the Trapp Family Singers. They soon bought a small farmhouse in Stowe, Vermont, because the landscape reminded them of home. Here, the family lived peacefully and continued to travel the world singing. Maria wrote an autobiography that inspired the play and movie, *The Sound of Music*, and her story became an American legend. What was once a modest farm grew into a world-renowned resort, and is now overseen by Johannes, the youngest of the singing von Trapp children, and his family.

Brewery Tour at the Lodge

Dinner included at the Bierhall

Day 3 Thursday (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel

Vermont Teddy Bear Factory Tour

Take a tour of the factory, with one of the Bear Ambassadors who will guide you through a fun, informative tour where you'll watch their small group of craftspeople creating the Bears by hand, one-by-one. You'll even see the Bear Hospital, where you'll get to meet the Bear Doctor, Dr. Nancy. If your Bear ever needs repair, Dr. Nancy will take care of everything.

Lunch Cruise aboard the **Spirit of Ethan Allen**

Visit **Lake Champlain Chocolates** – shopping on own

Located in Burlington's vibrant south end neighborhood, where we have been in business for over 38 years, Lake Champlain Chocolates' flagship store is nestled near the shores of Lake Champlain (our namesake!) and Burlington's renowned bike path. During your visit, watch a factory tour video, enjoy a to-go tasting kit, or explore the interactive StoryWalk®. Leave plenty of time to shop for your favorite treats, discover one of our newest confections, or peruse the factory seconds.

Free time for shopping and dinner on own at **Church Street Marketplace**

Downtown Burlington, Vermont's award-winning open air mall is a hub of activity where you'll find historical architecture, year-round festivals, street entertainers, music, over 100 places to shop and dine, and even quiet places to ponder. We invite you to find out about exclusive shopping, dining and events in downtown Burlington as well as to explore the area!

Ben & Jerry's Factory Tour

Learn how Ben & Jerry's gets so much deliciousness into every scoop! Take the guided factory tour and learn how they make ice cream and how they put their values into action at every step of the process. It's great for all ages, and a fantastic activity for the family. Plus, enjoy your favorite flavor - or try a new one! - At the full-service Scoop Shop.

Day 4 Friday (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel

Self-Guided Tour & shopping at **Cold Hollow Cider Mill**

Everybody has a little Vermonter in them. Independent. Capable. Authentic. When you visit this working cider mill, you will find your inner Vermonter. The self-guided tour of the working cider mill offers an engaging rural experience that is unrushed and free of charge. Come learn how apples, bees, maple trees and Vermont all get along well together.

Hildene Estate – The Lincoln Family Home – lunch included

Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home, is the former summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln and his wife Mary Harlan Lincoln. Robert was the eldest of the four sons of President Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln, and the only one of them to survive into adulthood. The home is located on 400-acres in Manchester Village and is a favorite destination for locals and visitors alike. Whether you're a history buff, a nature lover, or a fan of gorgeous architecture, Hildene offers amazing grounds and gardens, informative tours, historical exhibits, and a fabulous museum store and welcome center.

Depart Manchester

Fast food dinner stop on own

8:30pm Approximate arrival in Lehigh Valley

Price Per Person:

Single

\$1,107

Double

\$853

Triple

\$788

Quad

\$757

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