

STOWE VILLAGE INN BOTH HISTORIC AND HIGH-TECH

Vail Resorts' Epic Pass one of the best buys on snow, with enticing early-bird perks



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Lauren and Mike Soelch bring a momentous amount of experience in hard-core industries to the quaint art of innkeeping in Stowe, Vt.

He is a robotics engineer and she is a construction project manager. Together they have aced real estate investing and short-term rentals, and now they have transitioned to hospitality at Stowe Village Inn and Grant's Restaurant-Bar.

"The inn is both modern and historic," Mike said. "The vintage appeal is intact, but it has a lot of unexpected technology for an 1833 U.S. National Historic Register building.

"We have powerful Wi-Fi, keyless guest rooms, smart TVs and cloud-based reservations and check-in." The inn is a half-block from Stowe's main street and near a stop of the free shuttle to Stowe Mountain Resort, where lifts are expected to run until mid-April. April 8 eclipse events are planned.

Stowe: Stowe is the most comprehensive, entertaining year-round tourism and sports destination in northern New England.

Both the mountain and the town have been acclaimed

as "the best" by publications including Forbes and National Geographic.

Vail Resorts' Epic Pass is one of the best buys on snow — 2024-2025 winter passes went on sale this month with the year's lowest price and a limited-time offer of 10 Buddy Tickets at 45 per cent off. The unlimited Epic Pass costs US\$982 (approximately C\$1,300) for access to 42 resorts, including Stowe, New Hampshire's Attitash and Wildcat, Vail Mountain and Park City Mountain, as well as western legends like Canada's Whistler Blackcomb and Nakiska (site of the 1988 Olympics). That's amazing value considering single-day tickets can run from C\$100 to more than \$300 at various areas.

Epic Pass partner resorts include scenic Mont-Ste-Anne and edgy Stoneham in Quebec, and in Europe, Crans-Montana (that's new), Verbier4 Vallées, Les 3 Vallées and Ski Arlberg, as well as two snow-laden areas in Japan. Regional offers include the Northeast Value Pass, Epic Day Pass, the Whistler Blackcomb Day Pass and junior prices (epicpass.com).

Stowe's Summer 2024 features hikes or drives up the Toll Road to the top of Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak, and Gondola SkyRides. Watch for thrilling summit events for the eclipse. Vail Resorts' loyalty program Epic Mountain Rewards offers summer savings of up to 20 per cent off food, golf, bike



The historic Stowe Village Inn is home to Grant's Bar & Restaurant, elegant interiors, and rooms in the Main Inn and Modern Motel.

rentals and more.

Lodging: The Stowe Village Inn is a prime example of unpretentious Vermont country lodging. It has history, charm, gorgeous public spaces and a choice of fully renovated rooms in the Main Inn or the Modern Motel.

The classic white clapboard exterior, black shutters and distinctive curved veranda speak of the building's genteel origins nearly 200 years ago, but the Soelch team has added today's conveniences and engaging interior design.

The look is pure New England — dark antique furniture mixed with modern leather sofas and linen wing chairs against walls of moss green and snowcap white. It's not at all dated or cluttered, but there are lots of collectibles, original wood floors and elegant pieces like

four-poster beds.

The Main Inn rooms have pillow-top mattresses, individual heating/AC and bathrooms with rain showers. The 55-inch smart TVs offer YouTubeTV and onscreen ordering for services like fresh towels. The adjacent Modern Motel, less expensive but with similar amenities, is convenient because you can unload your gear at the door.

Dining: Grant's is as popular with locals as it is with visitors, which is a solid sign of good food and generous drinks at reasonable prices. The antique mahogany bar is the social hub, and there are both après-sports action and fine dining in the beautiful indoor solarium and the picturesque outdoor veranda, which overlook Little River. Grant's also is a top venue for weddings and other celebrations. Bar bites

IF YOU GO

Stowe Visitor Information Center: 800-GO-STOWE (800-467-8693), 802-253-7321, gostowe.com, 51 Main St., Stowe, Vt.

Stowe Mountain Resort (part of Vail Resorts): 888-253-4849, stowe.com.

Stowe Village Inn: 802-500-3232, stowevillageinn.com; 123 Mountain Rd., Stowe, Vt. In April-May, Main Inn starts at US\$149, weekdays (king/queen rooms, king suites); some rooms sleep four; two have balconies. Including beverages by Vermont Artisan Tea and Coffee Co., mini-fridge, daily housekeeping. Weekends, holidays, June-October are higher. Modern Motel starts at US\$99. Motel is pet-friendly. Partly accessible.

Grant's: 802-500-3505, grantsbar.com, Tues.-Sat., 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Lunch will start in June.

include wings, pork-belly wontons or beef tacos, plus craft beer and rotating specials like \$5 margaritas. One of the signature cocktails is the Maple Old-Fashioned.

Comfort suppers might be grilled cheese with tomato soup, pappardelle Bolognese or a hot honey chicken sandwich, and fine dining features seafood jambalaya, chicken marsala, N.Y. strip steak or duck. Standouts are a poached pear salad with pistachios and pancetta, or the vegetarian shiitake "BLT."

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TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, MARCH 23

	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
					En direct de l'univers (N)		Tom Jones (N) (P)		Enquêtes à Morecambe (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité (N)
2	SRC	10	4	4	2	5:00 NCAA Men's (N)	2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA (N)				48 Hours (N)	
3	CBS	282	21	21	87	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	2024 World Figure Skating Championships Men's Free Skate (N)			SNL Miles Teller; Kendrick Lamar	
5	NBC	280	23	18	84						NHL Hockey	
6	CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Toronto Maple Leafs (N)						
8	CJOH	229	-	-	10	W5 (N) (SF)	Zone agricole	À l'heure du	É, ça roule	Côté cour côté	Le français	Paroles d'auteurs
9	MATV	-	9	9	9	Zone agricole	À l'heure du				Fierté d'ici	LeZarts Lanaudière
10	TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 *** Spider-Man: sans retour ('21, Act) Zendaya, Tom Holland. (P)			.25 *** Le protecteur ('21, Act) Jacob Perez, Liam Neeson.			
12	CTV	70	11	11	7	W5 (N) (SF)			*** Fall Into Winter ('23, Rom) James Tupper, Lori Loughlin. (P)			Sight Unseen
17	TQc	138	8	8	3	Bienvenue à Sanditon			Pour une fois (N)		Belle et Bum (N)	On ramassera demain
22	ABC	281	22	22	86	Extra (N)			NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at New York Rangers (N)			
33	PBS	-	57	-	88	My Hero	Waiting for God	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Doc Martin		The Paris Murders (N)
35	Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 *** Star Wars, épisode II: l'attaque des clones ('02, Sci-Fi) Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor. (P)			.45 *** La matrice ('99) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.			
44	FOX	283	46	36	85	Big Bang	Big Bang	MasterChef	The Masked Singer		FOX44 News at 10	Big Bang
46	GBL	234	3	3	8	Border Security	Border Security	Private Eyes	Salvage Kings		Top Chef Canada	
57	PBS	-	24	40	89	Mountain Lake	New York Now	Midsomer Murders		Agatha Christie's Poirot		RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service
62	CITY	207	14	14	14	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at New Jersey Devils (N)					Hudson & Rex	
A&E	615	39	-	90		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48
AMC	293	-	-	209	5:30 *** Trading Places ('83)		*** Beverly Hills Cop ('84, Com) Judge Reinhold, Eddie Murphy.				.15 *** Beverly Hills Cop II ('87)	
APT	23	10	58	16	*** Inconvenient Indian ('20, Doc)				*** The 5th Wave ('16, Sci-Fi) Nick Robinson, Chloë Grace Moretz.			
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	*** The Fifth Estate		The Nature of Things		CBC News Special: State Funeral for Brian Mulroney (N)			
CD	129	20	20	36	Madame Lebrun		Superpuissant: l'histoire de DC (N)		Les rivaux de la WWE Undertaker c. Mankind		*** Macheté ('10) Danny Trejo. (P)	
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Special Program		United States of Scandal Jim McGreevey		United States of Scandal Eliot Spitzer	
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	*** Dog Days ('18, Rom) Vanessa Hudgens, Nina Dobrev.				*** Dog ('22, Com) Jane Adams, Channing Tatum. (P)			Movie
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	6:15 *** Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald ('18) Eddie Redmayne.				*** Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore ('22) Jude Law, Eddie Redmayne.			
CV	135	44	35	44	Vendre ou rénover au Québec		Histoires d'un soir		Les sœurs Spencer		**** Quand Harry rencontre Sally	
DISC	636	37	37	102	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
FAM	556	-	-	64	*** Megamind ('10, Ani) Voices of Brad Pitt, Will Ferrell.				Crime Scene Kitchen		Crime Scene Kitchen	
HBO1	306	-	-	215	.20 *** Transhood ('20, Doc)				Veneno		Ramy Youssef: More Feelings (N)	
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Rock the Block (N)		Rock the Block		Rock the Block		Help! I Wrecked My House	
HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.	
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 *** Triptyque ('13) Frederike Bedard.		*** Neuf semaines et demie ('86, Rom) Kim Basinger, Mickey Rourke.				*** La colonie ('13) Laurence Fishburne.	
MUCH	570	35	-	112	6:30 *** Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.				The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		The Oprah Winfrey Show		Ready to Love: Make a Move (N)		Love & Marriage: Huntsville	
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Freddie Mercury: The Final Act				Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)	
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	G. reportages Des voix dans ma tête (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)
RDS	123	33	33	25	30 images/seconde	Soccer MLS Atlanta United FC c. Toronto FC (N)			Sport-liberté (N)		Sports 30 (N)	Sports 30 (N)
SC	73	205	205	205	Movie	*** Last Shoot Out ('21, Wes) Skylar Witte, Brock Harris.			*** Manifest West ('22, Dra) Annet Mahendru, Lexy Kolker. (P)		Movie	
SE	180	-	-	201	5:35 *** Mayday	.25 *** King of Killers ('23, Act) Alain Moussi, Frank Grillo. (P)			*** Chien ('22, Com) Jane Adams, Channing Tatum. (P)		.45 *** Sexygénéaires	
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:30 *** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor ('08, Adv) Jet Li, Brendan Fraser.				*** The Mummy ('17, Act) Russell Crowe, Tom Cruise.			
SLICE	27	-	-	99	*** 13 Going on 30 ('04, Fan) Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Garner.				*** Irresistible ('20, Com) Rose Byrne, Steve Carell.			
SN1	418	-	-	184	Blue Jays in 30	Toronto Raptors (N)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards (N)					Sportsnet Central
SNE	406	38	38	179	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Toronto Maple Leafs (N)						NHL Hockey	
STARZI	304	55	-	216	.55 *** Jason Bourne ('16, Act) Tommy Lee Jones, Matt Damon.				*** Expend4bles ('23, Act) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. (P)		.45 *** The Inhabitant	
TCM	292	-	-	219	6:00 *** The Big Sleep ('46)		*** Brannigan ('75, Cri) Richard Attenborough, John Wayne.				*** Coogan's Bluff ('68)	
TLC	521	27	39	91	Little People, Big World		Seeking Sister Wife (N)		Seeking Sister Wife (N)		Seeking Sister Wife (N)	
TLN	700	-	-	250	Cook Like an Italian Mexican		David Rocco's Dolce Serie A-Champions		*** Gone Baby Gone ('07, Mys) Michelle Monaghan, Casey Affleck.			
TOONE	85	49	-	57	*** Teen Titans Go! & DC Super Hero Girls: Mayhem in the Mul...	.45 Transylvania			Batman: Animated	Superman: The	Batman: Animated	Young Justice
TOONF	87	45	34	53	L'île des (N)	Teen/.45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson
TSN2	401	-	-	187	11:00 2024 Miami Open Tennis ATP/WTA Early Round Coverage, Day 4 (N)							
TSN5	404	28	28	190	5:30 NCAA Women	2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: UC Irvine vs. Gonzaga (N)			SportsCentre (N)			Formula 1
TV5	145	15	15	29	Hippocrate (N)		Le grand concert de la SuperFrancoFête 2023				.05 Basique les sessions, la (N)	
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH Sénateurs d'Ottawa c. Devils du New Jersey (N)				Avant-match LNH		Hockey LNH	
TVO	22	-	-	71	6:20 Project Rube							
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam		Vehra Khushian Da	Waqt 4 U
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Eat Pray Love ('10, Dra) James Franco, Julia Roberts.					Friends
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 *** Captain Underpants ('17)		*** The Smurfs 2 ('13, Child) Brendan Gleeson, Neil Patrick Harris.					The Hardy Boys