



A Nostalgic Christmas in Vermont!

At the World-Famous Trapp Family Lodge & Middlebury Inn

Cabot Creamery Cheeses ~ Cold Hollow Cider Doughnuts ~ Morse Maple 'Sugar on Snow'!



December 4 ~ 10, 2025

7 Days and 6 Nights



There's nothing quite so charming as the 'Merry Olde Holiday Season' in New England! Bing Crosby first sang "White Christmas" over 80 years ago, and ever since then people around the world have dreamt fondly of snowy holidays at a quaint Vermont country inn. Pine trees sparkle with lights, Colonial-style homes are adorned by cheery candles in the windows, white steeples point at starry skies, and taverns offer warm and welcoming log fires and wassail. Join us as we enjoy a special exclusive tour based first out of the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe - yes, it's THAT Trapp family! - and then the beautiful, stately and historic Middlebury Inn that's welcomed visitors since 1827.

Vermont is extremely well known for its specialty foods, ranging from Cabot Creamery Cheeses and Morse Farm Maple Syrup to Cold Hollow Cider Doughnuts. Enjoy all these delicious tastes and bring some home as gifts! Another real treat is in store when you taste "sugar on snow," where 100% pure Vermont maple sugar is drizzled over pristine snow resulting in a delicious candy-like dessert! You'll also visit the ancestral home of Robert Todd Lincoln, decorated as it might have been in 1912, and savor the yuletide aromas of a genuine Christmas tree farm!

Join us this holiday season to experience the true Christmastime spirit of Vermont!

Itinerary

December 4, 2025 - Vermont Welcomes You!

You'll fly today to Boston and be greeted by your tour guide and private coach to transfer to the **Trapp Family Lodge** in **Stowe, Vermont!** Situated on 2,500 scenic acres, Trapp Family Lodge (yes, it's the very same family portrayed in the "Sound of Music"!) is a **stunning mountain resort** with an attractive Austrian Alpine-inspired design and sweeping mountain vistas reminiscent of the von Trapp's homeland. After check in, you'll take a **historic tour** of the lodge offering insights into both the true facts and the invented story lines presented in the "**Sound of Music,**" as you hear the amazing real-life saga of how the von Trapps escaped Nazi-occupied Austria and ended up in lovely Stowe. Your festive **Welcome Dinner** at the lodge will complete your arrival day in perfect Vermont style!

Overnight: Stowe, VT - Trapp Family Lodge

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December 5, 2025 - "Sugar on Snow" + Cider Doughnuts and Stowe!

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge, followed by a festive ornament making session. Then, nothing says Vermont quite like maple sugar, so today you'll visit the **Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks**, where 200 years of family tradition make this the best maple syrup you've ever tasted! Your tour starts in the sugar house where you're told it takes 4 trees to make one gallon of pure maple syrup. And of course you'll enjoy the great Vermont tradition of **Sugar on Snow** - you can even try it with a sour pickle that cuts the sweetness of the syrup! Their gift shop offers a wonderful variety of Vermont specialties as well. You'll then head to **Montpelier, Vermont** which is the **smallest capital city in the**

nation! After a quick stop at the Capitol for photos, you'll next visit **Cold Hollow Cider Mill**. Located on 16 acres in Waterbury Center, Cold Hollow is widely cherished for its **renowned cider doughnuts** made from fresh apple cider that's still pressed on an old-time rack-and-cloth press! Their bakery turns out apple pies, fudge, breads and pastries sold alongside a long line of specialty Vermont foods ranging from maple syrup, cider jellies and honey to hot sauce, crackers, pasta and coffee. Your Cold Hollow visit includes today's lunch, a **tour of the cider mill** itself with a homemade cider donut, and of course some shopping time. Afterward you'll get to spend time in **charming Stowe Village** for a little more shopping and exploring before heading back to the lodge. In the evening, enjoy dinner on your own at the lodge or elsewhere in Stowe. Overnight: Stowe, VT - Trapp Family Lodge (B/L)

December 6, 2025 - Cabot Cheeses, Holiday Markets & Caroling!

After breakfast, you'll check out and board your private coach to **Middlebury** with a stop at the **Cabot Creamery** store and tasting room, where you can sample their numerous cheese varieties and shop for your favorites to bring home. You'll then continue on to **Burlington's Church Street Marketplace** where you'll enjoy some free time to stroll the pedestrian-only street lined with plenty of intriguing shops offering homemade Vermont goods, and lunch on your own there. Afterward you'll get to explore the **Burlington Winter Market**, a European-style outdoor market featuring rotating groups of local artists and food vendors set in a festive atmosphere that delightfully captures the spirit of the season in City Hall Park! In the afternoon, you'll continue onward to **Middlebury**, where you'll check in at the **historic**

Middlebury Inn, offering the perfect blend of modern comfort and classic historic charm, and ideally located right on the village square! Its impressive brick facade with a long, colonnaded front porch is a beloved local landmark. On arrival, you'll be greeted with a **welcome wine and cheese reception**, and then enjoy your welcome dinner right there at the Inn, followed by a **private caroling performance**. We think you'll agree, Vermont hospitality knows no boundaries!

Overnight: Middlebury, VT - Middlebury Inn (B/D)

December 7, 2025 - Tree Farm Visit and Middlebury Village!

After breakfast, you'll visit the **Werner Tree Farm** where you'll be entranced by the **fragrant aroma of balsam fir trees** while browsing through the abundant holiday offerings in their shop, and also enjoying a fun **wreath-making demonstration**. This is a small family-owned tree farm in Middlebury that's been growing **Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands** for over 40 years, and also produces maple syrup, honey and Shropshire sheep. Following this, you'll have the rest of your day and evening free to wander, shop and explore historic **Middlebury Village** at your own pace, with today's lunch and dinner on your own as well.

Overnight: Middlebury, VT - Middlebury Inn (B)

December 8, 2025 - Lincoln's Hildene & Charming Manchester!

Enjoy breakfast at the Inn before departing for **Hildene**, the ancestral home of **Robert Todd Lincoln**, who was the only child of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln to survive to adulthood. Furnished almost entirely with **Lincoln family furniture and other artifacts**, construction of the Georgian Revival style home, originally built as a summer residence, began in 1903, and prominently features a working **1,000 pipe Aeolian organ** in the entrance hall! On your self-guided tour of the 412 acre estate, you'll visit its mansion and 14 historic buildings, including a formal garden, observatory, and a farm. The farm has a solar-powered goat dairy

and cheese-making facility, a teaching greenhouse, animal barn, vegetable gardens, apple orchard, and an **1832 schoolhouse** still in use for educational events. Afterwards, you can enjoy lunch on your own in central **Manchester**, a picture-perfect New England community in southwestern Vermont, surrounded by the **Green Mountains** in the picturesque **Battenkill River Valley**. With over forty inviting eateries and numerous local shops and factory store outlets, you'll find there's plenty to do! In late afternoon, you'll return back to Middlebury with tonight's dinner on your own.

Overnight: Middlebury, VT - Middlebury Inn (B)

December 9, 2025 - Shelburne Farm & Store / Bob Newhart Inn!

After breakfast, you'll travel to **Shelburne Farms** where you have the option to stroll along the beautiful trails of this incredible estate, or spend time in the gift shop to check out all the farm's cheeses and other locally made treats. Next you'll stop in **Shelburne Village** to explore this quaint little town brightly decorated with festive lights. Be sure to check out the **Shelburne Country Store**, an original Vermont country store located in the heart of the village. The main section of the building was built in the 1830's and has been a continually running store since at least 1859. You'll then visit **Shelburne Vineyard** for a **wood-fired pizza lunch** and tasting of Vermont-made wines and ciders ranging from semi-sweet to dry. Return back to Middlebury in late afternoon before enjoying a Farewell Dinner at the **historic Waybury Inn** that served as the inspiration for Bob's Stratford Inn on the **Bob Newhart TV show**.

Overnight: Middlebury, VT - Middlebury Inn (B/L/D)

December 10, 2025 - Time to Head Home for Christmas!

This morning after breakfast you'll transfer to the Boston airport for your flight home. **Your memories of "A Nostalgic Christmas in Vermont" will surely last a lifetime!**

**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

 *Christmas in Vermont!* 
\$4,498.00
per person / double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$998.00

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston, MA (checked baggage fees not included)
- Transfers from airport to Lodge and Inn to airport
- 2 nights lodging at the Trapp Family Lodge
- 4 nights lodging at the Middlebury Inn
- Breakfasts daily at the lodge and inn
- 2 lunches and 3 regional dinners, including welcome dinner at the Trapp Family Lodge and farewell dinner at the "Bob Newhart" Waybury Inn
- Welcome reception at the Middlebury Inn with eggnog, wine and cheese
- Private motor coach for the entire itinerary
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Trapp Family Lodge tour, Hildene Estate tour, Morse Sugar Farm tour, Cabot Creamery, Shelburne Farms, Country Store, and Vineyard - and more!
- Services of a local guide
- Portorage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, government fees, & service charges
- TRIPS ticket wallet, and luggage tags
- Full time escort throughout your tour

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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Final Payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before August 26, 2025.

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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Travel & Leisure Club

“A Nostalgic Christmas in Vermont” Registration Form

Please complete and return with your \$650 **per person** deposit.

Name: _____

(MUST BE EXACTLY AS IT IS ON YOUR DRIVER’S LICENSE THAT WILL BE USED FOR THIS TRIP.)

Any charges by airline for name changes will be the responsibility of the passenger.

Name on Badge: _____

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Travel Companion Information

Name: _____

Lodging preference: ___ Double ___ King ___ Single

Other lodging options may be available upon request.

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Please note if your birthday or anniversary occur during the tour:

Occasion: _____ Date of celebration: _____

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Signature: _____

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