



# Currier & Ives Christmas

December 1 – 7, 2027

7 Days / 6 Nights

## Day #1 – Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:

- 5:45 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street  
**6:10 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E. Courtland St. (behind Culvers)  
**6:45 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane  
**7:45 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive traveling east to Cleveland/Beachwood, Ohio. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.*
- 6:00 PM** We arrive at **Drury Inn\*** where you'll be able to enjoy their "Kickback Program" for dinner.
- 7:00 PM** We head to our rooms for the evening.

## Day #2 – Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:

**Breakfast\*** is included here at the hotel before we depart for our next overnight stay. We'll make a stop in Albany, New York where we'll overnight again on our way to Vermont. Dinner is on your own tonight.

## Day #3 – Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:

**Breakfast\*** is included this morning before we depart for Vermont. Once we arrive in Vermont, we'll make a stop at **Village Peddler & Chocolatorium\***. The holiday season brings a special kind of magic to the Green Mountains. Snow-capped peaks, glistening fields, the warm aroma of crackling fires, and countryside villages dressed in festive décor create a classic Currier & Ives style setting that feels straight out of a postcard. Arrive at the Village Peddler & Chocolatorium, where a lively and entertaining chocolatier will guide you through a hands-on chocolate-making experience as you create a delicious Christmas treat of your own. We then continue on to the **Waybury Inn for Lunch\***. Originally built in 1810 as a stagecoach stop, the Inn later gained fame as the exterior setting for The Bob Newhart Show, adding a



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touch of nostalgia to this charming stop (pending availability). Following lunch, you'll have some "free time" in Middlebury's Exchange District to shop. This afternoon, wrap up the day with a visit to **Dakin Farm\*** for a tour before heading to dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Day #4 – Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served before we head out for a **Vermont Maple Farm\***. Begin with a visit to a traditional Vermont maple farm, where you'll step inside the sugarhouse for an engaging demonstration and enjoy the tastings of rich, golden maple syrup. Then we continue on to **Cold Hollow Cider Mill\*** where you'll see apples pressed into fresh cider and soak in the warm aromas and rustic charm of this local favorite. Next, we head to the **von Trapp Family Lodge for an**



**Austrian Lunch\***. Enjoy a festive, Austrian inspired luncheon in the main lodge, surrounded by mountain views and the timeless story made famous by The Sound of Music. Following lunch, gather for a private Christmas ornament making experience complete with cookies & tea – an intimate and memorable way to celebrate the season. (pending availability) This afternoon, we continue on to the **Vermont Annex\*** where you'll have time to shop an enticing collection of Vermont specialties, including Cabot Creamery, Lake

Champlain Chocolates, Danforth Pewter and more. **Dinner\*** is included this evening at a local restaurant.

#### **Day #5 – Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel and then we're off for **Woodstock, Vermont\***. At this quintessential New England village, you can visit historic Billings Farm & Museum for Christmas at the farm. Enjoy festive holiday activities along with a private, old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh ride through the picturesque farmstead plus a hands-on activity or tasting. This classic New England winter experience is truly one to remember. You'll enjoy lunch on your own while in Woodstock. This afternoon we'll visit the **Village of Weston, Vermont\***. Weston is home to the beloved Weston Christmas Village Shop and the Vermont Country Store. Step back to a simpler time as you're welcomed by the cheerful ring of the storekeeper's bell and the gentle creak of well-worn hard wood floors. Tonight, we'll overnight in Manchester/Bennington, Vermont and we'll enjoy **Dinner\*** at a local restaurant.

#### **Day #6 – Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is included this morning at the hotel before we check out and visit one more attraction – the **Christmas Tree Farm\***. Here you'll learn how Christmas trees are grown and harvested, before departing for home. We'll make rest &

meal stops along the way. Tonight, we'll overnight in the Cleveland/Beachwood area again at the **Drury Inn\***. Enjoy their "Kickback program" for dinner.

**Day #7 – Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served, we check out and begin our journey towards home making rest & meal stops along the way as needed. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.*

- 4:30 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.
- 5:30 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
- 6:15 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
- 6:45 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

**Cost Per Person:**

**Single: \$3005.00   Double: \$2450.00   Triple: \$2275.00   Quad: \$2160.00**

**If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver & \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.**

**Hotels:  
To be determined**

