

Capitol Tour:

We'll begin this tour with a visit to Rock of Ages, an experience like no other: visit a granite quarry nearly 600 feet deep, watch artisans as they cut, sculpt and polish, explore exhibits, browse the gift shop, bowl on our outdoor granite lane and make your own stone gift at our sandblast activity center. We'll then tour the Hope Cemetery where you'll see some of the finest examples of memorial design and granite craftsmanship ever produced.

Our next stop will be the Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, seventh generation working maple farm. You will see how maple sugaring works - from trees to finished products, tour the sugar house, enjoy syrup tasting, and visit the gift shop.

After lunch (on your own) at the Vermont Statehouse cafeteria in Montpelier, we will tour the Capitol Building. The House and Senate chambers are the oldest legislative chambers in their original condition anywhere in the country. We will then walk to the Vermont Historical Society and History Museum next door where you'll learn about Vermont's exciting past in our museum exhibit "Freedom & Unity: One Ideal, Many Stories." The award-winning 5,000 square foot interactive exhibit tells the story of Vermont's people from 1600 to the present. You'll see how Vermont's motto, "Freedom and Unity," is truly the cornerstone of our state, balancing individual freedoms and community. From an actual Abenaki wigwam, through the time of the Green Mountain Boys, to the Granite industry, to present day voices from the 20th century and even the history of our forests. See and experience how Vermont has changed.

Return to the Hilton by 5:00pm in time for convention registration.