

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

BILTMORE® & THE SMOKIES AT CHRISTMAS SAT-WED DEC 5 - 9, 2020

Departures will include North Olmsted, Independence, Willoughby, Beachwood.

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy the Christmas season and nowhere is it celebrated “*in style*” more than at the Biltmore® Estate in December. This holiday celebration features incredible decorations, live music, and candlelight evening experiences. Imagine more than 55 hand-



decorated Christmas trees adorning the home and estate, the centerpiece being a 35-foot beauty.



Upon our arrival, we will be touring George Vanderbilt's 250-room chateau, built over 126 years ago. It's as impressive today as it ever was; a wonder of architecture and hospitality. You'll also be visiting the beautiful gardens and grounds surrounding it, designed by renowned landscape architects. A set of headphones will be provided to guide you through each room you visit, learning more about the house, while the room docents are available to answer specific questions that you may have.



History has it that when the Vanderbilts opened Biltmore®, it was on Christmas Eve of 1895 and they invited family and friends to visit them on this “*special day*”. That joyous holiday tradition continues today. While we were not there, we understand that there was a large Christmas tree, mistletoe, holly and garland hung throughout the house.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

Each year Biltmore® selects a theme and while their 2020 theme is unknown at the time this tour was set up, the 2019 theme saw Biltmore® celebrating "Downton Abbey: The Exhibition". In addition to its holiday delights ranging from the monumental scale of Christmas decorations adorning Biltmore® House to a constellation of festive lights in Antler Hill Village & Winery, Biltmore® offers the gardens, the Conservatory next to the Walled Garden and Antler Hill Village where you can enjoy a free wine tasting. Each evening Biltmore® glows



with candlelight and firelight, just as when the Vanderbilts would welcome guests. Musicians throughout the house will perform seasonal favorites as you visit the rooms of Biltmore® House and feel the warmth of the dozens of lighted fireplaces. You saw the rooms during our afternoon visit but it's amazing how the rooms "take on a magical glow" as candles illuminate the holiday decor.

Along the way we'll be enjoying dinner and the musical show, "A Country Christmas" and, in Pigeon Forge, a lot of Holiday Entertainment including:

- Evening Dinner and the Christmas Show at Dolly Parton's Stampede.
- The Three Bears Gift Shop, the most popular store of its kind in the region:
- A visit to the Incredible Christmas Place; Christmas décor, ornaments & more.
- Reserved seating at the *Country Tonite Christmas Show*, consistently rated # 1.
- Dining at the Applewood Farmhouse with its Great Southern Cookin'.
- The Island Shopping-Restaurant area, possibly trying a sample or two of Tennessee Moonshine!
- Reserved seats the *Soul of Motown* at the Grand Majestic Theater



BILTMORE® & THE SMOKIES AT CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 2020 (8 meals)

\$1244 per person in a double
\$1224 per person in a triple
\$1204 per person in a quad
\$1410 per person in a single

**Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.
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