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A SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE ESTATE®

NOVEMBER 16-18, 2025

Marvel at the timeless beauty of the Biltmore Estate as it is elegantly decorated for the holiday season while surrounded by the beauty and majesty of the Great Smoky Mountains. Don't miss out on this Smoky Mountain Christmas Adventure featuring the ultimate Biltmore holiday experience!

Departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	5:30 A.M.	11:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16: We will travel south today along scenic routes making regular meal and rest stops en route. Upon arrival in Asheville, North Carolina, as we take in beautiful views of the Smoky Mountains, we will check into our luxurious accommodations for the next two evenings at the:

**INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE** (828)225-1600  
 1 Antler Hill Road  
 Asheville, North Carolina 28803

Gracious hospitality, attention to detail, style, charm, and the level of service to which the Vanderbilts treated their guests is what you can expect during your stay at the Inn. The exceptional amenities included with your stay have been recognized by AAA, *Forbes Travel Guide*, *Travel + Leisure*, and *Condé Nast* year after year. Dinner is on your own this evening at one of the restaurants on property. Enjoy free time to stroll around charming **Antler Hill Village**, with unique shopping, exhibits, and dining. Visit the **historic winery** to enjoy complimentary wine tasting where a stunning ornament display adorns the Tasting Room ceiling. A **complimentary shuttle service** is available to transport guests around the property. (NOTE: It is highly recommended to make advanced dining reservations for this evening.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17: This morning, after a bountiful **breakfast** at the Inn, we will embark on a **guided Premium Property Tour** with a knowledgeable Estate Ambassador. We will travel through the Estate as the guide points out areas of interest and shares information about the land as well as the people who lived and worked here. Then, we will immerse ourselves in the holiday spirit at "America's Largest Home" as we have an **audio tour of the Biltmore Estate**. The timeless beauty of Biltmore House, its collections of art and historic Vanderbilt family treasures are all the more enchanting with the festive addition of dozens of exquisitely decorated Christmas trees, miles of garland, hundreds of poinsettias, and more lights than you can count. **Lunch** will be



served in the **Stable Cafe**, a historic setting that was once the estate's horse stable, followed by some free time this afternoon to explore the grounds or relax at the Inn. This evening, delight in the joy and the wonder of **Candlelight Christmas Evenings**—the gentle glow of candlelight and firelight reflects off thousands of sparkling ornaments and live performances of holiday music makes for a truly magical evening. Enjoy Biltmore House by flickering candlelight and cozy flames reminiscent of the first Vanderbilt family Christmas in 1895, enhanced by dozens of lavishly decorated trees and mantels and fireplaces adorned with greenery. A delicious **candlelight dinner** is scheduled at the **Stable Cafe** prior to the evening tour.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18: After **breakfast** at the Inn, we will enjoy the limited-time special ***Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures*** exhibition. This exhibition is an unforgettable exploration of the culture of ancient Egypt, the time of Tutankhamun, the search for and thrilling discovery of his tomb, and the treasures found within. The once-in-a-lifetime exhibition gives the opportunity to experience the pharaoh's treasures in their entirety as they were found, inviting you to relive the thrilling moment of their discovery as if you had been there yourself. The event is hailed as the world's most complete Tutankhamun exhibition and becomes all the more fascinating in its Biltmore presentation—this is the only experience that reveals the historical connections between the monumental discovery and the Vanderbilt-Cecil family within the intimate gallery setting of Amherst at Deerpark®. We will then depart the Biltmore property in the late morning to make our travels homeward. Regular meal and rest stops will be made en route and fond memories abound on this Smoky Mountain Biltmore Christmas Adventure!

**PRICE PER PERSON:**

SINGLE	\$1,800.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$1,400.00	lodging, housekeeping gratuity, luggage handling, 2
TRIPLE	\$1,270.00	breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, tax & gratuities on meals
QUAD	\$1,200.00	included, guided property tour with gratuity & admissions)

A DEPOSIT OF \$400 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Final timed itineraries will be mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** CASUAL CLOTHING is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WALKING involved on this tour.

If you choose to have dinner at The Dining Room at The Inn, Resort Elegant attire is required for dinner (slacks, dress shirts, dresses, suit jacket and/or suit.) Resort Casual attire is appropriate for breakfast in The Dining Room and for meals in the Library Lounge at the Inn, as well as for all meals at all other estate restaurants.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Due to Biltmore's stringent cancellation policy, deposits will not be refundable if cancellations are received after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to

another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Insured International. For information and to obtain a quote, visit our agency specific link: <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=61986> For specific questions regarding trip cancellation insurance, call Travel Insured's customer care at (800)243-3174 and refer to Agency #61986 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical/USB outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

By traveling with Rill's Bus Service and participating in any and all tour package inclusions, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.



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