

SUMMARY

- December 1: Brandon
- December 2: Manchester
- December 3: Weston-Woodstock
- December 4: Middlebury, Shelburne, Stowe
- December 5: A day with the Trapp Family
- December 6: Homeward Bound

INCLUSIONS

- Round trip airfare to Albany or Burlington
- Round trip airport transfers
- Full size luxury motor coach
- 3 nights at the Brandon Inn, 2 nights at the Trapp Family Lodge
- Daily breakfast, 5 dinners
- Admission and inclusions as per itinerary
- Tour director and step on guide
- Luggage handling for one bag per person (excludes airline baggage fees)
- All resort, service, and government fees
- All gratuities for drivers, and guides

Travel Protection
is available
and strongly
recommended

Contact Sue Plummer - splummer@verabank.com

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\$500.00 deposit due within 5 days of reservation

Final payment due August 23, 2020

Cancellation:

No penalty through August 28, 2020

50% non refundable August 29, 2020

100% non-refundable October 1, 2020



A CHRISTMAS IN VERMONT

December 1 - 6, 2020

**INCLUDING AN AUSTRIAN CHRISTMAS
AT THE FAMOUS TRAPP FAMILY LODGE!**



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ITINERARY (Subject to change)

December 1: Brandon. Arrive at the Albany or Burlington airport to be met by your Universal Travel representative and head to your home for the next three nights, the historic and charming **Brandon Inn**. The inn was established in 1786 and sits in the quintessential Vermont village of Brandon. It is included on the National Register of Historic Places and while there are no TV's in the rooms, there is one on each floor! Your welcome dinner is prepared and hosted by the Inn's owner Chef Louis! **Overnight Brandon Inn (D)**

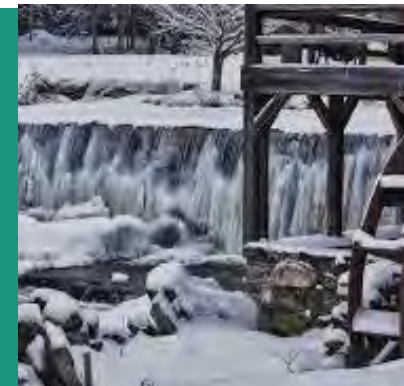
December 2: Manchester. After breakfast, meet your local guide and head to Manchester to visit **Hildine** - Lincoln's family estate. Robert Hildine (the only son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln to survive to maturity) built this as a summer home at the turn of the century. Explore this beautiful 24-room home which has been decorated as if it 1912! Enjoy lunch on your own and then join us for a real treat! Visit the **Chocolatorium** and learn how chocolate is made and the care that goes into their delicious homemade chocolate. Build and decorate your own Christmas Tree to take home. Don't forget to shop at the chocolate shop before you leave! Take some time to relax at the hotel before leaving for dinner at **Cafe Provence**, a local French Restaurant. But that's not all! Before dinner, experience a **private live cooking demo from "the kitchen"** and taste the incredible results! After dinner have a seat in the hotel's ballroom with your fellow travelers for some good **old-fashioned carol sing-a-long**. **Overnight Brandon Inn (B,D)**

December 3: Weston-Woodstock. Travel with your local guide to the **Village of Weston** and step over the threshold into the **Vermont Country Store**. Experience the joy of America's past with such treasures as Slinky boxes, sock monkeys, and wooden toys made in America. Candy is everywhere and you are sure to find bits and pieces of your childhood with products like Tangee Lipstick and Anti-Monkey Butt powder! Later in the morning take a drive through the **President Coolidge State Historic Site** - the childhood home of our 30th President. Next you visit **Woodstock Village** where you can enjoy lunch on your own and visit all of the charming Americana including a covered bridge in the center of town, and many quaint shops. Your journey continues to **Billings Farm and Museum**, a fully-operational dairy farm and a museum of Vermont's rural heritage. Stroll through the Farm Manager's house, which is authentically decorated for Christmas in late 1800's style...Watch the **milking of the Jersey cows** in the Dairy barn, followed by a **cheese tasting**. Take a driving tour of **Killington Ski Area** and then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **Overnight: Brandon Inn (B, D)**

December 4: Middlebury, Shelburne, Stowe. Check out of the Brandon Inn and travel to **Middlebury**. Your first stop is **Danforth Pewter** where you'll see artisans at work making beautiful pewter products. Next, taste the **Woodchuck Hard Cider** - made in small batches and take a tour where it's made and sample different flavors. Take some home if you wish! Board your luxury coach and travel to **Shelburne** where you will visit the famous **Vermont Teddy Bear Factory**. Learn how bears are made from start to finish and visit the **Bear Hospital** where you will meet Dr. Nancy and check on the patients who have been sent in for care. Later today check into the famous 2500 acre **Trapp Family Lodge and Resort**, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy afternoon Tea served for you in the lounge while you admire the fully and beautifully decorated Austrian Christmas-style lodge. Tonight's dinner will be in the lodge's dining room. **Overnight: Trapp Family Lodge(B,D)**

December 5: A day with the Trapp Family. After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy a private tour about the history of the Trapp Family Lodge. The tour begins with an overview of the Trapp family actual history (versus the movie version). After a documentary of **"The Real Maria,"** it's all about the **Trapp Family Maple Syrup!** Learn how they make it and sample different grades. Enjoy lunch on your own in **Stowe**, take time to shop and browse in this charming town, known for the most photographed church steeple. To complete your Austrian Christmas experience, you will tour the family's own brewery. Tonight's farewell dinner will be served at the **Bierhall** and course, a flight of four different beers flavors is served with dinner! **Overnight: Trapp Family Lodge (B,D)**

December 6: After breakfast it's time to head home. Travel to the airport and head home for the real Christmas with many memories of your Christmas in Vermont! **(B)**



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VERMONT!

Featuring a
Country
Christmas at the
Brandon Inn,
followed by an
Austrian
Christmas at the
famous Trapp
Family Lodge

