

Biltmore Estate

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Sample Itinerary

8:00 am	Depart Convention Center
10:00 am	Arrive Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Self Guided Tour of Biltmore House, Gardens and Winery; lunch at The Stables Restaurant
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Return to Convention Center

What began in 1895 as the Vanderbilt estate continues to be an amazing experience for today's visitors. At its core, Biltmore will always have the natural beauty of the mountains as well as the majestic house and gardens to inspire us and allow us to escape from the every day.

Biltmore is still family-owned, and the family is passionate about their mission of preservation through self-sufficiency—a philosophy embraced before the first stone was ever put in place. This French Renaissance château remains America's largest privately owned home.



Building Biltmore was, at the time, one of the largest undertakings in the history of American residential architecture and the results were astounding. Over a six-year period, an entire community of craftsmen worked to build the country's premier home. The estate boasted its own brick factory, woodworking shop, and a three-mile railway spur for transporting materials to the site.

We travel to Asheville, NC to visit the spectacular home of George Vanderbilt. The home, built on 8,000 acres of land has more than 250 rooms open to the public. On this self guided tour you will see the stunning elegance the family, their servants and retainers lived in during the Gilded Age in America. Enjoy the beautiful gardens and landscaping designed by Olmstead Law, see the farm that continues to raise food for the estate, and enjoy visiting the Biltmore Winery. Lunch is included in this day long journey back in time.


Services Included

- Onsite staff member to Meet & Greet and coordinate tour departure
- Transportation from the Convention Center to the Biltmore
- Experienced, knowledgeable escort
- Admission to Biltmore Estate
- Admission to Biltmore Winery
- Lunch at The Stables Restaurant included
- All taxes and gratuities
- 24 Hour Emergency Service

Capacities

A minimum of 15 participants is required for this tour to run. There is no maximum for this tour.

Notes

- Level of Activity: 
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Tour is indoor and outdoor, appropriate clothing is suggested
- Don't forget your camera!