

HOLIDAY TREASURES IN THE MOUNTAINS

2 nights; times listed are suggestions only

DAY ONE

Arrive and check into your hotel. **Explore Asheville** can offer **free and helpful assistance** with blocking your group accommodations. Use our lead service to find and compare the best group room rates! As part of our service, we can also provide a **holiday themed gift** for each member of your group upon check-in.

Experience the magic of **Biltmore** during the holidays. Create magical memories from the moment you arrive, starting with dinner at Biltmore's **Deerpark Restaurant or Stable Café**. Follow with a **Candlelight Christmas Evening** tour of the house illuminated with candles and firelight accenting delicate ornaments, priceless treasures, and an array of evergreens in every size.

DAY TWO

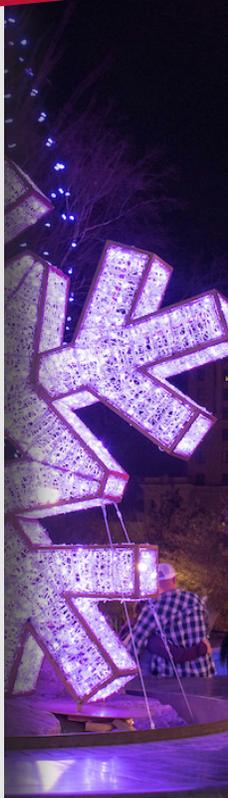
Build on last night's momentum with a return visit to **Biltmore**, taking in the conservatory, gift shops, **Antler Hill Village** and winery.

Complete your experience with a stop in **Historic Biltmore Village**, located outside of Biltmore, featuring more than 40 shops, restaurants and galleries, most housed in historic 1900-era homes and buildings. Don't miss the Olde World Christmas Shoppe!

Enjoy **lunch** on your own in the Village at one of the charming restaurants within walking distance - Wayside Grill, Corner Kitchen, Cantina Biltmore, Fig, or Well Bread Bakery. Or, enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants on the Biltmore Estate.

After lunch, Get Your Hands Dirty" at **The Village Potters** where you can create one-of-kind pottery gifts for family, friends, or even yourself! The local artisans at The Village Potters provide all instruction and can offer tours of other nearby artist studios in the well-known **River Arts District**.

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Conclude your evening with **A Crest Mountain Christmas**, an entertaining variety show of classic holiday tunes. The holiday spirit is fully enhanced with a delicious dinner buffet, create-your-own hot chocolate bar, and outdoor fireplace set against the backdrop of breathtaking mountain views.

Or, take a short trip to **Flat Rock Playhouse** in Hendersonville, NC and enjoy a professional holiday-themed production from North Carolina's state theater. Be sure to stop at one of Asheville's group-friendly restaurants for dinner on your way.

DAY THREE

Enjoy a **step-on guided city tour** of Asheville, soaking in the city's rich history and bright charisma. Step on guide recommendations available upon request.

Visit the iconic Omni Grove Park Inn for a self-guided tour of **The National Gingerbread House Competition**, featuring a couple hundred hand-built edible creations of all sizes, shapes, complexities, and themes.

Meet back together as a group for a spectacular holiday lunch buffet in the **Blue Ridge Dining Room** at The Omni Grove Park Inn. Save room for dessert at this one!

Don't forget a little Christmas shopping at the **Asheville Outlets!** With 75 name-brand stores to choose from, and up to 70% off retail price, you are sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list! A small welcome gift and coupon books are available to bus groups with advance notice.

Or, experience the reason for the season with a visit to **The Cove**, featuring the Chatlos Memorial Chapel and prayer room. Learn more about Billy Graham's ministry atop this beautiful mountain venue, fully decorated for the season.

Have a group dinner at **Stone Ridge Tavern** or **Moose Café**, both affordable and fun local options for dinner before Winter Lights.

Amaze your group with the **Winter Lights** exhibit at **The North Carolina Arboretum**, a colorful display of twinkle lights that enhances the natural beauty of the acres of cultivated gardens. Sip cocoa and sing carols as you enjoy various exhibits and decorative displays.

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