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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Revolution Kitchen (p307)
- ➔ Red Hen (p317)
- ➔ Skunk Hollow Tavern (p294)
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- ➔ American Flatbread (p301)

Best Places to Sleep

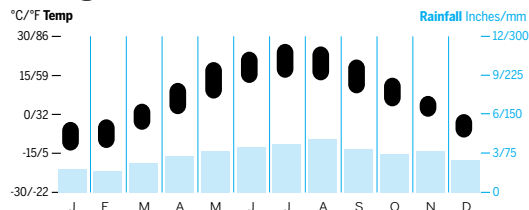
- ➔ Inn at Shelburne Farms (p305)
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- ➔ Dorset Inn (p290)

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 uniformly 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: 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, it remains a haven of quirky creativity unlike anywhere else in America.

When to Go Burlington



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

Jun-Aug Kayak on 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 Stowe

Recreation Path (p312) Cruising Stowe's riverside path through green meadows and sculpture gardens backed by dazzling Mt Mansfield views.

2 Shelburne

Museum (p303) Exploring a 19th-century lighthouse, a one-room schoolhouse and dozens of other historic New England buildings.

3 Mad River Glen

(p299) Surveying your next black-diamond run or simply gawking at the foliage from the nation's sole surviving single chairlift.

4 Billings Farm

& Museum (p292) Celebrating the apple and pumpkin harvest, making friends with pretty brown cows or hopping aboard a horse-drawn sleigh.

5 Brattleboro

Farmers Market (p278) Catching a taste of Vermont's thriving locavore food culture.

6 Long Trail

Brewing Company (p296) Soaking up the sun and enjoying a six-glass beer sampler on the riverside deck, just outside Killington.

7 Church Street

Marketplace (p302) Shopping or bar-hopping your way through Burlington's multiblock pedestrian paradise.