

Sterling Travel with Jill Aikin



Christmas in Vermont

featuring Two Nights at the Trapp Family Lodge

Tour Dates: December 10 - 15, 2024



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DAY 1 Arrive in Vermont: Arrive in Burlington, Vermont today and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 2 Church Street Marketplace and Teddy Bear Factory: Enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel before departing for the historic Church Street Marketplace. Described as the “gem in the crown” of the Queen City of Burlington, the Marketplace is a National Register Historic District. Here, you will have time for exploration and lunch on your own. This afternoon you will visit the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory for a guided tour and to see how our furry friends are made. Check-in to your hotel in Manchester and prepare for an included dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Vermont Country Store, the *Hildene* Estate and Christmas Dinner: Following breakfast, depart for a visit to the famed Vermont Country Store. Opened in 1946 inside a remodeled general store, the store is still family-owned. Lunch today is on your own in quaint Manchester. In the afternoon, you will visit *Hildene*, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest son of Abraham Lincoln. Enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful estate. Then make a stop at the Village Peddler and Chocolatorium for a chocolate demonstration and tasting. Tonight, a special Christmas Dinner is planned with a possible visit from a very special guest. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Woodstock and the Trapp Family Lodge: The first stop today is at Green Mountain Sugarhouse to learn about and taste maple sugar. At Cold Hollow Cider Mill to see the production of their wonderful cider and sample some of their fine apple products including their gourmet cider donuts. Enjoy a drive through Vermont’s state capital of Montpelier before coming to the quaint village of Woodstock. Lunch is included here along with free time to explore Woodstock. Later, check in to the Trapp Family Lodge, our home for the next two nights. Owned by the eldest son of Maria and Baron Georg Johannes von Trapp it has remained in the family since 1942. Your delicious dinner tonight is served in the beautiful Main Dining Room. Afterward, relax and enjoy the amenities of the lodge or maybe take in a feature film in the theater. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 Tour the Lodge, Ben & Jerry’s and Sleigh Ride: Begin the day with a hearty breakfast before partaking in a guided tour of the lodge and property. See the film *The Real Maria*



Experience Austrian-inspired Vermont lodging at the Trapp Family Lodge

and maybe even meet and greet with a Trapp Family member. Then, climb aboard your coach and head to the famous Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream for a tour and tasting of their delicious ice cream. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own in the charming village of Stowe. In the afternoon you will come to Vermont Gentle Giants for an exciting sleigh ride (weather permitting of course). Return to the lodge to freshen up before dinner. Tonight, dinner is served in the Trapp Family Bierhall, featuring freshly brewed lagers and a delicious selection of foods with an Austrian flare. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Dakin Farms and Home: Enjoy one more breakfast in the Main Dining Room before saying good-bye to your mountain retreat. Stop at "Vermont's Tastiest Attraction" Dakin Farms to see the production of their gourmet meats and cheeses. Then continue to the Burlington Airport for flights out after 1:00 p.m.

Meal: B



Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream for a tour and tasting

Tour Highlights

- 11 Meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Visit historic Church Street Marketplace
- Tour the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory
- Visit the famed Vermont Country Store, and tour *Hildene*, the summer estate Robert Todd Lincoln
- Visit Village Peddler and Chocolatorium for a chocolate demonstration and tasting
- Special Christmas Dinner with a visit from a very special guest
- Spend two nights in the lovely Trapp Family Lodge, owned and operated by the von Trapp family since 1942
- Enjoy delicious meals at the Lodge including the Main Dining Room and the Bierhall
- Take a guided tour of the Trapp Family Lodge, see the film *The Real Maria* and meet a family member
- Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and enjoy time in the charming village of Stowe
- Visit Vermont Gentle Giants for an exciting sleigh ride (weather permitting)
- Tour Cold Hollow Cider Mill and see the production of their cider and other apple products

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Enjoy a sleigh ride through picturesque Vermont woodlands along winding trails

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 – Hilton Garden Inn, Burlington, Vermont

Days 2 and 3 – Hampton Inn, Manchester, Vermont

Days 4 and 5 – Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vermont

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.

Cost for a room in Burlington is \$299, tax and breakfast included.

Tour Dates

| Tour Dates | Per Person Twin | Single Room add |
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| December 10 – 15, 2024 | \$3,499 | \$899 |

Price includes round trip air from Denver.

Call for rates from your city.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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