

# Manchester Village, Vermont



An angler casts his line, before settling upon the calm surface of the pond. Concentric circles ripple out, blurring the reflection of a birch and maple forest swathed in autumn's fiery palette. All is still in nature's inspiring realm but the occasional rustle of leaves and the flute-like call of the wood thrush. An exquisite oasis, nestled between the Green Mountains and the Taconic range, this delightful locale features stunning natural scenery alongside a picturesque atmosphere of a quintessential New England village. Upon a vibrant main street, historic clapboard buildings house enchanting shops, while sunny lanes lead to unexpected surprises.

## Memorable Experiences

### Green Splendor

Tee off among the pine-scented mountain air of the Golf Club at Equinox.

### Aerial Grace

Learn how to handle majestic hawks at the British School of Falconry.

### Covered Bridges

Drive through Arlington's charming 19th century covered bridges.

### Seasonal Delights

Dash across the snowy countryside in one of Pfister Farm's open sleighs.

## Distinctive Details

Monuments to early settlers, pivotal battles, and heroes of the American Revolution rise from among the time worn barns and pastures of Historic Route 7. Take a leisurely drive along this fabled roadway.

## Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

### The Bo Trail

Soft green moss clings to white birches. Radiant ferns unfurl in the shade of proud sugar maples and white starflowers blossom. For nearly a mile, the Boswell Trail rambles through the rare vegetation of the Southern Vermont Arts Center estate.

## Destination Information

**Country** United States  
**State** Vermont  
**Elevation** 899 feet  
**Population** 701  
**Language** English



**Area Code:** 802  
**Country Code:** 1



**Albany International Airport (ALB)**



**Transportation:** Car, Taxi, Train, Hybrid Bicycle (offered by hotel)



**US Dollar (USD)**

## Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



### The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa

3567 Main Street  
Manchester Village, Vermont 05254  
Phone: (802) 362-4700



## Culture

Nuances of proud history emerge in Georgian style mansions and presidential estates.

## Family



### The Equinox Preserve

Soaring pines reflect off the still waters of a quiet pond. Their scented needles softly blanket enchanting trails that meander through the woodlands. Groves of red spruce and yellow birch rise from mineral-rich slopes where porcupines and bobcats roam among maidenhair ferns. Delicate tendrils of columbine peak out from marble and limestone outcroppings as the call of the Hermit Thrush echoes in the valley. An unrivaled paradise, this vast preserve offers exceptional opportunities for year-round hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking.

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## Highly Recommended



### Southern Vermont Arts Center

As clay is sculpted into works of art, the sound of a jazz band emanates from a nearby pavilion. Bridesmaids in long saffron gowns hover upon a plain of cornflower blue in a painting by Gloria Vanderbilt, while Mark Tougias offers a peaceful moment on a sun-dappled dirt road with "A Country Lane." Surrounded by exhibition halls, performance spaces, a shop, a café, and an education center, this historic 1918 Georgian revival mansion sits at the heart of this arts complex. Inspiring works by hundreds of artists fill its ten galleries.

**Address: West Road, Manchester**  
**Phone: (802) 362-1405**



### Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home

Within carefully sculpted privet hedges, soft fuchsia petals of fragrant peonies unfurl. Long grassy lanes cut through lush formal gardens to the back door of a grand residence where Abraham Lincoln once dwelled. In sumptuously furnished rooms overlooking the sweeping Battenkill Valley, the elegant style of one of America's most important eras is preserved. Fascinating nature trails wind through the meadows and woodlands that surround the grazing pastures and carriage houses of this magnificent American estate.

**Address: 1005 Hildene Road, Manchester**  
**Phone: (802) 362-1788**

## Local Charms



### Bennington Museum

Intricate patterns curve around a row of goblets in a singular collection of early American glass. Colonial and Empire style chairs and cabinets stand elegantly in a hall of historic Vermont furniture. Exceptional portraits and landscapes by classic New England artists such as William Morris Hunt, Norman Rockwell, and Grandma Moses hang in an unparalleled collection of fine art. Constructed in 1852 to commemorate the 1777 Battle of Bennington, this vivid museum preserves and interprets southern Vermont's rich heritage with an array of exciting exhibits.

**Address: 75 Main St. Bennington; 27 miles south of the Equinox Resort**  
**Phone: (802) 447-1571**



## Shopping

In skilled artisan studios and fine retail shops, local trades are heralded.

### Local Specialty



#### Manchester Hot Glass

Glowing like a mystical ember, fiery hues shift and pulsate as a molten orb spins. Slowly, a graceful form takes shape, an elegant martini glass emblazoned with swirls of color. In Manchester's historic Depot neighborhood, an extraordinary gallery is filled with treasures of hand blown glass. Vases of sapphire, jade, tangerine, and magenta rest upon shelves, while bowls and perfume bottles proudly flaunt their exquisitely symmetrical forms. Classes on glass blowing and paperweight making take place in the gallery's studio.

**Address: 79 Elm Street**

**Phone: (802) 362-2227**



#### Al Ducci's Italian Pantry

The aroma of freshly baked focaccia drifts above crates of roma tomatoes and packages of plump raisins. Thick chunks of parmigiano, pecorino, and homemade mozzarella fill a well-stocked cheese case that stands opposite shelves packed with an alluring bounty of Tuscan olive oils, Mediterranean sea salts, and fine pastas. A rare boutique, with creaky wood floors and baskets draped in red and white-checked cloth, this Italian delicatessen offers authentic goods lovingly created from recipes passed on by Apulian grandmothers.

**Address: 133 Elm Street**

**Phone: (802) 362-4449**

### Shops & Boutiques



#### Orvis Flagship Store

Maple floors, stained glass lamps and flagstone walls create an atmosphere of woodland living. Rods, reels, and flies are displayed among wading boots and vests in an exceptionally appointed fly-fishing department. Linen blouses, seersucker skirts and madras jackets hang among leather sandals and vintage-inspired swimwear in the women's clothing area, while the men's section boasts polo shirts, trout-embroidered shorts, and pastel-hued shirts. Furniture, travel items, and goods for pets round out the vast selection at this revered Vermont emporium.

**Address: 4180 Main Street, Historic Route 7A**

**Phone: (802) 362-3750**



#### The Village Shops at the Equinox

Impatiens and marigolds bloom from neat flowerbeds that border the smooth stones of Main Street's picturesque sidewalks. A long row of white clapboard houses with black shutters line the street directly across from the Equinox Resort. Yellow chrysanthemums blossom from the wooden flowerboxes set upon alluring front porches while wooden signs swing from their ironwork holders, announcing the distinctive shops that lie within. Fashion brands like Albert Nipon, Christian Dior, and Chaps are on offer among local crafts and antiques, in iconic New England boutiques.

**Address: Just across the village green from the Equinox Resort**



## Cuisine

Colonial style defines evocative restaurants where tradition dictates fine menus.

## Acclaimed



### The Chop House

An elegant white mantelpiece frames a roaring fire, a cozy warmth emanating from its historic stone hearth. Around this enduring emblem, Vermont's first militia, the Green Mountain Boys met in the years preceding the Civil War. Authentic, federal-style décor mingles with the rich cream leather of modern banquettes, as exceptional steaks are carried out of the kitchen. A 24-ounce porterhouse, prime rib, and grilled lamb are offering on the menu, in addition to seasonal seafood dishes, fresh from nearby lakes and mountain rivers.

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### The Perfect Wife Restaurant and Tavern

Light fills the spacious sunroom of a white clapboard farmhouse where the enticing aromas of a creative Vermont kitchen fill the air. From sesame-crusting yellow fin tuna to Misty Knoll Farm coq au vin, jumbo shrimp scampi, and grilled filet mignon. Chef and owner Amy Chamberlain skillfully prepares each sumptuous entrée. Her menu, which changes seasonally, supports local agriculture and gourmet products. After dinner, enjoy a Talisker, a glass of chardonnay or a bottle of Otter Creek Copper Ale in the restaurant's convivial tavern.

**Address: 2594 Depot Street**  
**Phone: (802) 362-2817**

## Local Charms



### The Marsh Tavern

Sophisticated tones of brown and burgundy merge with plaid accents and colonial antiques at the Marsh Tavern. Low ceilings and wooden floors that creak and dip define a setting that holds true to its 18th century origins. Once the meeting place of American presidents, this historic tavern offers one of the region's most delightful scenes. A New England menu combines nostalgic flavors with ingredients fresh from the surrounding farmlands. Consult the in-house beer sommelier for the perfect local ale to pair with each hearty entree.

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## Local Specialty



### Ye Olde Tavern

Beyond a white picket fence, soaring pillars rise proudly around a historic yellow house. A wooden door, graced with a pineapple knocker, a colonial symbol of hospitality, reveals an enchanting interior. Leafy motifs, stenciled upon flaxen walls, compliment a russet mantel and cornflower blue cupboards, memorable details that testify to the building's 18th century past. Beneath paintings of militia men and old railroad advertisements, classic dishes like lobster bisque, maple glazed rainbow trout, chicken pot pie, and traditional pot roast are enjoyed.

**Address: 5183 Main Street**  
**Phone: (802) 362-0611**



## Noteworthy

Alluring local specialties make this region of woods and mountains truly exceptional.

### Family



#### New England Maple Museum

An irresistible aroma fills the room as sweet syrup is poured into tiny candy forms. Miniature maple leaves glisten delectably. Beyond the alluring tasting room, a fascinating museum chronicles the history of maple syrup. Finely painted murals depict farm life in the Vermont woods. One shows a Native American family burning down sticky maple tree sap, while another depicts a pair of cattle towing a heavy oak barrel across a snowy glen. Black and white photos illustrate early techniques, while vintage artifacts present the enduring legacy of the craft.

**Address: Route 7, Pittsford, Vermont**

**Phone: (802) 483-9414**

### Neighborhoods



#### Manchester Village, Vermont

Church steeples peek above the blazing foliage of a radiant autumn. Shuttered houses, all in white, line a historic main street where yellow chrysanthemums bloom. The air is invigorating and the enthusiasm of the friendly locals and curious holidaymakers is contagious. Dozens of picturesque storefronts entice with cable-knit cardigans and beautifully packaged containers of maple syrup. A quintessential New England village, alive with history and bursting with creativity, Manchester Village features an excellent playhouse in addition to a myriad of museums.

**Address: The Equinox Golf Resort and Spa is located in Manchester Village**

### Recreation



#### Magic Mountain

Freshly fallen snow blankets glistening mountain slopes. Majestic spruces hide beneath downy whiteness, bordering pristine runs that gleam beneath a stunning blue sky. From the top of the "Wizard," Magic Mountain's longest piste, the view is breathtaking and the air crisp. One hundred thirty five acres of slopes promise an unparalleled wintertime adventure. Forty trails slice through the richly wooded mountains of this skier's paradise, offering steep, winding runs for the most advanced athletes, and smooth wide glades for all levels to enjoy.

**Address: 495 Magic Mountain Access Rd, Londonderry, 19 mi. east of Equinox Resort**

**Phone: (802) 824-5645**

### Local Charms



#### Land Rover Adventure

Rugged tires splash through a fresh water creek, as a boulder-hewed terrain stretches out across a valley. The wildflower-covered foothills and soaring snow capped peaks of Vermont's awe inspiring Green Mountains loom magnificently all around. The Land Rover tackles the most rigorous off-road terrain with impeccable style. This impressive natural course of this driving school is laced with an extensive trail system. Step behind the wheel and cruises across eighty acres of unforgettable backcountry landscape.

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