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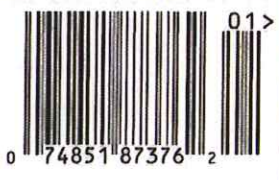
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Foodies,  
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**BONUS!** BOSTON'S TOP HOTELS

glade runs) attract telemark and alpine skiers. 4850 ROUTE 242, JAY, 802-988-2611, JAYPEAKRESORT.COM.

#### KINGDOM TRAILS

Created by a group of local mountain bikers, who secured the permission of 42 landowners and businesses, the 100-mile network of Kingdom Trails winds through unspoiled fields, farms, streambeds, and woodlands for the ultimate off-road biking, hiking, skiing, or snowshoeing experience. ROUTE 114, EAST BURKE, 802-626-0737, KINGDOMTRAILS.ORG.

#### \* MAPLE GROVE FARMS

Sweet tooths will find plenty to chomp on at this working sugarhouse, which is one of the largest maple-syrup packers in the U.S. and the world's largest manufacturer of maple candy. Tours of the factory demonstrate how tree sap is turned into amber-colored syrup, while the gift shop offers ample opportunities to pick up a sugary treat. 1052 PORTLAND ST., ST. JOHNSBURY, 802-748-5141, MAPLEGROVE.COM.

#### TROUT RIVER BREWING COMPANY

Stop in at this tiny microbrewery to sample some impressively good ales. 58 BROAD ST., LYNDONVILLE, 802-626-9396, TROUTRIVERBREWING.COM.

## North Central

Washington, Lamoille, and Orange counties.

### LODGING

#### THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

A charming old mansion built in 1893 by a Vermont governor, this building is a replica of a Georgian home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and staying here feels like stepping back in time.

\* LODGING >> Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe

Opened in June 2008, this impressive slope-side getaway blends top-tier service, an elegant spa, a restaurant, a golf club, and year-round diversions. Not only is the 139-room hotel smack in the middle of the Stowe Mountain Resort—a mecca for ski hounds—it's also full of amenities like goose-down beds, flat-screen TVs, and marble baths. Boston stylist Mario Russo has a salon on-site, while executive chef Sean Buchanan cooks up local, organic fare at Solstice.

7412 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 888-478-6938, stowemountainlodge.com. \$\$\$

Its rooms are decorated with antiques, and an English-style afternoon tea is served. 100 MAIN ST., HYDE PARK, 802-888-6888, ONEHUNDREDDMAIN.COM. \$\$

#### THE GREEN MOUNTAIN INN

You can't get more centrally located than the Green Mountain Inn, a 107-room brick building in the center of Stowe Village. Rooms here are on the small side, but, with quilted canopy beds, gas fireplaces, and Jacuzzi tubs, they're a great bargain. 18 MAIN ST., STOWE, 800-253-7302, GREENMOUNTAININN.COM. \$

#### THE INN AT LAREAU FARM

A copy of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* is found in every room at this Mad River Valley B&B. That should give you a clue to the sensibility here—the laid-back inn, complete with an In-house organic pizza joint, is the sort of place where guests linger with a pint at an outdoor bonfire. 49 LAREAU RD., WAITSFIELD, 802-496-4949, LAREAUFARMINN.COM. \$

#### \* THE INN AT THE ROUND

**BARN FARM**  
See page 12. 1661 E. WARREN RD., WAITSFIELD, 802-496-2276, THEROUNDBARN.COM. \$\$\$

#### \* THE PITCHER INN

After a day on the slopes, a bare-bones lodge is hardly a dream come true. Opt instead for the incredible luxury of the Pitcher Inn, which is located near Sugarbush Resort and not far from Mad River Glen. There are in-room spa services, as well as in-suite fireplaces and steam showers. 275 MAIN ST., WARREN, 802-496-6350, PITCHERINN.COM. \$\$\$

#### THE SMUGGLERS' NOTCH INN

A kid-friendly getaway situated in a mountain pass, Smugglers' Notch is a welcome respite after days spent hiking or skiing. Recently renovated rooms come with Jacuzzi tubs and fireplaces, and there's a communal outdoor hot tub out on the back deck for starry dips.

55 CHURCH ST., JEFFERSONVILLE, 802-644-6607, SMUGGSINN.COM. \$

#### STONE HILL INN

Sorry, kids—this getaway in Stowe is for couples only. Everything about this B&B is designed around romance, from the two-person Jacuzzi baths and fireplaces in every room to the outdoor hot tub under the stars. 89 HOUSTON FARM RD., STOWE, 802-253-6282, STONEHILLINN.COM. \$\$\$

#### \* STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE

See description below. 7412 MOUNTAIN RD., STOWE, 888-478-6938, STOWEMOUNTAINLodge.com. \$\$\$

#### STOWEFLAKE MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA

If your ideal vacation activities can be done on foot, wheel, motorized vehicle, board, skate, or ski, then stop your search—this 50-year-old mountain playground will challenge your ability to squeeze it all in, then reward you with its top-notch restaurants and second-to-none spa treatments. 1746 MOUNTAIN RD., STOWE, 802-253-7355, STOWEFLAKE.COM. \$\$\$-\$\$\$

#### \* TOPNOTCH RESORT AND SPA

Despite its size, Topnotch still spoils its guests—think super-thick mattresses, upscale-country-house décor, and fresh-baked cookies on arrival. It's far from snooty, though: As a kid- and pet-friendly place, it's more home-style getaway than über-luxe retreat. For your daily does of indulgence, head to the 35,000-square-foot spa, or retreat to a glassed-in hot tub with a view of the slopes. (Hint: For complete relaxation, check in midweek, when there are fewer guests.) 4000 MOUNTAIN RD., STOWE, 800-451-8686, TOPNOTCHRESORT.COM. \$\$\$

#### TRAPP FAMILY LODGE

Brought to you by the family that inspired *The Sound of Music*, the Trepp Family Lodge oozes Austrian charm, hosts plenty of summer wine events and concerts, and affords views of the surrounding "hills." It might move you to burst into song—which you can do during the resort's regular sing-alongs. 700 TRAPP HILL RD., STOWE, 800-826-7000, TRAPPFAMILY.COM. \$\$\$-\$\$\$

### DINING

#### ALCHEMIST PUB & BREWERY

Beer aficionados will adore this brewpub in Waterbury, which boasts a changing lineup of craft ales and lagers. Pair your pint with a plate full of tavern fare like burgers, bratwurst, and smothered fries. 23 S. MAIN ST., WATERBURY, 802-244-4120, ALCHEMISTBEER.COM. \$-\$\$

#### AMERICAN FLATBREAD

It began as a backyard experiment and grew into a weekends-only joint, then a wholesale frozen-pizza enterprise and more restaurants. Visit the original and taste the simple, delicious wood-fired pies topped with artisan ingredients like Vermont-made sausage and organic tomato sauce. 46 LAREAU RD., WAITSFIELD, 802-496-8856, AMERICANFLATBREAD.COM. \$-\$\$

#### THE BEE'S KNEES

Adored by children for its basket of toys and offerings like mac and cheese (with locally made cheddar, naturally), the Bee's Knees also appeals to parents. With Junior blissfully occupied, they can enjoy their organic greens or steak-and-ale potpie to the sound of live folk-rock.

82 LOWER MAIN ST., MORRISVILLE, 802-888-7889, THEBEEKNEES-VT.COM. \$\$

#### BLUE MOON CAFÉ

This blue village house charms diners with a warm interior of exposed beams, white tablecloths, and rustic chairs. The menu is equally comforting: locally sourced creations such as free-range chicken enchiladas and pear and parsnip soup. 35 SCHOOL ST., STOWE, 802-253-7006, BLUEMOONSTOWE.COM. \$\$-\$\$\$

#### CIDER HOUSE BBQ AND PUB

Craving Southern-style food when you're way up north? Cider House does some of the best barbecue around, from the tender brisket to falling-apart pulled pork. While grownups can swill suds from local breweries, kids can enjoy fresh apple cider from Cold Hollow Cider Mill. 1675 ROUTE 2, WATERBURY, 802-244-8400, CIDERHOUSEVT.COM.

#### \* HEN OF THE WOOD

See page 20. 92 STOWE ST., WATERBURY, 802-244-7300, HENOFTHWOOD.COM. \$\$\$

#### J. MORGAN'S STEAKHOUSE

Inside the large, nondescript Capitol Plaza hotel is a surprisingly good steakhouse serving house-aged prime cuts and one of the best (and biggest) brunches around. 100 STATE ST., MONTPELIER, 802-223-5222, CAPITOLPLAZA.COM. \$\$-\$\$\$

#### MAIN STREET GRILL AND BAR

Functioning as a "production lab" for students at the New England Culinary Institute, this casual restaurant in the capital aims to connect aspiring chefs (and diners) with the bounty of area farms. The "farm to table" menu showcases straightforward American fare (stews, chowders, grilled and roasted poultry and meats) with a Vermont twist. 118 MAIN ST., MONTPELIER, 802-223-3188, NEDCINNING.COM. \$\$\$

#### MICHAEL'S ON THE HILL

A chef-owned restaurant, Michael's focuses on "locally driven European cuisine." For diners, that means an ever-changing menu that employs the freshest ingredients around—artisan cheeses, grass-fed meats, and local in-season produce. 4182 WATERBURY-STOWE RD., WATERBURY, 802-244-7476, MICHAELS ONTHEHILL.COM. \$\$\$

#### NORMA'S

Located inside the plush Topnotch Resort, the cuisine at Norma's restaurant is as high-end as you'd expect. Think prime rib with Barolo reduction, grilled veal chop with cranberry mostarda, and a killer wine list. 4000 MOUNTAIN RD., STOWE, 800-451-8686, TOPNOTCHRESORT.COM. \$\$\$

#### TRATTORIA LA FESTA

For a quarter-century, the two brothers behind La Festa have maintained a bustling atmosphere. They serve authentic favorites like veal medallions with wild mushrooms and brandy, and penne carbonara. Whatever you do, don't skip the tiramisu. 4080 UPPER MOUNTAIN RD., STOWE, 802-253-8480, STOWETRATTORIA LAFESTA.COM. \$\$-\$\$\$

### SHOPPING

#### COTSWOLD FURNITURE MAKERS

Heavy hardwoods, clean lines, and functional brilliance characterize the furniture of master carver John Lomas. Every piece is custom-crafted from solid American black cherry, white oak,

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FOOD

## State Fare

Vermont's most road trip-worthy meals.

BY AMY TRAVERSO



▲ **VERMONTE CRISTO, MOUNTAIN CREAMERY** Start with French toast; stuff liberally with fresh roasted turkey, local ham, and Swiss. Grill, then broil until warm and serve with maple syrup on the side. It's all the flavors of Vermont in one generous package, and hearty enough to fuel your walk up nearby Mount Tom (or just back to your B & B). 33 Central St., Woodstock, 802-457-1715, [mountaincreameryvt.com](http://mountaincreameryvt.com).

>> **POUTINE, BLUEBIRD TAVERN** If you're going to be this close to the Quebec border, you might as well get a taste of the Great White North: This slightly more upscale version of the Canadian national dish combines crisp fries and creamy cheese curds, all coated in meaty, velvety gravy. In the hands of chef Aaron Joslinsky, the messy dish achieves something like elegance. 317 Riverside Ave., Burlington, 802-540-1788, [bluebirdvermont.com](http://bluebirdvermont.com).

>> **CIDER DOUGHNUTS, COLD HOLLOW CIDER MILL** Bite into one of these tender rings and you'll first taste nutmeg and cinnamon. But underneath the spice, cider lends an irresistible tang and tenderness. It's the ultimate Vermont treat, straight from a charming bakery with on-site cider presses. 3600 Waterbury-Stowe Rd., Waterbury Center, 802-244-8771, [coldhollow.com](http://coldhollow.com).

>> **BRAISED LAMB GNOCCHI, SOLSTICE AT STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE** Here's a dish that typifies Vermont's foodie renaissance: local lamb braised until tender and served in a pomegranate-accented ragu with tender gnocchi, Maplebrook ricotta, and leeks. 7412 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 802-760-4735, [stowemountainlodge.com](http://stowemountainlodge.com).

>> **MUSHROOM TARTINE, HEN OF THE WOOD** Of the many foods that Vermont produces, its thick-cut bacon, artisan bread, and wild mushrooms are particularly noteworthy. Leave it to chef Eric Warnstedt to combine them—jazzed up with a little parsley, garlic, and shallots—in a perfectly simple open-face sandwich. 92 Stowe St., Waterbury, 802-244-7300, [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com).

>> **STICKY BUNS, KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKERY** From the mother ship of fine pastry products come these soft, milk- and butter-enriched treats laced with cinnamon and topped with glazed pecans and syrup. The able bakers at King Arthur turn out many a fine treat in the house café, but it's the buns that really take the cake. 135 Route 5 S., Norwich, 802-649-3381, [kingarthurfour.com](http://kingarthurfour.com).