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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ American Flatbread (p309)
- ➔ Hen of the Wood (p318)
- ➔ Skunk Hollow Tavern (p295)
- ➔ Pangaea (p289)
- ➔ Mint (p302)

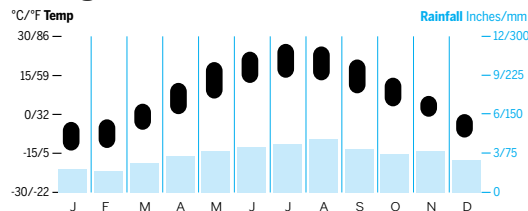
Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Inn at Shelburne Farms (p308)
- ➔ Forty Putney Road B&B (p282)
- ➔ Inn at Round Barn Farm (p302)
- ➔ Inn at Mountain View Farm (p323)
- ➔ Parker House Inn (p294)

Why Go?

Whether seen under blankets of snow, patchworks of blazing fall leaves or the exuberant greens of spring and summer, Vermont's blend of bucolic farmland, mountains and picturesque small villages make it one of America's most appealing states. Hikers, bikers, skiers and kayakers will find four-season bliss here, on the expansive waters of Lake Champlain, the award-winning Kingdom Trails Network, the 300-mile Long and Catamount Trails and the fabled slopes of Killington, Stowe and Sugarbush. Foodies will love it here too: small farmers have made Vermont a locavore paradise, complemented by America's densest collection of craft brewers. But most of all, what sets Vermont apart is its independent spirit: the first state to endorse same-sex civil unions, the only one to elect a socialist senator in the 21st century, and the only one without a McDonald's in its capital city, remains a haven of quirky creativity unlike any other place in America.

When to Go Burlington



Dec-Mar Plummet down snow-covered pistes at New England's paramount ski resorts.

Jun-Aug Kayak in Lake Champlain, climb a mountain or frolic with fireflies at a Vermont state park.

Sep-Oct Pick apples, choose pumpkins and gawk at the colors during leaf season.

Vermont Highlights

1 Cruise past green meadows, sculpture gardens and dazzling Mt Mansfield views on Stowe's gorgeous riverside **Recreation Path** (p315)

2 Explore a 19th-century lighthouse, a one-room schoolhouse and dozens of other historic buildings at the **Shelburne Museum** (p303)

3 Survey your next black-diamond run or simply gawk at the foliage from the nation's sole surviving single chairlift at **Mad River Glen** (p301)

4 Celebrate the apple and pumpkin harvest, make friends with pretty brown cows or hop aboard a horse-drawn sleigh at **Billings Farm & Museum** (p293) in Woodstock

5 Catch a taste of Vermont's thriving locavore food culture at the **Brattleboro Farmers Market** (p280)

6 Soak up the sun and enjoy a six-glass beer sampler on the riverside deck at **Long Trail Brewery** (p297) near Killington

7 Shop or bar-hop your way through lively **Church Street Marketplace** (p303), Burlington's multiblock pedestrian paradise

