

Capture the Colors of Fall
with on a
"Vintage Vermont" Hub & Spoke Tour
Tour Dates: October 2021

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If you've never experienced autumn in Vermont, now is the perfect time to go. Red barns, covered bridges, small charming villages, white-steepled churches, sparkling pewter lakes all set amidst brilliantly colored foliage. Prepare yourself (and your camera) for a "feast for the eyes". This will definitely be a trip to remember!

DAY 1 ARRIVE ALBANY - RUTLAND, VERMONT - WELCOME DINNER

Today, depart for Albany, New York. Upon arrival, meet our local tour escort and deluxe motorcoach before traveling into the Green Mountains of Vermont. En route, stop at the Vermont Marble Exhibit where we will have time to explore the world of Vermont Marble in an interesting museum. Continue to our hotel in Rutland, conveniently located in central Vermont. Relax and unpack only once, as this is our home for the next four nights. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner this evening with our travel partners. (D)

DAY 2 WOODSTOCK - QUECHEE GORGE - SUGARBUSH FARM

After breakfast, depart for a full day of touring through the pristine beauty of Vermont. Our first stop is the charming town of Woodstock where we will visit the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. This is Vermont's only national park and the nation's first to focus on natural resource conservation. Enjoy a guided tour of the Laurence Rockefeller home and grounds or take a self-guided tour of the historic 1890 Billings Farm and Museum. Next have some free time in the village of Woodstock for lunch on your own. This afternoon visit Quechee Gorge (Vermont's Little Grand Canyon) for a photo opportunity. Then stop at Sugarbush Farm and learn about maple sugaring and sample their yummy cheeses and other Vermont products. Delight in an included delicious dinner this evening at a local favorite restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 3 LAKE CRUISE - MIDDLEBURY - MORGAN HORSE FARM.

This morning after breakfast, journey to Lake Champlain where we will board the *M/V Carillon* for a scenic cruise on the lower lake. Hear about this lake's fascinating history and the lore of the "Champ", Vermont's version of the Loch Ness monster. And don't forget to bring your camera along for some beautiful shots of the fall colors! Next, travel to the quaint town of Middlebury (home of the Vermont State Craft Center) for lunch and shopping on your own. This afternoon, pay a visit to the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, designated as a National Historic Site. See this beautiful high-stepping horse in action, as we tour this working farm and learn about America's first breed of horse. Afterwards, stop at the Danforth Pewter Factory for a spinning demonstration. En route back to our hotel, stop for a scrumptious dinner at a true "New England Country Inn". (B,D)

DAY 4 MONTPELIER - TASTE OF VERMONT

Rise and shine to another fabulous day in Vermont! This morning have breakfast and then depart for Montpelier, the capital of Vermont (the smallest city to serve as capital of a U.S. State). Here, we will tour the restored Vermont State House and hear about its fascinating history. Stop at Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of the top producers of apple cider in all of New England. Tour and taste their delicious cider freshly made right off the apple press! Afterwards travel to Trapp Family Lodge, built by the Von Trapp family (of *Sound of Music* fame). Indulge in their delicious buffet lunch with all sorts of Bavarian specialties. Make sure to save a little room for ice cream as our next stop is Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Take a tour and sample whatever flavor they are making that day! Later, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5 BENNINGTON - DEPART FOR HOME

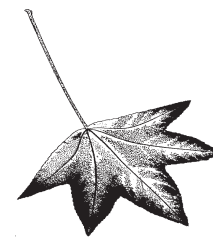
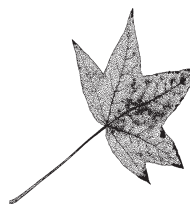
Have breakfast this morning before saying farewell to the Green Mountains of Vermont. En route to the Albany Airport, we will make a stop in Bennington, Vermont. Here visit the lovely Bennington Museum, which holds the largest public collection of Grandma Moses paintings. Next have a short photo stop at the Bennington Monument (a very important Revolutionary War site), before continuing on to Albany. And then before you know it, it's time to say good-bye! Thank you for exploring with us and join us soon for another wonderful adventure! (B)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- * 5 Days Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- * 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations in Rutland
- * 8 Meals: 4 Full Breakfasts (B), 1 Buffet Lunch at Trapp Family Lodge (L) and 3 Dinners (D)
- * Services of a Professional Local Tour Escort Throughout (**excluding gratuities****)
- * Vermont Marble Exhibit
- * Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
- * Quechee Gorge
- * Sugarbush Farm
- * Cruise on Lake Champlain Aboard the *M/V Carillon*
- * University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm
- * Danforth Pewter Factory
- * Tour of Vermont State House in Montpelier
- * Cold Hollow Cider Mill
- * Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory
- * Bennington Museum and Monument
- * Roundtrip Airport Transfers
- * Baggage Handling at Hotels (one piece per person)
- * All Meal and Room Taxes and Gratuities (**excluding gratuities to escort and driver****)
- * **Group Incentive: Receive One Free "Double" with 25 or More Paying Passengers (land only)**

****Recommended tipping: \$3 for tour escort/\$2 for driver (per person, per day)**

LAND PRICE PER PAYING PASSENGER:
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(Air price based on current group rates and fuel taxes; subject to change.)