



# HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

## THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH BEAUTY IN VERMONT

(BENNINGTON. WATERBURY. & STOWE. VERMONT)

### Trip Includes:

- Home pickup in Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington, WI Counties and Lake County, IL
- Guided tour of Bennington, VT
- Guided tour of the Bennington Museum
- Tour of Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home and Dairy
- Visit the Vermont County Store
- Tour of the Calvin Coolidge Homestead & Village
- Tour of Billings Farm
- Choice between The Dartmouth Greenhouse, The Hood Museum of Art, or King Arthur Baking Company
- Tour of the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry
- Visit to a local Maple Syrup Producer
- Tour of the Trapp Family Lodge
- Stowe Gondola Ride
- Choice between Coffee Lab or Wreath Making
- Ice Cream Treat & Tour at Ben & Jerry's
- Guided tour of the Shelburne Museum
- Guided ride through Shelburne Farms
- Visit a local Cider Mill and Winery
- 1 Night at Drury Plaza Hotel in Cleveland, OH
- 2 Nights at Hampton Inn in Bennington, VT
- 1 Night at Marriot Hanover in Lebanon, NH
- 1 Night at the Trapp Family Lodge
- 2 Nights at Best Western in Waterbury, VT
- 1 Night at the Hampton Inn in Cheektowaga, NY
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 17 Meals

### PER PERSON RATES:

Double Occupancy \$2539

Single Occupancy \$4439

Triple Occupancy \$2515

Full Payment Due: 4/16/23

Optional Travel Protection Plan

Per Person Rates:

Double or Triple Occupancy: \$143

Single Occupancy: \$295

\*Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passengers discretion. Tour is non-refundable for cancellations on or after the full payment date. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice.



PC: Rock of Ages



PC: Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce

**9 Days: May 21 – 29, 2023**

### Day 1 B, D

Enjoy a boxed breakfast as we travel to make our way to Cleveland, Ohio. Enjoy a complimentary drink and snack your first night stay at the Drury Inn Plaza Hotel.

### Day 2 B, D

Start your day off with a complimentary hot breakfast, before we start our journey to Bennington, Vermont. We will arrive in Bennington, Vermont in the evening. Upon our arrival we will have a delicious dinner in a local restaurant.

### Day 3 B, D

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we start our day in Bennington. What says Vermont more than Rockwell? This is a special photo stop to visit Norman Rockwell's Vermont home and a small Covered Bridge, which sit right outside the town of Bennington. It is easy to see the inspiration for Rockwell's work in your surroundings. As you wind through the back roads during your locally guided tour of Bennington's covered bridges, you will see some of Vermont's quintessential Covered Bridges including the 3 most famous bridges. We'll visit the Bennington Museum for a guided tour. The Bennington Museum was founded in 1852 to celebrate Bennington's colonial past and commemorate historic Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington 1777, now expanded to preserve and interpret rich heritage 3 of southern Vermont. We'll end the day with dinner included at a local restaurant.

### Day 4 B, D

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we begin our day. As you travel through the Green Mountains you will come upon Hildene. The site commands sweeping views of the valley and the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges. This wonderful Vermont treasure preserves the past while keeping an eye toward the future. Enjoy a self-guided tour of HILDENE, the Lincoln Family Home and Formal Gardens. We'll stop for lunch on our own at the Vermont Country Store-Weston. The Vermont Country Store was first opened in 1946 in Weston, Vermont, by the Ortons and is listed by The National Register of Historic Places as the first restored rural general store in America. Next, we will visit the Calvin Coolidge Homestead and Village. The Historic Site is considered one of best-preserved Presidential sites in the nation. Our last stop will be at Billings Farm. Framed by the green hills that surround Woodstock, Billings Farm and Museum is a living museum of Vermont's rural past. The dairy farm dates back to 1871. We'll end the day with dinner included at a local restaurant.

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### Day 5 B, D

Start the morning off with an included breakfast, then you will have a choice for the morning. **Choose 1) The Dartmouth Greenhouse**, what you will see and learn will astound you. You will be amazed by one of their crowning gems, The Al Brout '51 Orchid collection, **2) The Hood Museum of Art**, Dartmouth's collections are among the oldest and largest of any college or university in the country, or **3) King Arthur Baking Company**, when you visit this amazing gift shop/café, you will find a store filled with every cooking gadget you can imagine! Afterwards, we'll visit **Rock of Ages Granite Quarry**, the largest deep-hole granite quarry in the world! Lunch will be on your own before visiting a **Maple Sugar Farm**. This 8th generation maple syrup producer will regale you with stories and explain the sugaring process, which they still make the old-fashioned way. **Dinner will be included.** We'll finish off the day with a **stay overnight at the Trapp Family Lodge.**

### Day 6 B, D

Start the day out with breakfast included, then we'll have a **Trapp Family Lodge History Tour**. Visit the famed lodge where the Von Trapps made their home after leaving their beloved Austria during World War II. We'll enjoy a **Stowe Gondola Ride**: This ride gives you an amazing view of Vermont from a different vantage point. You will even see Mount Mansfield, Vermont's tallest mountain! This afternoon, we'll have another **choice between 1) Green Mountain Centerpiece Making**: If it is making a centerpiece using items in your yard that will bring you joy, this one-of-a-kind garden store is where you should choose to spend your hour! Or **2) International Coffee Lab**: Looking for a different option? Experience this International Lab's one hour class on coffee's complex process from bean selection to the understanding of a coffee's bouquet once roasted. **Dinner will be included at a local favorite before ending the night in Waterbury.**

### Day 7 B, D

We will start our day with an included breakfast. Our first stop will be at **Ben and Jerry's**. No visit to VT is complete without a stop at the factory to learn how two high school friends became entrepreneurs in the ice cream industry. Your Ben and Jerry's Factory Tour is next and will fill you with ice cream knowledge-and a little ice cream. Visit the **Shelburne Museum**, an unparalleled and unique experience of American history, art, and design. We'll tour **Shelburne Farm**: park at the gift store and wander or take a ride on a tractor-pull through one of the most picturesque working farms in the state, see the Vanderbilt Webb estate (now the Inn) and the Farm Barns including their animals and their award-winning cheese-making facility. **Dinner will be included at a local favorite.**

### Day 8 B, L

After breakfast, we'll make a QUICK STOP at **Cold Hollow Cider**, a local Cider Mill and Winery: A Vermont legend since 1974, the Mill is now New England's largest producer of apple cider. Enjoy an included **lunch in Middlebury at the Inn commonly referred to as the "Bob Newhart Inn"**; known as the inspiration for the show with the same name. Remember Larry, Daryl, and Daryl? This charming inn truly depicts Vermont. Then relax and enjoy the scenic drive as we begin our journey home.

### Day 9 B

Enjoy breakfast before we continue our journey home.



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