

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

BILTMORE & THE SMOKIES AT CHRISTMAS

SAT-WED DEC 5- 9, 2026

Departures, if applic: Parma/Cleve West, Middleburg Hts, Independence, Beachwood/Orange, Macedonia.

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy the Christmas season and two places that celebrate it *"in style"* are the Biltmore Estate and 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 show in Wytheville, where our passengers enjoyed "A Motown Christmas" last season and, this year, the just announced musical "Appalachian Christmas". A couple of hours to the west, we arrive in Asheville where we will be 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. Dinner will be served while we are at the Estate. Docents will be greeting you in many of the rooms that you will be visiting, allowing you to learn more about the house, its inhabitants and the guests who frequented here.



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 7:30 AM and 9 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8:30 PM to 9:45 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 upcoming Holiday theme is unknown at the time this tour was set up, 2025 saw Biltmore bringing alive the inspiration from the Vanderbilts' first Christmas in the Estate. 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. During this evening tour, 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 Spectacular.
- 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.
- Dinner will be served at Johnny Carino's in The Smokies.
- Reserved seating at the *Country Tonite Christmas Show*, consistently rated # 1.
- Reserved seats for Pigeon Forge's newest theater presentation, "Array Christmas Variety Show". Other inclusions in this Holiday Tour include The Island Shopping-Restaurant area, possibly trying a sample or two of the Moonshine which we have included and admissions to tour "Titanic", docked right along the main street of town.

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\$1734 per person in a double
\$1714 per person in a triple
\$1694 per person in a quad
\$1994 per person in single

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

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