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## Best Places to Eat

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## Best Places to Stay

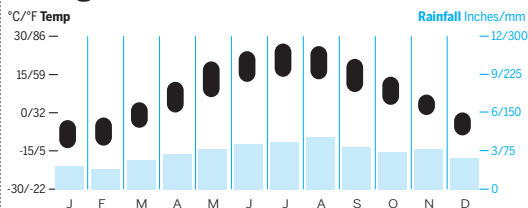
- » Equinox (p349)
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## Why Go?

With miles and miles of serene farmland yielding maple syrups, cheeses and fresh produce, Vermont is a gourmet meal of enchanting thrills. Microbrews dominate and localvore restaurants outnumber those that serve air-freighted produce. The celebrated slopes of Killington, Mt Snow and Stowe entice with the finest skiing and snowboarding on the East Coast. In summer a capillary network of hiking trails beckons and in autumn a blaze of spectacular foliage erupts along scenic roads and banks of squiggling rivers. Surprises lurk – wineries are sprouting up across the state, a puppet museum inhabits a massive barn, and llamas graze in the backyard of rural B&Bs. Burlington spews hip but relaxed urban diversions and rocking nightlife. It's all governed by a laid-back culture, endlessly lovable for its eccentricities. That's Vermont's allure – it slows you down while you inhale its crisp, organic air, preferably with a bottle of local beer in hand.

## When to Go

### Burlington



**Winter** Pummel down snow-covered pistes at New England's paramount ski resorts.

**Summer** Catch a performance at the Discover Jazz Festival or the Vermont Mozart Festival.

**Fall** Gaze at the swath of rust, yellow and amber colors during leaf-peeping season.

# Vermont Highlights

- 1 Sip ice wine at **Snowfarm Winery**, Vermont's oldest winery (p367)
- 2 Take a hay- or sleigh ride and watch how maple syrup is made at **Robb Family Farm** (p336)
- 3 Ride on the nation's sole surviving single chairlift, an antique relic from skiing in a bygone era, at **Mad River Glen** (p361)
- 4 Watch how hickory and smoked cheddar are made, and sample your way through to your favorite at **Sugarbush Farm** (p353)
- 5 Pick your own apples and more at **Atwood Orchards** (p358)
- 6 Drive through one of Windham County's 30-plus **covered bridges** (p382)
- 7 Hop on an inner tube from **Lazy River Tours**, drift downstream and spend an hour doing absolutely nothing but floating and laughing (p377)

