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## 7 FARM FRESH

in Northern Vermont

**STAY AT:** The Inn at Shelburne Farms, a 19th-century former estate on the shores of Lake Champlain (from \$155, shelburnefarms.org); **Twin Farms**, a bucolic hideout that sits on 300 pristine acres in Barnard (from \$1,450, all-inclusive, twinfarms.com).

**EAT + DRINK AT:** Hen of the Wood, a one-time flour mill that serves a mean lobster gratin and goat-milk dumplings; Misery Loves Co., where flannel-favoring chefs make the best pork buns (miserylovescovt.com); roadside stands advertising "Maple Creemeees," a state staple maple syrup soft-serve.

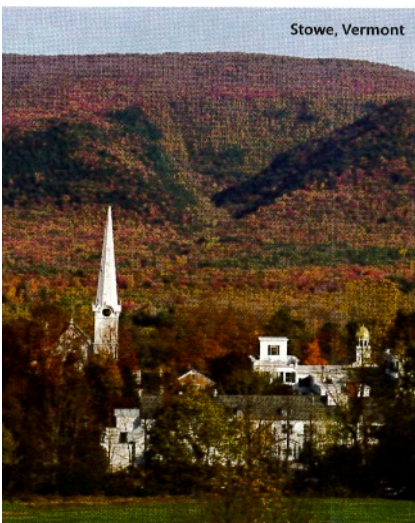
**EXPERIENCE:** North Beach, on Lake Champlain, in Burlington; Waterbury Center State Park and its mountain-cupped reservoir; Bingham Falls, in Stowe, during a day hike through Smugglers' Notch State Park.

### WORD OF MOUTH

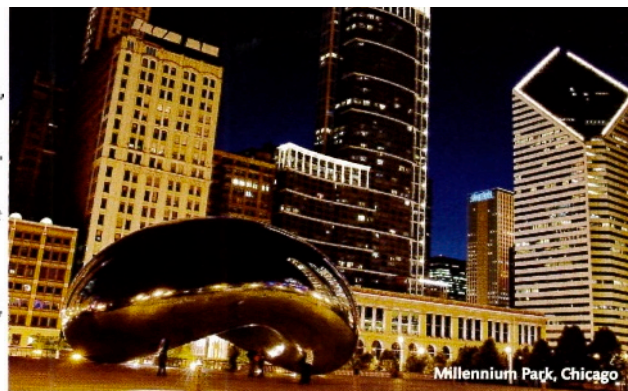
"Pittsford has my favorite antiques store, Tom's Treasures. I love going 'junking' there. It's also surrounded by foliage, so in fall, it's perfect for leaf-peeping."

—TATA HARPER

Founder of Tata Harper skin care, made on her Champlain Valley farm



Stowe, Vermont



Millennium Park, Chicago

## 8 MIDWEST MARVELING

in Chicago

**STAY AT:** The Langham, Chicago, a river-hugging flight of fancy with plush rooms and a spoil-yourself-silly Chuan Spa, in downtown (from \$395, chicago.langhamhotels.com); Hotel Lincoln, a more affordable option on the north side, for its kicking rooftop bar that overlooks Lincoln Park (from \$139, jdvhoteles.com).

**EAT + DRINK AT:** Parson's Chicken & Fish, in Logan Square, to nosh on fried bites and sip Negroni slushies on the patio (parsonschickenandfish.com); Next, a splurge-worthy spot in Fulton Market that requires tickets in advance for chef Grant Achatz's pre-fixe, boundary-pushing menu (next restaurant.com); The Aviary, where beyond-innovative cocktails might be served in an ice sphere (theaviary.com).

**EXPERIENCE:** The Second City, the comedy club that schooled Steve Carell and Tina Fey, among others, in Old Town (secondcity.com); Dose Market, a weekly pop-up collective of local artisans; Wicker Park and Bucktown, neighborhoods that, with their independent coffee brewers, one-off boutiques, and parks, are made for walking.

### WORD OF MOUTH

"My favorite date-night spot is Rustic House in Lincoln Park. It's very romantic, and the food is excellent. With a great glass or two of wine, that is all you need."

—KRISTIN CAVALLARI

TV personality, shoe designer for Chinese Laundry, and Chicago resident



Orcas Island, Washington

## 9 NORTHWEST WONDERS

on San Juan Islands, Washington

**STAY AT:** The Inn on Orcas Island, either in the wood-shingled main house or a private cottage (from \$155, theinnonorcasisland.com).

**EAT + DRINK AT:** Red Rabbit Farm, on Orcas Island, for a family-style meal of island-raised beef or lamb, with fruit and berry cobblers for dessert (redrabbitfarm.com); The Willows Inn, on neighboring Lummi Island, which offers an 18-course meal—reserve a spot two weeks on the dot before the date you want to dine (willows-inn.com).

**EXPERIENCE:** Orcas Island in an utterly exhilarating open-cockpit biplane ride booked through Magic Air Tours (magicair.com).

### WORD OF MOUTH

"Beautiful orcas live in Puget Sound—gray whales cruise by, too! Going out on a boat and seeing them is such an experience."

—LYNN SHELTON

Director of the new film Touchy Feely, Seattle resident, and frequent visitor to the San Juan Islands

## 10 SHORE THINGS

in Key West, Florida

**STAY AT:** Marquesa Hotel, a restored 1800s conch house with a courtyard pool and tranquilo demeanor (from \$170, marquesa.com); Little Palm Island, a resort with soaking tubs and outdoor showers in a castaway-chic setting 30 miles east on Little Torch Key (from \$690, littlepalmisland.com).

**EAT + DRINK AT:** Badboy Burrito, a local fish-taco fave (badboyburrito.com); Seven Fish, for plates of Thai-curry-doused grouper (7fish.com); Virgilio's, the spot to try a Key lime pie martini—when in Rome! (virgilioskeywest.com).

**EXPERIENCE:** Ernest Hemingway's 1930s residence, now a museum (hemingwayhome.com); Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum, which is filled with sunken treasure (melfisher.org); Bahia Honda State Park, where crystal-clear water laps serenely sandy strands on nearby Big Pine Key (bahia hondapark.com).

### WORD OF MOUTH

"Flamingo Crossing's ice cream is homemade and uses local ingredients for some pretty fresh flavors, like guava and soursop!"

—SAVANNAH JANE BUFFETT

Radio show host, Miami resident, and daughter of Jimmy Buffett



Key West, Florida

## Road Trip: Mountain High



**YOUR RIDE:** A '78 Alfa Romero Spider, with pickup and drop-off in Charlottesville, Virginia (from \$150 a day, sportscarrentals.com) **THE ROUTE:** The Blue Ridge Parkway, 469 miles that run from Virginia to North Carolina through Appalachian mountain passes, lakes, and forests (blueridgeparkway.org) **TRIP LENGTH:** 4 days **DON'T MISS:** The insane photo op and day hike to Humpback Rocks at Milepost 5.8