

Capture the Colors of Fall

with on a

"Vintage Vermont" Tour

Tour Dates: October 6 - 10, 2007



If you've never experienced autumn in Vermont, now is the perfect time to go. Red barns, covered bridges, small charming villages, white-steeped 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 HARTFORD - YANKEE CANDLE - WELCOME DINNER

Today, depart for New England. Upon arrival, meet our local tour guide before continuing to our hotel. Check-in and later, visit Yankee Candle Factory, maker of over 160 different scents of candles! This HUGE complex features free demonstrations of antique candle making and we'll even have the opportunity to dip our own candle. Next, enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner at the elegant Delaney House which used to be a private residence until 1966. (D)

DAY 2 BENNINGTON - MANCHESTER - BURLINGTON

After breakfast, depart for a full day of touring through the pristine beauty of Vermont. Our first stop is Bennington where we will see the Battle Monument, a very important Revolutionary War site. Next stop is the Bennington Museum, which holds the largest public collection of Grandma Moses paintings in the country. Have some free time for lunch in Bennington and poke around the quaint stores. Afterwards, visit the Old First Church and the burial grounds of Robert Frost. Then tour Hildene (in Manchester), home of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln. This Georgian Revival mansion is an example of the "Great American Story". Depart for Burlington and en route stop for a lovely dinner at the formerly private Basin Harbor Club, directly on Lake Champlain. In Burlington, Vermont, check in at the hotel (your home for the next three nights) for a restful night's sleep. (B,D)

DAY 3 TASTE OF VERMONT DAY

This morning after breakfast, depart for Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory. See chocolates made right before your eyes and take in the aromas and tastes (not to mention free samples). After this sweet visit, have some free time in the mountain resort village of Stowe. Next arrive at Trapp Family Lodge, built by the Von Trapp family, of *Sound of Music* fame. Tour the grounds before indulging in their delicious buffet lunch with all sorts of Bavarian specialties. Then it's on to Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of the top producers of fresh apple cider in all of New England. Bring your appetite since you can sample not only the cider but plenty of jellies, mustards, applesauce and fudge. And if you're still not full, our last stop is Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Learn about the ice cream production process and of course taste the "sample of the day". Return to the hotel for the rest of the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4 MORGAN HORSE FARM - MONTPELIER - C.I.A.

Rise and shine to another fabulous day in Vermont! This morning, we'll have a special breakfast at the Middlebury Inn, which has been welcoming visitors since 1827. Next, pay a visit to the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, designated as a National Historic Site. Tour this working farm and learn about America's first breed of horse. Have lunch on our own and some free time for browsing the shops in Middlebury. 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 history. Stop at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks for a glimpse of the "sugaring life". Naturally, a trip to Vermont would not be complete without sampling the various grades of maple syrup. (And you might want to bring some home for those pancakes!) Tonight, delight in a memorable dining experience at the Chef's Table, all prepared and served by students of the New England Culinary Institute. Return to the hotel after this fabulous day. (B,D)

DAY 5 DEPART FOR HOME

Have breakfast this morning before checking out and departing for the airport. Stop for lunch en route (on own) 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)

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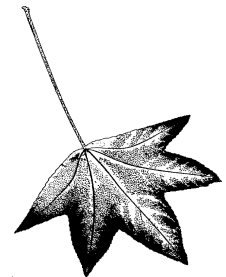
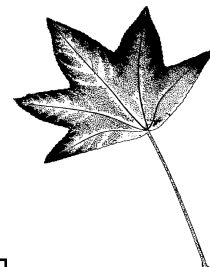
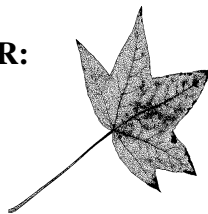
- * 5 Days Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- * 4 Nights Hotel Accommodations (1 Night in Springfield & 3 Nights in Burlington)
- * 8 Meals: 4 Breakfasts (B), 1 Lunch (L) and 3 Dinners (D)
- * Services of a Professional Local Tour Escort (excluding gratuities**)
 - * Yankee Candle Factory & Home Store
 - * Bennington Museum
 - * Hildene
 - * Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory
 - * Stowe and Trapp Family Lodge
 - * Cold Hollow Cider Mill
 - * Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory
- * University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm
 - * Montpelier State House
 - * Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks
 - * Roundtrip Airport Transfers
- * Baggage Handling at Hotels (one piece per person)
 - * Driver Gratuities
- * All Meal and Room Taxes and Gratuities (excluding gratuities to escort**)

*** Group Incentive: Receive One Free "Double" with 25 or More Paying Passengers (land only)**

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

LAND PRICE PER PAYING PASSENGER:

DOUBLE: \$ 949
TRIPLE: \$ 899
SINGLE: \$1349



ADD ROUNDTRIP AIR FROM TO HARTFORD: \$

(Air price based on current group rates and fuel taxes; subject to change.)