

## EXPLORE THE CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS

Offered by Notch Above Tours

*Only accessible by three bridges, Vermont's islands have been able to maintain a uniquely peaceful and artful way of life. Discover a birdhouse forest, driftwood creations and miniature castles that were lovingly constructed from field stones.*



The Vermont islands may not be tropical and planted with palm trees, but they are rich in history, beauty and New England charm. Nestled between the Adirondack Mountains of New York and the Green Mountains of Vermont, and surrounded by the waters of Lake Champlain, the islands afford some of the most spectacular views in New England.

Your first stop is at Hero's Welcome. This authentic general store is located in a century-old building in the Village of North Hero, which was founded in 1788. The property includes several buildings, bakery, café, marina, post office and general store.

Your next stop is at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. This historical landmark, on the site of Fort St. Anne, honors Samuel de Champlain with a massive granite statue. This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's discovery of the lake, which he named after himself. The open-sided Victorian chapel on the shore marks the site of Vermont's first French settlement in 1666. A luncheon buffet will be served in the cafeteria.



As you leave St. Anne's Shrine, you will drive by Stone Castles where gardener Harry Barber created numerous miniature buildings from Vermont stone during the late 1920s until his death in 1966. Today there are only five castles, three houses and several garden structures still in existence.

Your next stop is a visit at the Hyde Log Cabin. Built by Jedediah Hyde in 1783; the cabin is one of the nation's oldest log cabins. You will also drive by the Block Schoolhouse, built in 1814.

The Allenholm Farm, grower of over 20 varieties of apples, is next. You will experience Vermont country at its best when you step off the coach, breath in the fresh air and say hello to the friendly farm animals. Shop for Vermont products in the farm store, watch the busy bees in the Observation Hive and enjoy identifying the numerous antique farm tools and equipment. You'll be treated to warm, homemade apple pie with ice cream, a Vermont tradition!

Get ready to wet your whistle with a visit at Snow Farm Vineyards. The magic of sun, soil and Lake Champlain combine to provide the ingredients that create Snow Farm wines. Snow Farm is Vermont's first vineyard and grape winery. Enjoy the tour and the tastes!



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP!

Use Our Contact Form

**Email Us:** [Jamie@NotchAboveTours.com](mailto:Jamie@NotchAboveTours.com) or [Keith@NotchAboveTours.com](mailto:Keith@NotchAboveTours.com)

**Call Us:** 802-881-0661