

Stowe, Woodstock & Middlebury

Vermont Cultural Walking Adventure



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The Heart & Soul of New England

We remember our first time in Vermont. The quiet little lane. The green hills that backed up to the barn with the grove of maples that led to the clapboard house with the big porch. The farmer with the smile and a tip of the cap. We'll never forget the stillness, the absence of rush, the ten pictures we took of one scene hoping we could somehow capture it. The true appeal of Vermont is that none of that has changed. Whether we're visiting a sugarmaker, exploring the woodlands and the valleys, strolling a village square, or watching Morgan colts frolic in a white-fenced pasture, the peace is authentic. The beauty is un-retouched. This journey ranges through terrains of town and country that you can hardly believe still exist in America. But they do. Clocks tick just as fast here, but you'll slow down. And, if you're like us, after a day outdoors and dinner by the fireplace, you'll sleep as you haven't slept for years.

DAY 1

BURLINGTON / STOWE

- Visit picturesque Moss Glen Falls
- Stroll through the charming town of Stowe
- Tour and sample beers from a local brewery

We'll meet in Burlington on the shores of historic Lake Champlain. Founded in 1763, this town of just under 40,000 souls has consistently been selected as one of America's most livable small cities. A walk from Church Street, with its signature 1816 Unitarian Church, takes us through a pedestrian-only promenade, past boutiques, restaurants, street performers and shops to the waterfront of Lake Champlain. A short stroll along the lake provides us with wonderful views of Adirondacks to the west and the lively waterfront and recreation path along the lake.

After exploring Burlington we'll head to Stowe, an hour to the northeast of Burlington. At the foot of Mt. Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak, Stowe has the charm of a traditional New England village and much of the town is on the National Register of Historic Places. A lovely walk takes us to Moss Glen Falls, one of Vermont's most spectacular waterfalls, and along a secluded back road trail.

Later this afternoon we'll visit Alchemist, which is a family-owned and solar-powered brewery. Proud of their sustainability and inclusivity, they became a Certified B Corp since their day-to-day operations create a positive impact for their workers, local community and environment. After a tour of the brewery, enjoy sitting outside in the beer garden and sampling their refreshing beers.

Your evening winds down as you relax at your charming country manor, The Trapp Family Lodge. Established in the 1940s by the Baron and Baroness Maria von Trapp of Sound of Music fame, this Austrian-inspired mountain resort is surrounded by scenic mountains and the perfect place to call home for the next two nights.

Overnight: Stowe

Meals: L, D

DAY 2

SMUGGLER'S NOTCH

- Explore Smuggler's Notch passageway
- Walk to scenic Bingham Falls
- Enjoy a private tour and sampling at a local creamery

This morning a short drive takes us to Smuggler's Notch, a narrow pass carved by glaciers, with 1,000-foot cliffs looming on either side. Smuggler's Notch was a favorite route for smuggling goods into and out of Canada in the 1800s. It was also used by fugitive slaves as an escape route to Canada and by Vermonters in the 1920s to smuggle liquor into the country during Prohibition.

A beautiful passageway, this is a quiet, awe-inspiring place to pause and reflect on the rock formations formed 400 million years ago. A walk to Bingham Falls takes us through a birch and maple forest to a series of cascading waterfalls cut through a deep gorge.

After lunch, you'll stop at a local creamery to learn about the process of making cheeses and other dairy products. Stroll through the family-owned farm on a privately guided tour before sampling their fresh local specialties. After today's excursions, this evening is yours to relax and enjoy dinner at your leisure.

Overnight: Stowe

Meals: B

DAY 3

MONTPELIER / MIDDLEBURY

- Stroll through downtown Montpelier
- Enjoy a walk to see 2 covered bridges
- Wine taste at Lincoln Peak Vineyard with the winery's owners

Today we travel along Vermont's scenic country roads through timeless villages and spectacular scenery to Montpelier, the smallest state capital in the country. A walk through the town takes us past the bustling Main and State streets to the Vermont

State House, built from blocks of Barre granite with a gold-leaf dome and a gold-leaf statue of Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture. We'll walk past the state building to Hubbard Park, with its 180 acres of hills and trails. If you'd like, climb up the 50ft stone tower for a 360° view of the city, or take a leisurely stroll through meadows full of white pine and red oak. We return to Montpelier, which is home to the New England Culinary Institute. For lunch, we'll visit their fine restaurant, with the option to stop for dessert at their bakery and cafe, where you may be able to watch a pastry class in action.

Continuing southward, we'll experience one of Vermont's finest sights - the covered bridge. Northfield has the largest cluster of covered bridges in Vermont, and our walk takes us to two bridges that can be viewed simultaneously, which is the only place in the East where this occurs.

This afternoon, you'll enjoy a visit to Lincoln Peak Vineyard. Not only will you enjoy multiple tastings with a view of a creek and changing colors of the leaves, but we'll meet with the owners, Chris and Sarah Granstrom. They'll give you the history of their winery and an in-depth look into what makes their wines so incredible. Later, we head to our historic hotel to relax by the fire or on the porch overlooking the maple trees in the beautifully landscaped garden.

Overnight: Middlebury

Meals: B, L

DAY 4

MIDDLEBURY

- Explore Green Mountain National Park
- Visit with a Vermont sugarmaker
- Enjoy your farewell dinner in Middlebury

Fortified from breakfast, you'll be ready to explore Green Mountain National Park and walk the scenic forest footpaths. Encompassing more than 400,000 acres in southwestern and central Vermont, this picturesque landscape is characterized by colorful fall foliage and rugged mountain peaks. Take in the views as you make your way to Falls of Lana and enjoy the breathtaking cascades and soon after, a picnic lunch with local specialties.

Next, you'll learn the ways of a Vermont sugarmaker. With Vermont being famous for its maple syrup, it is only fitting that we stop for a visit to see how it is made fresh using traditional, earth-friendly harvesting methods. Tour the Sugar House and its equipment to learn about the history of maple syrup, as well as the current technological advances in the sugaring process. After sampling the richest, most delicious maple syrup you've ever tasted, it's time to head back into town for your farewell dinner at one of Middlebury's charming and locally-owned restaurants.

Overnight: Middlebury

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

RETURN TO BURLINGTON

- Morning at your leisure
- Return to Burlington to part ways

Enjoy the morning at your leisure. At midday, we'll return to Burlington for your departing flight. This is your last chance to stock up on authentic maple syrup before you head home!

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



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OVERNIGHT: Stowe | **NIGHTS:** 2



Middlebury Inn

Walk through the doors of the Middlebury Inn and feel the warmth of New England hospitality. Look out over the beautiful Middlebury town green from the front porch and experience a place that's been a part of Vermont's history since 1827.

OVERNIGHT: Middlebury | **NIGHTS:** 2

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	5 Days, 4 Nights
START	Lobby of Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vermont
END	Burlington Airport (BTV), Burlington, Vermont
TERRAIN	Easy to moderate on good trails.

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
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- Walking to Bingham Falls
- Visiting a cider mill, glassworks and heritage farm
- Paying a visit to Robert Frost's cabin
- Wandering forest paths and village greens

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