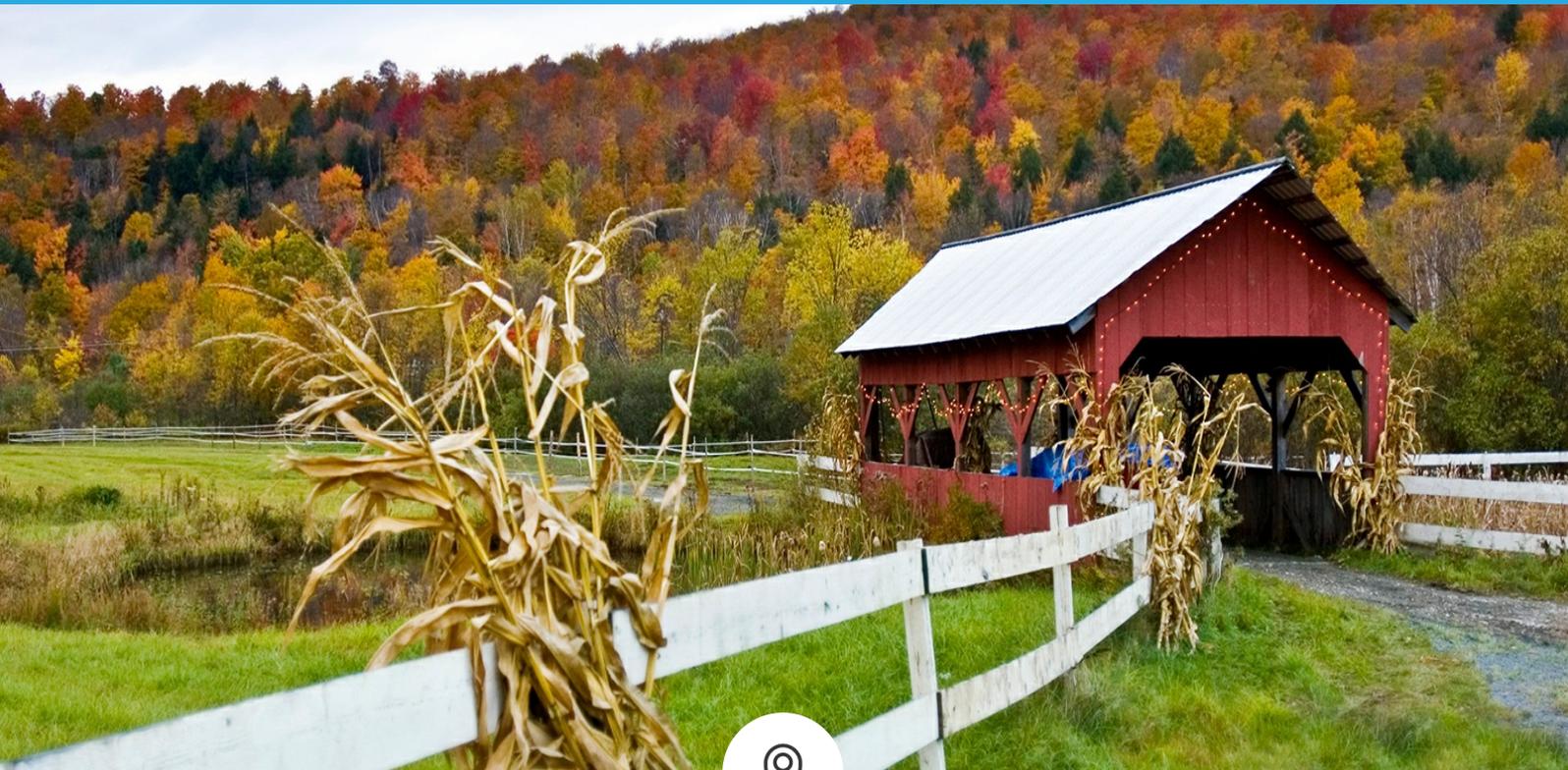


Vermont

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VERMONT

NEW ENGLAND'S CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AND GREEN MOUNTAINS:
MIDDLEBURY TO STOWE

There's no better place to celebrate the brilliance of summer or the beauty of changing seasons than Vermont's picturesque Green Mountains.

Enjoy unforgettable rides through dense forests, along winding rivers, and past hillside farms. Explore the charm of quaint town squares and sample regional specialties from golden maple syrup to smooth Vermont cheddar and rich, velvety ice cream. Ride across the historic covered Gold Brook Bridge and through the pristine Green Mountain National Forest. Vermont offers a range of cycling, hiking, and sightseeing options for any skill level so, whatever your interest, let Trek Travel bring your picture-perfect bicycling vacation to life.

[See Our Vermont Brewery Edition»](#)

[See Our Vermont Family Edition»](#)

TRIP WOWS

Ride quiet winding roads surrounded by the vibrant forests of the Green Mountains.

Explore the historic villages of Middlebury and Stowe, famous for skiing and filled with wonderful galleries, shops and restaurants.

Sample local craft beer at Otter Creek Brewery in Middlebury after riding through the Champlain Valley.

Hike to Stowe Pinnacle for great views of the surrounding countryside and Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak.

Get to know the locals and taste some maple syrup in a small, family-owned sugarhouse.

From
\$2399

Rider Type
Active / Recreational

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
Middlebury, Vermont |
Stowe, Vermont

Dates
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DAILY ITINERARY

2018

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Weybridge Loop

Approximately 24 miles with 1,600 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

After a scenic one-hour private shuttle, you'll arrive in Middlebury, home to one of the oldest liberal arts colleges in the country. A picnic lunch prepared by your Trek Travel guides awaits you in this beautiful town, which is located between the foothills of the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain. After a short round of introductions, your guides will discuss the rules of bike safety and specific cycling tips for riding in Vermont before familiarizing you with your Trek bicycle and ensuring a comfortable fit. The rest of the day is yours to explore! Settle into the inn or take your first ride through the rolling farmland around Middlebury, past the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm and views of the Adirondacks. This evening kicks off with a social hour at Morgan's Tavern at the inn. Your guides will fill you in on the details of the week over drinks and afterwards, get to know your fellow travelers during a fun dinner at The Lobby. This restaurant is located on Bakery Lane in downtown Middlebury and specializes in unique, locally-sourced dishes—try the local filet mignon burger!

HOTEL:

Middlebury Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

[VIEW MEETING AND DEPARTING INFORMATION»](#)

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Brandon Loop

Approximately 43 miles with 2,100 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Middlebury to Brandon

Approximately 20 miles with 1,000 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Brandon Loop with Middlebury Gap

Approximately 59 miles with 3,700 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

This morning we head south on a ride out of Middlebury through Farmingdale and Salisbury. Enjoy views of the mountains to the east and Lake Champlain to the west before arriving in the historic town of Brandon to enjoy lunch at the cafe of your choice. Continue riding back to Middlebury, along the shores of beautiful Lake Dunmore, or alternatively choose to shuttle back to relax at the inn or maybe take in the distinctive New England culture in the Frog Hollow art galleries and marble works. Browsing through one of the many antique shops or bookstores in the area is also a great way to spend an afternoon. If you're up for a challenge, ride up to Middlebury Gap—a tough but rewarding climb past the Middlebury College Snow Bowl and the Bread Loaf Campus. This afternoon you'll also have the option to join the group for a local craft beer sampling at the Otter Creek Brewing Company. Tonight you are on your own to explore the many dining options in town.

HOTEL:

Middlebury Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Social Hour

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Warren to Stowe

Approximately 38 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Warren to Waterbury

Approximately 27 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Warren to Stowe with Smuggler's Notch

Approximately 61 miles with 4,800 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Say goodbye to Middlebury this morning as you begin the day with a one-hour shuttle to the hamlet of Warren, which is located on the banks of the Mad River. Stop into the Warren Store and browse this classic landmark before hopping on your bike and heading north through the Mad River Valley, crossing the Pine Brook Covered Bridge on the way to Waterbury. Here you can browse local boutiques and gift shops like Green Mountain Coffee Roasters or the Craft Beer Cellar before convening at local bistro Cork for a delicious lunch. Your next stop is the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, where the company motto decrees "Life is short; eat dessert first." Choose from many interesting flavors for your afternoon treat! Afterward, continue to Stowe along quiet roads with sweeping views. If you're interested in more miles, you may tackle the steep climb up and over Smuggler's Notch to check out the narrow mountain pass between Mount Mansfield and Spruce Peak. Or you may take your time to explore the town's interesting shops, get a massage and relax at one of the spas, or maybe just enjoy a stroll along the winding Recreation Path. Tonight you will gather for dinner at The Whip at the Green Mountain Inn.

HOTEL:

Green Mountain Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Stowe to Jeffersonville

Approximately 35 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Stowe to Johnson

Approximately 24 miles with 1,300 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Smuggler's Notch Loop

Approximately 53 miles with 3,200 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Today you will continue exploring Vermont by heading north on Route 100 for a spectacular ride which passes through lush pastures and farmland. Pedal into the town of Johnson, a charming village nestled in the mountains, and take some time to explore its unique shops and boutiques, including the Johnson Woolen Mills factory with its iconic selection of signature woolen goods. This afternoon you'll pedal through a scenic landscape decorated with white church steeples, bright red barns and fields of lazily grazing cows. Choose your own lunch stop in either Johnson or Jeffersonville, then decide whether you'll shuttle in the van or hunker down for the climb up the west side of Mount Mansfield to Smuggler's Notch and the rewarding descent down to the West Branch River and Stowe. This evening, you'll head to a local sugarhouse for a private tour and maple syrup tasting—you'll come away with a newfound appreciation for the art and science of "sugaring." Tonight you're on your own for dinner in Stowe; your guides, however, will have lots of great recommendations!

HOTEL:

Green Mountain Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

Stagecoach Loop with Garfield Road
Approximately 30 miles with 2,000 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Stagecoach Loop Direct
Approximately 20 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Stagecoach Loop with Weeks Hill
Approximately 33 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Start with a hearty breakfast to prepare you for the day's activities. Your morning ride will take you past the site of the original settlement of Stowe, which dates to the late 1700s. Enjoy a fantastic loop through lush Vermont farmland that passes through the village of Morrisville. Then tackle the beautiful rolling hills on Stagecoach Road before returning to Stowe for a lunch of your choosing at one of the local cafes. This afternoon you'll have a chance to hike the Stowe Pinnacle Trail. A 3-mile out and back hike just minutes from downtown Stowe, this moderate trail winds its way to a beautiful rock vista overlooking the spectacular Green Mountain Range. This evening you and your traveling companions will gather for drinks at the Inn before heading out to Michael's on the Hill for a final delicious dinner. Michael and Laura Kloeti, the chef and owners of Michael's, have been awarded Vermont Restauranters of the Year and the restaurant has received The Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and Santé Magazine's Sustainable Restaurant Award. Their firm commitment to local, organic products and the slow food movement is evident in their menu, which makes for the perfect plate over which to toast new friends, great adventures and your week experiencing quintessential New England culture.

HOTEL:

Green Mountain Inn
[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Von Trapp Loop
Approximately 14 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing

This morning's loop is the perfect final ride and farewell to Vermont as you cycle the quiet roads surrounding Stowe, past the Gold Brook Bridge—one of the oldest and most storied (and allegedly haunted) covered bridges in Vermont. Soak in the New England countryside one last time and ride up to the Trapp Family Lodge, a reconstructed version of the grand lodge once home to the family whose story inspired "The Sound of Music." If you'd rather skip the ride, sleep in, have a leisurely breakfast and then enjoy a final stroll through the streets of Stowe to savor a few last moments of your week and maybe pick up some souvenirs and gifts. A private TrekTravel shuttle will depart from the Inn at 11:00 AM to take you to Burlington.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

We Include More

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories. See more

Activities

- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Private tours
- Entrance fees to all group events/activities
- All luggage transfers
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches

Lodging

- 5 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Vermont trip, you will stay in two beautiful inns: the first is a historic inn located on Court Square in the vibrant downtown of Middlebury, and the second, a classic inn featured on the National Register of Historic Places and ideally located on Stowe's Main Street.

Dining

- Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 3 social hours, 3 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day
- On our Vermont trip, meals embody the best of the region—casual and wonderful. Often the chefs and bakers are also the servers in the intimate restaurants we frequent. In a state that has embraced the local foods movement, menus often feature seasonal ingredients and locally grown vegetables, Vermont white cheddar, and the purest maple syrup.

Support

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- Comprehensive trip literature

Gear

- The use of a Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting, or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bicycle
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- The use of GPS cycling computer
- The use of Bontrager bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Contact us for details.
- Trek Travel Bontrager RL jersey

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 7.5-10% of the trip price.

HOTELS



MIDDLEBURY INN

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

The Middlebury Inn has been welcoming visitors since 1827 and exudes a wonderful blend of historic charm and modern comfort. An official "Green Hotel in the Green Mountain State" and a Historic Hotel of America, the Middlebury Inn takes special care to provide an experience that is true both to its New England roots and its commitment to the community. You will stay in a Luxury room in the historic Main Inn or the Porter Mansion during your visit. The Inn features a day spa and is located within walking distance of the shops, restaurants, and attractions of downtown Middlebury.



GREEN MOUNTAIN INN

STOWE, VERMONT

Situated in the center of the village of Stowe, the Green Mountain Inn has a rich and interesting history. The property, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been welcoming guests (including former U.S. Presidents) since the mid-1800s, when it served as a stagecoach stop, and has operated under its current name for 122 years. Over the generations, the Inn has been transformed into the beautiful property that it is today through upgrades designed to retain and blend the Inn's historic charm and traditional feel with the very best amenities and comfortable accommodations.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Burlington International Airport (BTV). From the airport, you can call or hail a taxi to take you downtown. It is approximately 4 miles from the airport to the meeting day hotel in downtown Burlington and a taxi ride should take about 10-15 minutes and cost \$20-\$25.

Before & After: Burlington, Vermont

Burlington is a vibrant and beautiful college town on Lake Champlain, with a great variety of leisure and outdoor adventure activities at your fingertips. Not to be missed are the shopping and dining opportunities along Church Street, Burlington's pedestrian mall. Rent a kayak or sailboat and set out to enjoy Lake Champlain from Burlington Harbor. Visit the Shelburne Museum, one of the finest museums in New England, highlighting the history and the culture of the region, or maybe stop by the Magic Hat Brewery and sample one of their many exceptional seasonal brews. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

Meeting Time And Location

Hilton Burlington | Burlington, Vermont

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Hilton Burlington (60 Battery Street, Burlington VT 05401) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. You and your traveling companions will take a private shuttle to Middlebury, just over an hour from Burlington, for a picnic lunch before beginning the first ride of the week. Please have your first day's cycling clothes and riding gear easily accessible and separate from your luggage.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Middlebury Inn (802-388-4961), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from Burlington to the first night's hotel is available from Green Cab for approximately \$95 plus gratuity. Call 802-864-2424 to make arrangements.

Departing Time And Location

Hilton Burlington or Burlington International Airport | Burlington, Vermont

You will say farewell to your guides at 12:00 PM at the Hilton Burlington or Burlington International Airport (BTV). Please do not schedule a flight out of Burlington International Airport before 2:00 PM on the last day of the trip to allow plenty of time for any unforeseen delays.

HILTON BURLINGTON

The largest hotel in downtown Burlington, this elegant property is located right on the lakefront and pedestrian path. Amenities are extensive and include a workout room, swimming pool, and business facilities. The Hilton is also the pick up and drop off location for your Trek Travel vacation.

60 Battery Street | 802 658 6500 | www.Hilton.com | ~\$350

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BURLINGTON HARBOR

The Courtyard by Marriott Burlington Harbor is conveniently located just a few short steps away from Lake Champlain, Burlington Town Center and the Church Street Marketplace. It has spacious, well-designed guest rooms, hot buffet breakfast, indoor pool, whirlpool, fitness facility, high-speed internet, flat screen HD TVs, and a business center.

25 Cherry Street | 802 864 4700 | www.Marriott.com | ~\$300

HOTEL VERMONT

Hotel Vermont is a distinctive, stylish, and ideally located property which prides itself on offering "room to yourself and space to be inspired." Drawing inspiration from the culture and natural beauty of Vermont, the hotel is an excellent place to refresh and relax. With in-house yoga classes and complimentary 2-hour bike rentals, whether you want to stay in or venture forth—Hotel Vermont has it all!

41 Cherry Street | 802 651 0080 | www.HotelVT.com | ~\$330



FAQS

Trip Changes

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

What are the daily rides like?

- Rider Type | 2/3
- Average Daily Mileage | 35
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,900

On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Vermont is best suited for our Type 2 and 3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 1 and 2 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, with a boost in the van or the short route options. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3 and 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. The terrain is varied, with rides in wide valleys of rolling farmland and also more mountainous areas. All of the rides are highlighted by rewarding vistas and winding roads, thanks to the beautiful Green Mountains. Please be aware that you will encounter sections of gravel roads throughout the week. As always, if you wish to skip these sections you are welcome to shuttle in the support van. See Itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

What is the weather going to be like?

During the month of August, expect daytime temperatures in the mid 70s and nighttime lows in the low 50s. Fall weather varies in northern Vermont, generally warmer in September and chilly by mid-October, with highs in the 50s and freezing overnight. Layers are always recommended, as you can expect cool mornings all season. Rain is also a distinct possibility in Vermont any time of year, so check the forecast in the days prior to your departure and always bring your rain gear, just in case.

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Visit the Stowe Craft Gallery, which houses an extensive collection of local artists' work
- Sample local beer at Otter Creek Brewing
- Stroll on the Stowe Recreation Path
- Shop at boutiques in Middlebury, Waterbury, Johnson and Stowe
- Take a yoga class
- Hike to Stowe Pinnacle for expansive views of the Green Mountains
- Enjoy a voyage to total relaxation at one of the spas near Stowe

Do you have upgrade options available?

For an additional fee you may request to upgrade to the Trek Emonda SLR with Shimano Di2 Electronic shifting or Bontager Aeolus carbon wheels for the ultimate riding experience. Contact our trip consultants for more details.

If I book a tour, can I be guaranteed that it will run?

If you're going we're going on almost all our trips. Trips with 1 guest booked are

guaranteed to run. Select trips like Cross Country, Race and Special Edition trips require a minimum number of guests to run and are not guaranteed until that number is reached. Contact your Trip Consultant for more details.

In the event that a departure has low enrollment, we will notify guests at 60-90 days before departure to give the option to select a different date with more guests booked. Please do not reserve airfare before confirming your Trek Travel trip.

What kind of information is provided?

When a trip is booked, a guest confirmation letter is immediately sent out. One week prior to the trip start you will receive an email containing a trip start meeting location reminder and any last minute information that you will need to know before your trip. Once you arrive at your destination Trek Travel staff will brief you on the day-to-day plan for the trip and provide you with daily route guides and a detailed map allowing you to ride with complete confidence and independence.

What should I pack?

Please review our [packing list](#) page for more details.

What if I have to change or cancel my trip?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. [Read our cancellation policy.](#)

General FAQs

Didn't find what you were looking for? [Check out our General FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.