



## Vermont Convention Bureau

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### Meet in Vermont...

#### **In a Castle, a Gilded Age Summer Home or a Restored Round Barn!**

Vermont offers many exceptional locations for meetings and events especially for smaller programs such as board meetings, strategic planning sessions and retreats.

Have you considered meeting in a castle? The Castle Hill Resort & Spa offers a rare setting for meetings. The main building was built by a well-to-do former Vermont Governor, Allen Miller Fletcher, at the turn of the century. Small events are ideal in the mansion building or under the resort's elegant function tent which can host groups up to 250.

How about a gilded age summer home? The historic Inn at Shelburne Farms on Lake Champlain, originally the 19th century home of Dr. William Seward and Lila Vanderbilt Webb, was restored in 1987 as a seasonal inn and today offers a spectacular setting for a small board meeting, retreat or planning sessions. The Carriage Barn is a great venue for an off site reception or dinner for larger groups meeting in the surrounding area.

Vermont's landscape is famous for the rural family farm and the village church steeple. Did you know you can meet in a round barn in Vermont? The Round Barn Farm offers a beautifully restored 19th century farmhouse inn and an adjacent round barn which was renovated and developed into a unique facility for meetings, retreats, reunions and weddings. The barn can accommodate up to 200 attendees for a seated event.

Looking for more of a traditional village country inn? The Arlington Inn beautifully decorated with graceful antiques and Vermont country charm offers a special setting for small meetings in the

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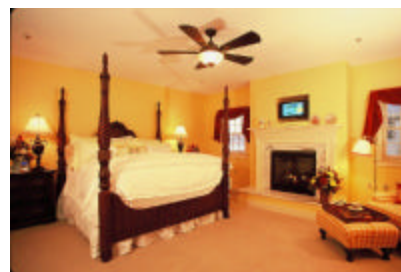
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main inn or larger scale events under a tent in the gardens or in the carriage barn.

Meet in Vermont where you can host groups of five to one thousand and you can meet in a traditional hotel, resort or the extraordinary castle, gilded age summer home, restored round barn or a time-honored village inn. Let the Vermont Convention Bureau assist you in finding the perfect location to meet and exceed your needs.

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## Featured Property of the Month: The Reluctant Panther



The Reluctant Panther is a small luxury hotel situated at the foot of Mount Equinox in historic Manchester Village and boasts unparalleled service, outstanding dining and flexible meeting spaces. Owner/Innkeepers Liz and Jerry Lavalley designed an approach to serve discriminating clientele based on their own personal experience. After spending nearly thirty years in their respective corporate executive positions, the Lavalleys were determined to make the Reluctant Panther the kind of place they always wanted to stay and hold meetings in, a place that was warm and inviting, with great food and inviting atmosphere.

In addition to an outstanding service model, the inn offers access to the inherent amenities of a New England Village, four season



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outdoor activities and a beautiful landscape with premier shopping and dining as well. Twenty individually designed, elegant guest rooms feature fireplaces, hydrotherapy tubs, wireless internet services and flat screen plasma televisions. Meeting and dining spaces are customizable and can be outfitted with state of the art audio visual equipment. The inn's experienced staff can create efficient and sophisticated set ups for presentations, meetings, break out space, receptions and dinners.



Dining is truly exceptional. The Main House dining room features refined American Cuisine and an award-winning wine list. The Panther Pub presents lighter, more casual fare and exceptional cocktails. A full American breakfast comes with gorgeous views of the gardens, grounds and Mount Equinox. As a potential site for your next corporate retreat, strategic planning session or private dinner, the Reluctant Panther offers an experience that is in keeping with your objectives and desires.

[Visit The Reluctant Panther's website](#), or contact the Vermont Convention Bureau for more information:  
[www.vermontmeetings.com](http://www.vermontmeetings.com) or [gigi@vermont.org](mailto:gigi@vermont.org).



## VCB News

### **Arlington Inn Becomes a Green Hotel in the Green Mountain State**

Eric and Elizabeth Berger, owners of the historic Arlington Inn with 17 guestrooms and full service restaurant, in Arlington, Vermont, were recently designated as a **GREEN HOTEL** in the Green Mountain State ([www.vtgreenhotels.org](http://www.vtgreenhotels.org)). The award is bestowed by the Vermont Business Environmental Partnership Program for their efforts in improving environmental management at The

Arlington Inn. The owners agree that Green is good for business and the environment.

[www.arlingtoninn.com](http://www.arlingtoninn.com)

#### **Doubletree Hotel Burlington Wins International Award**

David Horton, Senior Vice President of Brand Management for Doubletree Hotels Corporation has announced that the Doubletree Hotel Burlington has won the prestigious CARE CUP AWARD for second quarter 2008. The hotel placed first out of more than 200 Doubletree hotels world-wide earning outstanding scores for innovative ideas to enhance guest service, employee performance and practices and community participation.

[Visit the DoubleTree's website.](#)

#### **The Inn at Essex to Open New Spa**

The Northeast USA's newest resort spa opens May 2009 at The Inn at Essex in Greater Burlington. State-of-the-art treatment rooms, fitness center, group exercise space and giant outdoor hot tub complement the full-service resort's two restaurants, conference space, culinary classes, golf, tennis, fly-casting academy, ropes/climbing course, outlet shopping - all close to Burlington International Airport, Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains.

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#### **Woodstock Inn & Resort**

*Conde Nast Traveler* magazine lists Woodstock Inn & Resort as one of the top 50 Ski Hotels in their December 2008 issue. During the recent holiday season Woodstock, Vermont was named one of the Top Christmas Towns by HGTV.

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