

CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE

November 28–December 1, 2010

This great getaway to the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina is sure to kindle your holiday spirits! Enjoy a candlelight tour of wondrous Biltmore House decorated for Christmas. Tour pretty Asheville, and shop in famous Grove Arcade. Return to Biltmore by day to explore the mansion, gardens, farm, and winery. With fun dining, including Deerpark Restaurant at Biltmore, this tour is enchanting!

DAY 1: Travel south to the Blue Ridge Mountains to check into the Quality Inn & Suites Biltmore South (828-684-6688), our comfortable home for the next three nights in Arden, NC, south of Asheville. Enjoy dinner this evening at Stone Ridge Tavern, a rustic local favorite where dinner is served in a mountain lodge-style setting. (dinner)

DAY 2: Enjoy a deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel before setting out with our guide on a five-hour tour of historic Asheville. This charming city in its pretty mountain setting has become a great getaway destination. It boasts an amazing collection of Art Deco buildings, the impressive Basilica of St. Lawrence, the home of novelist Thomas Wolfe, and a funky, charming downtown bustling with shoppers, artists, tourists, and musicians. Along the way, enjoy lunch on your own and free time at the Grove Arcade, an ornate public market downtown that is home to boutique shops, regional crafts vendors, and interesting restaurants. Early in the evening, head to dazzling Biltmore, America's largest home, constructed more than a century ago by super rich world-traveler George Vanderbilt. Begin your visit to the estate at the charmingly rustic Deerpark Restaurant, an historic barn that has been transformed into a courtyard restaurant with walls of windows. After dinner, head to Biltmore House for a Christmas tour of this wondrous 350-room



French chateau. The front lawn sets the scene with a sparkling holiday illumination of evergreens with thousands of twinkling lights. Inside the great house, firelight and candlelight cast a warm glow, accenting delicate ornaments and priceless treasures. You may hear choirs singing European carols, see vintage ballroom dancers, or hear dramatic Christmas readings. Return to our hotel after an enchanting holiday experience. (breakfast, dinner)

DAY 3: After the deluxe continental breakfast, return to Biltmore to explore the amazing estate by daylight. Re-enter Biltmore House to enjoy a self-guided tour of the astonishing mansion. Stroll on the grounds and through magnificent gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, America's most famous landscape architect. Visit the estate's winery to taste Biltmore wine, learn how wines are made, or just relax in a beautiful setting. Also visit the estate's farm in Antler Hill Village, where you can explore farm life in the early 1900s, with knowledgeable interpreters and exhibits in an historic barn. Meet friendly animals in the farmyard and stroll in the kitchen garden. After a delightful day on the Biltmore estate, relax over dinner at Frankie Bones, a classic Italian-American restaurant decorated with nostalgic photographs and artwork. (breakfast, dinner)



DAY 4: After the hotel's deluxe continental breakfast, return home with bright memories of charming Asheville and unique holiday fun at Biltmore. Expected arrival in Hunt Valley at 6:50 PM, Shrewsbury 7:10 PM, York 7:30 PM, Red Lion at 8:00 PM. (breakfast)

DEPARTURES: CAPE HORN (Red Lion): 5:00 AM
QUEENSGATE (York): 5:30 AM
SHREWSBURY COMMONS (Shrewsbury): 5:50 AM

GRANDVIEW PLAZA (Lancaster): 4:40 AM
CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT (New Cumberland): 4:40 AM
HUNT VALLEY TOWNE CENTRE (Hunt Valley): 6:10 AM

NOTE: Shuttles will be used to pick up passengers at Grandview Plaza and Capital City Airport and transport them to Queensgate, where they will meet the Motorcoach. A breakfast stop will be made approximately 1½ hours after departing Queensgate.

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PACKAGE INCLUDES: Deluxe Motorcoach transportation, 3 nights accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners including one at Deerpark Restaurant on the Biltmore Estate, evening Candlelight Tour of Biltmore House, 5-hour tour of Historic Ashville, free time at Grove Arcade, daytime admission to Biltmore House, Gardens, Farm Village, and Winery, guide, and escort.

PRICE PER PERSON: DOUBLE (Occupancy): **\$670** SINGLE: **\$816** TRIPLE: **\$621** QUAD: **\$597**

DEPOSIT: A deposit of **\$225** is due within **10 days** of booking. Seat assignments are made based upon when we receive payment for your booked tour.

FINAL PAYMENT: Balance due by **October 29, 2010**.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation date is **October 29, 2010**. Full refund will be given if cancelled by this date. There is a fee of **\$75** per person for cancellations received after this date. Plus any money for tour features or services paid to suppliers for your reservation, that is not refunded to Red Lion, can not be refunded to you. This includes any expenses we incur as a result of the cancellation. **NO REFUND** for cancellations received within **48 hours** of tour departure. All cancellation calls must be received during regular office hours, no voice mail messages. **NO REFUNDS** for failure to show up on day of tour. **SORRY – NO EXCEPTIONS!** Any refunds will be paid after tour has completed and refunds have been received from suppliers by Red Lion.

CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: We recommend you purchase insurance so if you have to cancel your reservation due to illness or a death in the family, you will be able to file an insurance claim to get your money refunded. If purchased within 7 days of your initial payment, pre-existing medical conditions will be waived. The cost is **\$48** per person based on double occupancy. Please fill out, sign, and return form to our office with your check payable to Red Lion Tours & Travel. Call if you would like additional information.



**Glorious Christmas decorations
at Biltmore**



**Basilica of St. Lawrence in
downtown Asheville**