

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

BILTMORE & THE SMOKIES AT CHRISTMAS SAT-WED DEC 3 - 7, 2022

Departures will include Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, Independence, Mayfield, Beachwood, Macedonia.

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy the Christmas season and two places that celebrate it more *“in style”* are at the Biltmore Estate and in the Smoky Mountains, each in their own unique way. The holidays at Biltmore are celebrated with 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.



Saturday evening starts out with dinner and a live performance of a musical Christmas Spectacular. In Asheville we will be enjoying a dinner and touring George Vanderbilt's 250-room chateau, built over 128 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, learning more about the house, while the room docents will 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 both family and friends to visit them on this *“special day”*. That joyous holiday

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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 9 PM, although this may vary.

tradition has continued through the years with its large Christmas tree, mistletoe, holly, and garland hung throughout the house.

Each year Biltmore selects a theme and while their 2022 theme is unknown at the time this tour was set up, a past 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 Conservatory next to the Walled Garden and the winery where you can enjoy a winetasting. 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, 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, with cute baby bear cubs.
- 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 which we have included!
- Reserved seats for the *Soul of Motown Show at the Grand Majestic Theater*, with performances of popular songs including *"Twistin' the Night Away"* and *"My Girl"*.

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\$1284 per person in a double
\$1264 per person in a triple
\$1244 per person in a quad
\$1534 per person in a single
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