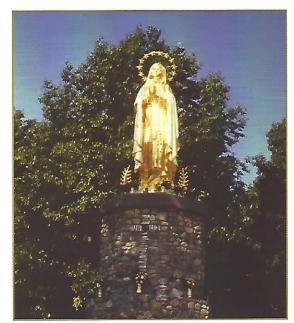
## the champlain islands

The Champlain Islands—located between urban Montreal, Ouebec and Burlington, VT—retain a quiet rural charm. The landscape sports waterside farms, orchards, a vineyard, and the largest sand beach in Vermont. Recreational opportunities include year around fishing, boating, swimming, skating and bicycling. There are also several historic Revolutionary War villages. St. Anne's Shrine on Isle La Motte, where Samuel de Champlain landed in 1609, and Herrmann's Lipizzan Stallions in North Hero draw thousands of visitors each summer. Modern geographers explain the Lake's creation through the collision of the North American and European continents. Great blocks of land between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks dropped down, forming the Champlain Valley. Over time, glaciers changed the shape of the valley as they plowed over the land. The Island's land mass rebounded from the weight of the glaciers, and divided the glacial waters into the main Lake and the Inland Sea.



Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte/Saint Anne's Shrine

## map legend



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## temp & precipitation

average temperature in degrees fahrenheit

	j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	0	n	d
hi	27	30	40	54	67	76	80	78	69	57	45	33
lo	05	07	19	33	44	54	58	56	48	37	28	14

## average precipitation in inches

j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	0	n	d
2.4	1.9	2.9	3.1			3.9		4.4	3.5	3.5	2.5