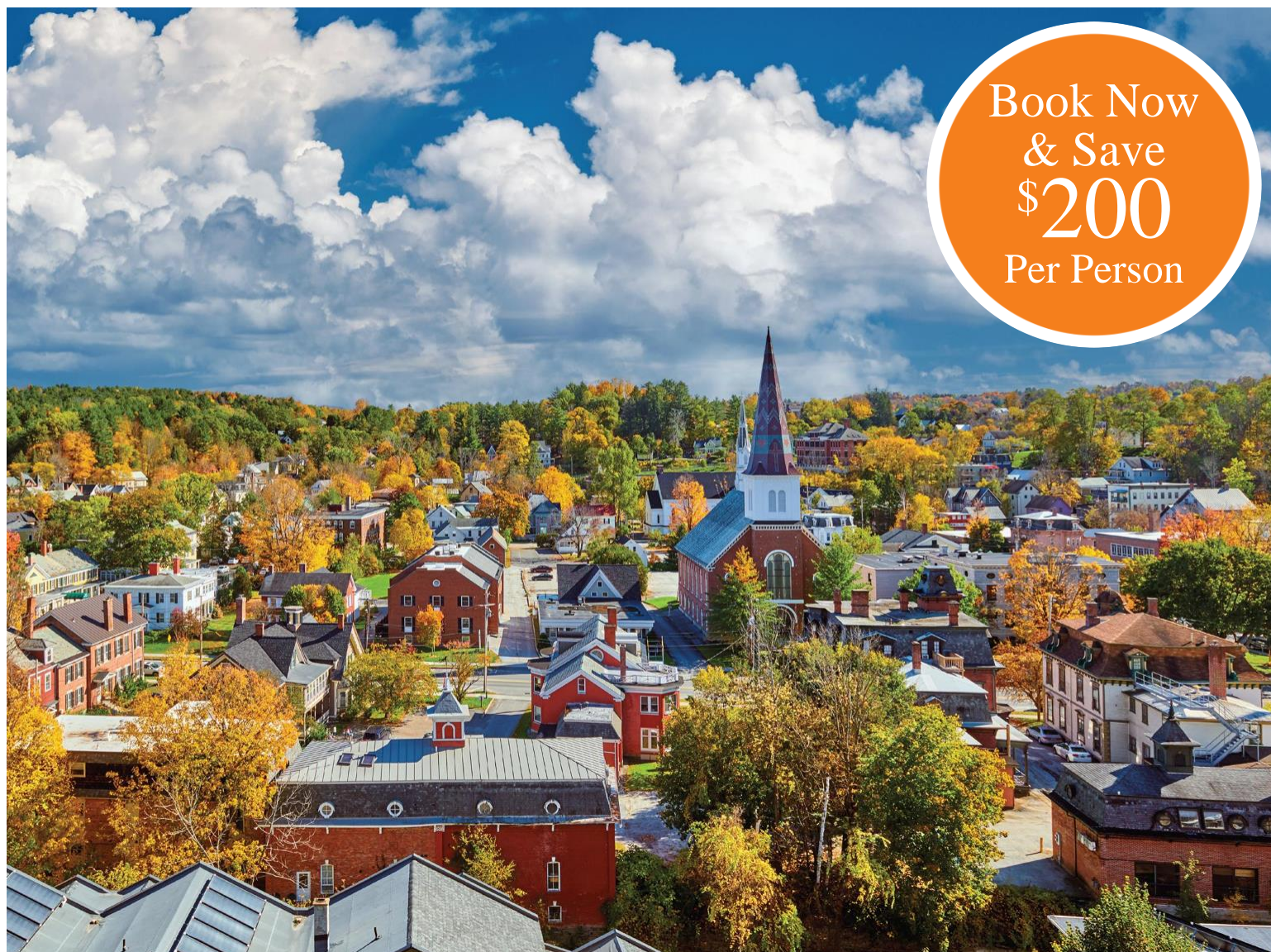


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7 Days • 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Quechee Gorge, Woodstock, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Burlington, Lake Champlain Cruise, Maple Sugar House, Vermont's Scenic Route 100, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Vermont Country Store, Concord

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Marriott Copley Place Boston, Boston, Massachusetts
Days 2, 3	Capitol Plaza Montpelier, Montpelier, Vermont
Days 4, 5	Mount Snow Grand Summit Resort, West Dover, Vermont
Day 6	Boston Marriott Newton Hotel, Newton, MA
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

Day 1: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins From winding roads in deep valleys and idyllic country homesteads, to a visual symphony of vibrant autumn leaves, there's no better place to experience a slice of classic New England life than in Vermont. Overnight in Boston, one of America's oldest cities, before heading north to Vermont – a microcosm of New England at its finest.

Day 2: Monday, October 2, 2023 Boston - Woodstock, Vermont - Montpelier Start your morning with a colorful drive to Vermont, making your way past rolling hills, verdant mountains, and flowing waterways. Quaint villages, old-fashioned steeples, local boutiques, and country farms with iconic red barns are the quintessential staples of the Green Mountain State. See the mile-long Quechee Gorge before heading to Woodstock. Admire the iconic covered bridge, a perfect pairing to the restored Georgian houses lining the central square. Spend some free time exploring on your own. Next, we head to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Explore the forest canopy walk and the numerous raptor enclosures and avian exhibits at this environmental nonprofit before continuing on to Montpelier, your home for the next two nights. Montpelier is the smallest state capitol in the United States with a population of just 8,000 people. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with your travel companions. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Montpelier - Shelburne - Burlington - Montpelier Step into history at the Shelburne Museum* with a local guide, then discover its historic buildings, gardens, and galleries on your own. Spread out over 39 buildings, the inimitable museum not only pays homage to New England architecture but also houses a world-renowned collection of art and whimsical Americana including the steamboat Ticonderoga. After a short drive, arrive in artsy, eclectic Burlington for lunch and free time to explore Church Street Marketplace, an outdoor pedestrian mall featuring locally owned shops and eateries. Later, enjoy the mountain vistas during a scenic, narrated cruise on Lake Champlain. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Montpelier - Ludlow This morning, visit an 8th generation, family-owned maple syrup farm and learn all about the maple sugaring process. Enjoy a sugarhouse tour and tasting, and perhaps even treat yourself to a uniquely Vermont treat—a maple creemee. Stop at the Lareau Farm Inn, home to the original American Flatbread Company; for lunch you'll enjoy a taste of their famous pizza featuring ingredients from nearby farms, and wash it down with a local Vermont brew. Then, head south on Route 100, where tree-lined mountains and gently rolling hills create one of the most scenic routes in New England. Settle in



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Ludlow and take in the striking landscape of your home for the next two nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Ludlow - Manchester - Ludlow Make your way to Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home and the former residence of Robert Todd Lincoln, past Chairman of the Pullman Company and son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Discover the 412-acre estate on your own, taking in the impressive home, winding gardens, and the vintage Pullman car. Enjoy leisure time in Manchester and take advantage of the town's popular outlet stores and boutique shops. Get a taste of a Vermont icon when you stop in at the Vermont Country Store, a general store from yesteryear owned and operated by 7th and 8th generation Vermonters. (B)

Day 6: Friday, October 6, 2023 Ludlow - Keene, New Hampshire - Concord, Massachusetts - Boston Area Today, travel from Ludlow back to Boston with a stop for lunch and free time to explore in Keene, NH. Nestled in

the Connecticut River Valley, Keene is a charming little college town with many restaurants, breweries, and a thriving little downtown shopping district. Next, head to Concord, MA where **it's your choice!** Head out on a bus tour of Lexington and Concord and see the historic town centers and battlefields where the American Revolution began **-OR-** join a local guide on a walking tour of historic Concord and learn about the town's revolutionary and literary history (Concord was once home to Louisa May Alcott, Emerson, Hawthorne, and Thoreau) on historic Main Street and sites like the Wright Tavern, Monument Square, Old Hill Burial Ground, and more. Afterwards, wish the state of Vermont goodbye as you join your travel companions for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Boston - Tour Ends Your tour of the Green Mountain State draws to a close. (B)

Experience It! Route 100

Considered to be the most scenic route in New England, Route 100 stretches for 200 miles through twisting valleys and vibrant foliage. The gently rolling hills give way to mountains hovering in the distance, offering a seemingly endless parade of nature. Make your way through fertile farmlands and lush vegetation. Although this route is breathtaking year round, it provides an entrancing landscape in the fall season. Take in the full spectrum of reds, oranges, and yellows lighting up the roadside, featuring gently waving branches rustling softly in the autumn breeze. Along this scenic country road, you'll see quaint farm stands setting up shop, lethargic cows meandering through the long grass, and wooden bridges crossing over tranquil streams. This is Vermont at its best.

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*The Shelburne Museum closes for the season in mid-October and will not be included on dates that fall on or after October 15th.

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