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**TRAVEL + LEISURE**

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### WHEN TO GO

Spring through fall, when festival abound and small-cultural sites are open, is a great time for art tours in the Berkshires. Autumn foliage peaks in early to mid-October. Book well in advance for the month of May, as visitors descend on the region for graduation ceremonies.

### WHERE TO STAY

**Deerfield Inn** Country inn from the 18th century, with English gardens and an on-site tavern, 81 Main St., Deerfield; 609/526-3880 or 413/774-6267; [www.deerfield.com](http://www.deerfield.com); doubles from \$

**Harbour House Inn** Six bright, cheerful rooms with floral prints, polished tables, and olive-wood tubs. In an 18th-century Georgian Colonial mansion, 725 N. State Rd., Chester; 413/743-8952; [harbourhouseinn.com](http://harbourhouseinn.com); doubles from \$

**Hotel Northampton** Located three blocks from Smith College, with a 200-year-old tavern that was moved from New Hampshire and meticulously reassembled, 38 King St., Northampton; 609/547-3229 or 413/264-3400; [hotelnorthampton.com](http://hotelnorthampton.com); doubles from \$

**Old Inn on the Green** Stage-coach inn named 11-room lodge with authentic period furniture, 134 Northside New Amherstburgh Rd., Rt. 57, Village Green, New Amherstburgh; 413/229-7924;

**Tabellas** Farm-to-table dishes, like a Berkshire pork loin served with red-pepper relish and herbed potato pancake, 28 Amity St., Amherst; 413/253-0220; dinner for two XXX.

\$50-100/night  
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### WHERE TO EAT

**Chou House** Classic French tables with New England touches, 850 Main St., Lee; 413/243-6297; dinner for two XXXX

**Eastside Grill** Upscale seasonal American fare, 79 Strong Ave., Northampton; 413/586-3247; dinner for two XX

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**Live & Local** Authentic Italian cuisine on the foot of downtown, 109 Main St., Northampton; 413/586-1427; dinner for two XXX  
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Amenities at the Positives Inn.

### WHERE TO SHOP

**Berkshire Bookshop** Indie literary establishment that hosts regular readings, 217 Main St., Northampton; 413/526-4225.  
**Copenhagen & Rosen** Great source for Scandinavian antiques, including folk art, 19th-century paper sheets, and hand-painted ceramics, 216 E. Main St., Shelburne; 413/229-3670.  
**Guild Art Supply** A seemingly bottomless treasury of art supplies, plus a frame shop and internet studio, 327 Main St., Northampton; 603/475-6243 or 413/265-0343.