



Vermont Convention Bureau

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Vermont Attractions- Attractive Meeting Sites!

Take advantage of cruises along the calming, picturesque waters of Lake Champlain, museums in vibrant downtown or bucolic farm settings and everything in between. Vermont offers many exceptional attractions to build into your overall meeting program or to consider for an off-site meeting or event.

Hildene, the historic summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln offers several unique function facilities including the main home, gardens or an elegant tented event www.hildene.org.

The Spirit of Ethan Allen III can accommodate up to 424 passengers and offers four scenic narrated cruises daily, lunch, brunch and themed dinner cruises May through October. Special event cruise, private charters and meeting space also available. www.soea.com.

Echo at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain interprets the ecological, geological, biological, and cultural history of the Lake Champlain Basin. Groups can host small meetings or larger scale receptions or special events amongst the many lake exhibits

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Streamline your venue search and take advantage of special incentives offered by many Vermont meeting locations.

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while enjoying a breathtaking view of Lake Champlain www.echovermont.org.

Simon Pearce offers a distinctive location for lunch or dinner. Vermont artists are on site creating specialty hand blown glass and pottery www.simonpearce.com.



Billings Farm & Museum, a working dairy and museum dedicated to telling the story of Vermont's farming heritage is a one of a kind location for an off site event www.billingsfarm.org.

Lake Champlain Cruises/Northern Lights offer scenic cruises, lunch and dinner cruises and is available for charter for up to 150 people www.lakechamplaincruises.com.

Shelburne Museum is one of the nation's finest, most diverse and unconventional museums of art and Americana. Visit the museum's many collections as part of an off site activity or make the museum part of your event. Events can be hosted in select settings or on the grounds for a tented event www.shelburnemuseum.org.

Shelburne Farms, located on Lake Champlain, is a 1,400 acre working farm in a setting designed by famed landscape designer, Frederick Law Olmstead, designer of Central Park and the Boston Public Garden. Venues for events include the main Inn, the Carriage Barn and various sites for tented events www.shelburnefarms.org

Champlain Valley Exposition - one of Vermont's premier special event centers www.cvexpo.org.

Or consider one of Vermont's more traditional attractions, where it's all about the tour, the history and the shopping!

Ben & Jerry's - www.benjerry.com

Vermont Teddy Bear Factory - www.vermontteddybear.com

Vermont Country Store - www.vermontcounrystore.com

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum - www.lcmm.org

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Featured Property of the Month: Basin Harbor Club



Gorgeous views of mountains and lake, extensive floral gardens and the reassuring history of four generations of ownership since 1886, provide the setting. The combination is breathtaking and unique, and is all included when you bring your next meeting or even your family to Basin Harbor Club.

Choose from well-appointed facilities that include high-speed wireless internet access to produce the perfect business session. In addition, our out-door settings allow for creativity to flow, and are ideal for team building activities, social gatherings and networking with lake view sunsets after busy work sessions. Whether you are looking for a location for a meeting or a family vacation, Basin Harbor offers something for you!

Group Meeting Special- Celebrate 400 years of Lake Champlain with Basin Harbor.

\$160.90 per night per room, Single or Double Occupancy. Package includes: One hour cocktail reception, private tour of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, in-house AV and a special talk for your group about the history of the lake.



Family Vacation Summer 2009 ~ Celebrate 400 years of Lake Champlain

Nowhere else can you view the lake the way that Samuel De Champlain did 400 years ago when he crossed this beautiful lake which is home to Basin Harbor Club. This special package will inspire all ages and is offered all season based on availability.

Included is five nights at a special rate of \$1,609 along with lake excursion on the Escape cruise boat, welcome basket with special Quadricentennial gift, \$200 Basin Bucks to be spent anywhere on property, complimentary boat rental each day up to 90 minutes, complimentary bikes rentals for all 5 days, copy of A.P. Beach's book, As Centuries Pass, passes to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, country breakfast buffet each day and \$50 Red Mill dollars.

Rates are based on double occupancy. Tax and service additional. www.basinharbor.com or paul@basinharbor.com.

Or for more information on Basin Harbor Club you can also contact the Vermont Convention Bureau - www.vermontmeetings.com or gigi@vermont.org.

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VCB Member News

Woodstock Inn

The Woodstock Inn & Resort recently opened a new restaurant named The Red Rooster. The modern design uses classic rustic Vermont elements and offers a menu that draws from the best purveyors in New England, emphasizing fresh, local ingredients while highlighting specialty cheeses, shellfish, and heirloom fruits and vegetables. Lunch and dinner are offered between 12 noon and 10 p.m. daily and small group dining is also available, www.woodstockinn.com.

The M/V Northern Lights

A breathtaking setting for your next meeting or event. We are proud to offer both off-site

activities as an attraction venue as well as space for your next meeting or conference banquet. Whether it is a lunch or scenic cruise for a daytime escape, an unparalleled backdrop for your breakfast meeting, or a cocktail reception cruise to unwind with your guests after a day of meetings, we have many options to make your next visit unforgettable, www.lakechamplaincruises.com.

Notch Above Tours

Make your conference a memorable one. When you book your meeting or event in Vermont, treat your attendees to the complete Vermont Experience. We customize outings and behind-the-scenes experiences designed to impress your guests. Try our golfing, kayaking, fishing, culinary, wine-tasting, sugar on snow, Vermont-made craft shopping, and world renowned Vermont landmarks outings. www.notchabovetours.com

The Essex, Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa

Nourish Your Meetings - Looking to connect in new ways? Even if you're meeting at another Burlington area location, consider adding culinary team-building, small group cooking classes, wine pairings or fabulous dinners with chef demos at The Essex, Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa, home of New England Culinary Institute, www.vtculinaryresort.com.

Doubletree Burlington

New Bookings February 16, 2009-March 31, 2010 and consumed during the same time frame. Book 50-150+ total paid group room nights and be eligible to select 1-3 items from the following list below: Complimentary room ratio of 1 per 35 paid group room nights, 25% allowable attrition based on room night pick-up, Double HHonors Points for the attendees, Complimentary staff meals for up to 4 staff members, 2% rebate on consumed room revenue, 500 Event Planner HHonors Points per room night paid. Total number of eligible items varies depending upon total paid group room nights. www.burlington.doubletree.com

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