



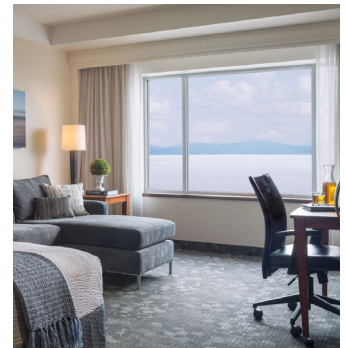
BURLINGTON FACT SHEET

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GENERAL INFO AND RECENT ACCOLADES

- **Home to over 42,000 residents, Burlington is the most populous city in Vermont.**
- In 2015, Burlington became the first city in the country to run entirely on renewable energy.
- Home to the University of Vermont (UVM) and Champlain College, visitors can enjoy college-town liveliness along with idyllic rural scenery.
- Located centrally between Boston, New York, and Montreal, Burlington is an ideal location. Burlington International Airport is located within 5 miles of the city's downtown and is an easy trip from over 12 major air hubs.
- **Travel and Leisure** listed Burlington as #8 of the 50 best places to travel in 2021.
- **Fodor** referenced Burlington as a domestic destination that feels like Europe (2021).
- **Marriot Bonvoy Traveler** featured Burlington as 1 of 7 Off-the-Beaten-Path Beach Towns (2021).



ACCOMMODATIONS

- The city of Burlington currently has 5 hotels within the downtown district and an additional 15 hotels throughout the region.
- Burlington offers an eclectic blend of properties for visitors, including downtown boutique hotels, corporate chains, and locally owned spas and resorts.
- The Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain and the DoubleTree by Hilton are the city's largest conference centers, offering group newly renovated meeting spaces that can accommodate 500-1200 attendees.

ATTRACTIONS

- The Church Street Marketplace is Burlington's famous pedestrian walkway, made up of a collection of over 75 local shops, restaurants, cafes, and bakeries. These local businesses are picturesquely situated along the brick-paved street adoringly known as "downtown".
- There is nothing more Vermont than Ben & Jerry's ice cream, so be sure to stop at the storefront down on Church Street or splurge and take a factory tour at Ben and Jerry's first manufacturing site.
- The Spirit of Ethan Allen cruise ship offers daily scenic tours and sunset cruises for up to 350 people on Lake Champlain.

ATTRACTIONS (CONT'D)

- The Echo Leahy Center is a museum on the waterfront with a mission to engage families in the joy of scientific discovery, the wonder of nature, and the care of Lake Champlain.
- The Ethan Allen Homestead was built in 1787 by Revolutionary war hero Ethan Allen and is the only surviving residence of his in the state. Visitors can experience a taste of 18th-century life in the museum and can explore walking and bicycling paths as well as community gardens.
- Shelburne Farms is a non-profit education center for sustainability. This National Historic Landmark is a local gem with a 1,400-acre working farm that has walking trails, dining, an inn, and a farm store open to the public.

OUTDOOR

- Burlington offers proximity to a wide range of outdoor activities in the Green Mountains and on Lake Champlain. Its unique climate provides the best of both worlds: glorious, warm summers and snow-filled winters! Year-round, there are endless ways to take advantage of the outdoors.

Mountains

- Skiing and Riding: Burlington is less than an hour from five premier ski resorts including Stowe, Smuggler's Notch, Sugarbush, Mad River, and Bolton Valley. With some of the highest snowfall counts in New England, Burlington is a top destination for skiing.



- Snowshoeing, ice skating, Nordic and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fat tire biking, and ice climbing are also favorable activities throughout the winter season. Gear for these winter activities can be easily rented at various shops in Burlington, allowing anyone to try something new!

- Burlington's closest ski resort, Bolton Valley Resort, is a quick drive from downtown Burlington and offers access to some of the east coast's best backcountry terrain and night skiing on resort trails every night.
- Burlington boasts easy access to a vast number of year-round hiking trails in the Green Mountains. The breathtaking views are especially magnificent during Vermont's renowned fall foliage season.

Lake

- Roughly 120-miles long, Lake Champlain has a plethora of scenic adventures including paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing, kitesurfing, and windsurfing.
- Private fishing charters that take advantage of Lake Champlain's acclaimed fishing can be arranged conveniently from the Burlington waterfront.
- Greater Burlington is home to many beaches overlooking Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains. These beaches are a perfect spot to soak in the sun, picnic, and swim.
- The Burlington Greenway (Bike Path) is a prized possession of the city, an 8-mile paved path that runs along the shores of Lake Champlain. This is great for a scenic bike ride, run, or walk.

FOOD AND DRINK

- Farmer's Markets have long been a local staple. Held weekly from spring through autumn, the Burlington Farmer's Market features over 90 stands stocked with fresh produce, flowers, artisan wares, prepared foods, and more.
- Each as unique as the next, Burlington boasts over 100 different restaurants with every type of food imaginable. With an emphasis on locally sourced ingredients, many restaurants draw on the region's community farms to provide the freshest food around.
- James Beard nominated restaurants with daily-changing menus make Burlington a top foodie destination near and far.
- Pizza joints, vintage diners, fresh juice-pressing shops, noodle bars, kebab houses, cozy cafes, and food trucks are just examples of some of the marvelous eateries in Burlington.

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