



A Biltmore Christmas



An elegant 1985 Christmas! Illuminated with candles and soft lights, the Biltmore House appears as it did Christmas Eve 1985 when it was officially opened by George Vanderbilt. View the home by candlelight, then return in daylight to tour the winery, village and massive grounds of the estate.

December 8-13, 2019

\$939 Per Person—Double Occupancy
Single Supplement is \$300

Tour Inclusions & Highlights:

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| 5 Nights | Folk Art Center |
| 9 Meals | Blue Ridge Mountain Opry |
| Candlelight Christmas Tour of the Biltmore Estate | American Sign Museum |
| Daytime visit to Biltmore | Indigenous Cincinnati Gift Shop |
| Winery Tour | Southern Highlights |
| Visit Antler Village | Jungle Jims |
| Guided Tour of Asheville | Motor Coach Transportation |

Reservations need to be in by September 1 or until sold out. Should you cancel prior to September 1, there is a \$50 fee. Cancel September 2-October 18 there is a \$100 fee. Cancel Oct 18 or after there is no refund. You can get a substitute at any time and incur no penalty. Final payment due October 18.

Please fill in this form and return with your minimum deposit of \$100 to Custom Holidays before September 1 or until trip is sold out. Make checks payable to Custom Holidays.

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 E-mail _____ Cell phone _____ Trip: CAB191208TBA
Christmas at the Biltmore
 In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Phone # _____

- Single Double Roommate _____
 Check here if you would like travel protection (\$56p/p double, \$83 single) due with deposit.

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Day 1: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Depart from the Downriver area early morning. Make a fast food lunch stop and continue to the **American Sign Museum**. It is more a monument to nostalgia than a museum space. This warehouse is filled to the brim with a private collection of commercial signs spanning the age of American consumerism. From mirrored glass and light bulbs to curlicues of pulsing neon, the ASM's highlights include old ads for KFC and McDonald's, and retro road signs for a now-shuttered HoJo's. Close by is the **Indigenous Cincinnati Gift Shop** with all kinds of hand made gifts for the discriminating buyer. After dinner enjoy the **Southern Highlights** at the **Lexington Kentucky Horse Park**. It is 3 miles of lights, a visitors center, vendors, partial Horse Park museum opening, train ride (no charge) Camel rides and a parakeet exhibit for a fee. From there continue to the overnight accommodations in Lexington.

Day 2: Monday, December 9, 2019

Breakfast, travel to Berea, KY. Enjoy a guided tour of the area and time for shopping at the many craft shops. After lunch continue to Asheville, NC with dinner included. **(B,D)**

Day 3: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Breakfast. Depart for the **Asheville Visitors Center** to meet your guide for a historical tour of Asheville which will include a visit to the **Folk Art Center**. After the tour, stop at the **Grove Arcade**, which features the region's fabulous foods, delicious dining, and local crafts. Afterwards, visit **Biltmore Village**, which was built in the 1890's as a classic planned community at the entrance to George Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate. Visit its retailers and fine restaurants. This evening's dinner will be at the **Deerpark Restaurant** on the grounds of the Biltmore Estate and will consist of a bountiful buffet of Southern-style entrees and Appalachian specialties. The highlight of your visit to Asheville will be the **Candlelight Christmas Evening Tour** of Biltmore House, which is completely illuminated with candles and soft lights as it did when George Vanderbilt officially opened the home on Christmas Eve, 1895. **(B, D)**

Day 4: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Breakfast. Board the motorcoach and depart for the **Biltmore Estate** where your daytime pass allows you access to the **Mansion, Winery, the Antler Hill Village**, and the grounds. Lunch is on your own in the area. This evening enjoy a Southern-style Barbecue, followed by an evening of entertainment featuring the **Blue Ridge Mountain Opry**. **(B,D)**

Day 5: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Breakfast, check out of your hotel and travel to Pigeon Forge. Enjoy a morning show and lunch before departing for Lexington. **(B, L)**

Day 6: Friday, December 13, 2019

Breakfast. After a couple of hours make a really fun stop at "Jungle Jims" in the Cincinnati area. Enjoy a guided tour of the store (subject to availability) with very tasty samples and a coupon for a treat. Enjoy your lunch on your own before departing for home. Arrive home around dinner time. **(B)**