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VERMONT

In every issue, we scout a spot that's perfect for tying the knot away from home. by Jenna Mahoney

WITH ITS CLASSIC NEW ENGLAND TOWNS of historic white clapboard buildings, pastoral landscapes dotted with dairy farms, quaint covered bridges and rushing streams, and the foliage-dense mountains for which it gets its name, the Green Mountain State is inherently romantic. And hosting a wedding here is equal parts elevated and homey—and all utterly photogenic.

The Hermitage Inn, which sits at the base of Haystack Mountain in southern Vermont, is as emblematic of the offerings of the state as its decadent maple syrup. Once a farmhouse, the 112 acre property was home to sheep and cattle before opening up to guests in 1962. The inn is now the epitome of a luxury country retreat complete with a charming covered bridge that's the picture-perfect spot to tie the knot. Wedding guests are treated to an array of outdoor activities all on property—there's fly fishing, kayaking, archery and trekking across the hiking trails. There are opportunities to host wine tastings and pastry classes and relax with a bespoke massage. Meals



A ceremony set-up.



The historic inn.



The covered bridge welcomes guests.



Fly fishing happens on site.

can be hosted in spots including the wine cellar, the fine dining restaurant and clubby tavern. Ceremonies are often held outside in view of all that natural beauty (wedding packages start at \$32,500 and include site fee, food & beverage minimum, and exclusive wedding planning services. Events here require a full buy-out; thehermitageinnvermont.com). ■

More Favorites

The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa

Located in Manchester village, this historic 195-room property is known for its striking white columns and a 14-acre site called Equinox Pond.

Edson Hill

This country estate set in the mountains just outside the popular ski resort town Stowe offers 23 guest rooms, a classic barn and horse stables.

Taconic, a Kimpton Hotel

For those couples who love a boutique hotel experience, this trusted brand's outpost offers the best of Vermont with some chic sensibilities.

Legally Wedded

Any two people 18 or older can get married in Vermont and licenses (\$80 and valid for 60 days) can be obtained from any town clerk in the state by providing your names, addresses, dates, and places of birth (and birth certificates as proof), as well as both of your parents' names (including mothers' maiden names) and places of birth. If widowed or divorced, you'll need to provide documented proof. Vermont also allows almost anyone to become a temporary officiant for a \$100 fee.