AAA Reading-Berks *presents*... Autumn in Vermont

September 30 – October 6, 2022





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7 Days **40 Meals**: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Woodstock, Quechee Gorge, Burlington, Shelburne Museum, Fort Ticonderoga, Choice on Tour, Lake Champlain Ferry, Adirondacks Farm & Apple Orchard, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Vermont's Scenic Route 100, Mad River Valley, Hildene -The Lincoln Family Home

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel,	
Boston,Massachusetts	
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Burlington, Burlington, Vermont	
Jackson Gore Inn/Okemo Resort, Killington, Vermont	
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

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Day 1: Friday, September 30, 2022 Boston, Massachusetts -

Tour Begins From winding roads in deep valleys and idyllic country homesteads, to a visual symphony of vibrant autumn leaves, there's no better place to experience a slice of classic New England life than in Vermont. Overnight in Boston, one of America's oldest cities, before heading north to Vermont – a microcosm of New England at its finest, without the long bus rides.

Day 2: Saturday, October 1, 2022 Boston - Woodstock,

Vermont - Burlington Start your morning with a colorful drive to Vermont, making your way past rolling hills, climbing mountains, and flowing waterways. Quaint villages, old fashioned steeples, local boutiques and country farms adorned with historic barns are the quintessential staples of the "Green Mountain State," providing a nostalgic yet welcoming environment. In Woodstock, admire the town's iconic covered bridge, a perfect pairing to the restored Georgian houses lining the central square. Stand in awe before the mile-long Quechee Gorge, created by the water's slow and constant carving during the Ice Age era. Continue on to Burlington, your home for the next three nights. Located on the shores of Lake Champlain, Burlington is an eclectic college town that maintains a young and art-friendly vibe. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your travel companions as you settle in. (*B*, *D*)

Day 3: Sunday, October 2, 2022 Burlington - Shelburne -

Burlington Step into history at the Shelburne Museum with a local guide; then discover its historic buildings, gardens and galleries on your own. Spread out over 39 buildings, the inimitable museum not only pays homage to New England architecture but also houses a world-renowned collection of art and whimsical Americana including the steamboat *Ticonderoga*. Enjoy time in the heart of Burlington at Church Street Marketplace, an award-winning open-air center that features street performers, local shops, and up-and-coming musicians. Tonight, get a true taste of local flavor with a unique Vermont-inspired menu where you'll savor harvest vegetables, local cheeses and crisp cider. (B, D)

Day 4: Monday, October 3, 2022 Burlington - Fort Ticonderoga, New York - Burlington, Vermont Venture to the western side of Lake Champlain as you head into the Adirondack region of New York. Nearly a mile high, the mountains stretch over a stunning nature preserve full of twisting ravines, rocky cliffs, and green forests. Feel history come alive at Fort Ticonderoga, a battleground from the 1700s. Decide how you discover the site because it's your choice! See the 18th-century artillery collection lining the outer walls and visit the costumed British soldiers that participate in musket maintenance, carpentry, tailoring, and other daily routine tasks -OR- take a leisurely hike on the Carillon Battlefield Trail, a loop that offers stunning views of Lake Champlain, Vermont's Green Mountains and Mount Defiance. Continue through a series of autumn colors as you depart Ticonderoga and pass through cozy towns on your way to Rulfs Orchard, a familyowned farm. Opened in 1952, the farm provides tasty treats to satisfy your sweet tooth, including freshly baked cider donuts. Cross back into Vermont by means of a Lake Champlain ferry,







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giving you a different view of the mountains surrounding the freshwater lake. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Burlington - Waterbury -

Mad River Valley - Ludlow Get a taste of a national favorite at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, where a guide will teach you about this dairy delight before you sample this sweet treat. Head south on Route 100, where tree-lined mountains and gently rolling hills create one of the most scenic routes in New England. Stop at the Lareau Farm Inn, home to the original American Flatbread Company; for lunch you'll enjoy a taste of their famous pizza featuring ingredients from nearby farms and wash it down with a local Vermont brew. After your meal, meet the Vermonters who call the Mad River Valley home. From fiber mills to sculpture galleries and covered bridges, you'll get a true slice of Vermont life. Settle in Ludlow and take in the striking landscape as you relax at the Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo Mountain, your home for the next two nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Ludlow - Manchester -**Ludlow** Make your way to Hildene – The Lincoln Family Home and the former residence of Robert Todd Lincoln, past Chairman of the Pullman Company and son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Discover the 412-acre estate on your own, taking in the impressive home, winding gardens, and the vintage Pullman car. Enjoy leisure time in Manchester and take advantage of the town's popular outlet stores and boutique shops. Get a taste of a Vermont icon when you stop in at the Vermont Country Store, a general store from yesteryear owned and operated by 7th and 8th generation Vermonters. Wish the colorful autumn landscapes goodbye as you join your travel companions for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, October 6, 2022 Ludlow - Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Ends Your tour of the "Green Mountain State" and the Adirondacks draws to a close. (B)

Experience It! Route 100

Considered to be the most scenic route in New England, Route 100 stretches for 200 miles through twisting valleys and vibrant foliage. The gently rolling hills give way to mountains hovering in the distance, offering a seemingly endless parade of nature. Make your way through fertile farmlands and lush vegetation. Although this route is breathtaking year round, it provides an entrancing landscape in the fall season. Take in the full spectrum of reds, oranges, and yellows lighting up the roadside, featuring gently waving branches rustling softly in the autumn breeze. Along this scenic country road, you'll see quaint farm stands setting up shop, lethargic cows meandering through the long grass, and wooden bridges crossing over tranquil streams. This is Vermont at its best.

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To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 23, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 01, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until March 30, 2022.

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