

BILTMORE CHRISTMAS

December 3-6, 2026



Immerse yourself in the yuletide oasis known as Christmas at Biltmore, where fragrant wreaths, glittering garland, and thousands of sparkling ornaments fill you with joy and wonder. The Biltmore house is dazzling by day, and Antler Hill Village becomes even more magical during Candlelight Christmas Evenings that will take you back in time to the very first Christmas at Biltmore House in 1895. Gently illuminated by candles, the air is filled with the scent of fresh pine, the sound of crackling fireplaces and a feeling of childlike wonder.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ★ Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- ★ 3-nights lodging
- ★ 6 meals (3B-3D)
- ★ All sightseeing and entrance fees according to itinerary
- ★ Professional tour manager
- ★ All gratuities for baggage handling, driver and your tour manager
- ★ All taxes & fees

TOUR FARE:

- ★ \$2,399 - Double occupancy
- ★ \$3,249 - Single occupancy



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Activity Level: *Light to Moderate*
May require moderate walking and extended standing.
There may be steps or uneven surfaces.

DAY 1:

Springfield, Ohio - Asheville, North Carolina

This morning we depart for North Carolina and "America's Largest Home" - the Biltmore Estate. The Biltmore Estate is most famously dubbed, "The Versailles of America", due to its French Renaissance chateau architecture. Built between 1889 and 1895 for George Washington Vanderbilt II, the 250-room estate features over 175,000 square feet of space and is still owned by George Vanderbilt's descendants. We arrive late this afternoon and get checked into the **Inn on Biltmore Estate** for a 3-night stay. Enjoy dinner this evening at the Inn. **D**

DAY 2:

Biltmore Property Tour - Leisure Time - Candlelight Christmas Evening

After having breakfast at the Inn, we will have a guided educational property tour of the Biltmore Estate grounds. An Estate Ambassador will climb aboard our motor coach and will share information about the land as well as the people who lived and

worked there. Afterwards the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore the grounds further.

This evening we will gather as a group for a candlelight dinner at the Stable Café. This bright, airy restaurant was once the estate's horse stable, the stalls of which were converted to hold cozy booths. Satisfy your appetite for Appalachian comfort food and southern favorites, including house-smoked meats, Carolina barbeque, grilled burgers, and fresh salads. This evening enjoy the holiday festivities at the Candlelight Christmas evening held at the Biltmore Mansion. Your tour is a self-guided audio tour. **B, D**

DAY 3:

Biltmore at Leisure

Enjoy an included breakfast at the Inn and ponder the ways you can take in the yuletide magic with a free full day. From shops, tours, wine and dining to special events and unique activities there is surely something for everyone. Hop on the Inn shuttle and visit Antler Hill Village & Winery. Be sure to visit the soaring glass-ceilinged Conservatory. Beautifully bedecked

with poinsettias and an array of exotic orchids during the Christmas and winter seasons, this hidden gem dazzles year-round with an ever-present abundance of lush, fragrant tropical displays. Linger under the twinkling lights in Antler Hill Village, where holiday splendor and an award-winning winery await.

Shop for unique holiday gifts, such as handcrafted ornaments or gourmet treats, and find the perfect souvenirs and stocking stuffers at The Barn Door or at A Christmas Past in the Stable Shops. Learn about the Vanderbilt family and their life at home and abroad at The Biltmore Legacy. Indulge in a delightful meal or grab-and-go snack from one of Biltmore's distinctive restaurants, including Stable Café, Cedric's Tavern, Bistro, and Village Social. Dinner is included at the choice of restaurant this evening. **B, D**

DAY 4:

Asheville, North Carolina - Springfield, Ohio

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning as your bags are being loaded onto the coach. We depart later this morning and start the journey back to Ohio filled with fond memories of the wonders of the Biltmore during Christmas. **B**



PAYMENT POLICY:

A \$300 deposit per person is due no later than September 2, 2026. First come, first served. Final payment is due no later than October 16, 2026. Please complete the attached form, make checks payable to Nowak Tours and send to Nowak Tours, 1395 Barn Run Drive, Valley City, Ohio 44280 or drop off at the United Senior Services building in Springfield. To pay by debit or credit card (a 3% fee is applied), call Nowak Tours at 330-483-4900.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations made prior to the final payment date are subject to a processing fee of 5% of the payment received. Cancellations made after the final payment date are in 100% penalty and no refunds will be made unless trip insurance was purchased and a valid claim can be submitted for refund consideration.

USS TOURS MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

All those purchasing a USS tour must have a current United Senior Services Membership. This policy was established to insure fairness and consistency with our members.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Travelex Group Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium for double occupancy is \$187. Single occupancy premium is \$270.