

# TOUR INFORMATION

**Sunday, September 23**

## **North Central Vermont Tour**

**Boyden Valley Winery:** Experience one of Vermont's most unique attractions where over a dozen internationally award-winning fruit wines are produced. All of the wines are made from Vermont-grown fruit and many of them are certified organic. (*Cambridge, VT*)

**Vermont Maple Outlet:** See why Vermont has an international reputation for maple sugar. Rick and Diane Marsh sell Vermont maple products including maple cream, maple candy, maple fudge, Vermont specialty foods including cheeses, meats, honey and gift boxes — and of course, maple syrup. (*Jeffersonville, VT*)

**Cold Hollow Cider Mill:** Apples play a major role in Vermont's agricultural economy and at Cold Hollow you will see cider being made on their large cider press, much the same way as it has been for centuries. Also on site are a jelly making room, natural ingredients bakery, retail store and mail order operation. (*Waterbury Ctr., VT*)

## **Champlain Valley Tour**

**Allenholm Orchards:** Established in 1870, Allenholm Orchards is Vermont's oldest commercial apple grower. Nestled in the beautiful Champlain Valley, over 100 acres of trees yield an average of 30,000 bushels of apples annually. Also on site are sweet and sour cherries, pears, plums, raspberries and blueberries. (*South Hero, VT*)

**Snow Farm Vineyard:** Vermont's first commercial grape vineyard and winery began operations in 1997, just a stone's throw from the shores of Lake Champlain. It's 1998 Reisling took a silver medal at the 2000 Taster's Guild International Wine Competition surpassing dozens of more established wineries. (*South Hero, VT*)

**Montagne Dairy Farm:** Vermont is the nation's 14th largest milk producer and derives over 80% of its agricultural income from dairy products. This is your opportunity to see one of the state's finest dairy operations in action. Near scenic Lake Champlain, David and Kathy Montagne are currently milking over 500 cows and cropping over 1,000 acres. (*Swanton, VT*)

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**Monday, September 24**

## **Northeast Kingdom/Montpelier Tour**

**Cabot Cooperative Creamery:** In 1919, 94 Cabot farmers purchased the building that became the original Cabot Creamery plant. It cost the farmers \$3,700 all together — \$5 per cow — plus one cord of wood each to fuel the boiler. Today, Cabot's award-winning cheeses are know throughout the world. See where it all began, and where it continues today in the state-of-the-art facility in the rocky rolling hills of Cabot. (*Cabot, VT*)

**Goodrich's Maple Farm:** History meets high tech at Goodrich's Maple Farm in Cabot. See a cutting edge facility that takes advantage of the latest innovations in maple production practices. History is not forgotten, however, with antique equipment displays. See how a tradition begun centuries ago has come into the 21st century. (*Cabot, VT*)

**The Vermont Statehouse:** Built in 1859, the current Vermont State House (which replaced the previous one, destroyed by fire in 1857) stands as one of the nation's oldest and best preserved state capitols. Built in the Renaissance Revival style popular at the time, the Vermont State House still commands the landscape of Montpelier, the smallest state capital in America. The House and Senate Chambers are the oldest Legislative chambers in their original condition anywhere in the country. High atop the gold-leaf dome stands Ceres, Roman goddess of Agriculture. (*Montpelier, VT*)

## **Addison County Tour**

**UVM Morgan Horse Farm:** This beautiful property of rolling green fields, pastures and woodland has known the beat of hundreds of famous Morgan hooves dating from the late 1800s to the present day. There are 60-80 Registered stallions, mares and foals at this National Historic Site. Far from being a relic of the past, it is a dynamic "work in progress" noted for supplying excellent stock to Morgan breeders throughout this nation and the world. (*Weybridge, VT*)

**Otter Creek Brewery:** Otter Creek shipped its first keg of beer in March 1991. After quickly outgrowing its original site, the company moved into a new state-of-the-art brewery just down the street. All of our beers are brewed in small batches to ensure freshness and consistent quality. Otter Creek currently brews three year 'round beers, a changing selection of seasonal ales, and surprise batches of specialty brews. (*Middlebury, VT*)

**Blue Spruce Farm:** With 2,200 head (1,000 of which are milked) and 2,500 acres of cropland the Audet family's Blue Spruce Farm is Vermont's largest dairy farm. Despite its size and modern management techniques, Blue Spruce Farm is still very much a Vermont family dairy farm. (*Bridport, VT*)