

scenic sampler

day 1

Welcome to **Asheville**! First, check into your hotel. Use **Explore Asheville CVB** to help you secure your overnight lodging and receive a complimentary souvenir for each attendee upon arrival. Head to dinner at **Tupelo Honey Café South**, an iconic Asheville restaurant serving up southern fare with a twist. Preselected group menus can be arranged at this location, just a few miles south of Biltmore.

day 2

Spend the day visiting **Biltmore**, America's largest privately-owned home. Tour the impressive 250-room chateau, a wonder of architecture and hospitality, and stroll acres of formal and informal gardens designed by America's foremost landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted. Enjoy lunch at **Stable Café** before visiting **Antler Hill Village** and the award-winning **Biltmore Winery**, or, allow the group to dine on their own in the Village.

Enjoy the toe-tapping fun of the **Blue Ridge Mountain Opry** "Bluegrass and BBQ" dinner show, featuring a variety of Appalachian songs and jigs. Sit back and enjoy the live band or grab a partner and head out on the dance floor!

day 3

Provide hop-on, hop-off tickets for the **Gray Line Trolley** to your group members so they can enjoy the city of Asheville at their leisure. This fully narrated experience provides fun and informative facts about Asheville. Stops include the **Asheville Visitor Center, The Omni Grove Park Inn, Thomas Wolfe District, Pack Square / Asheville Art Museum, Wall Street**, the **Grove Arcade, River Arts District, Biltmore Village**, and more.

Polish off the day with dinner at **The Market Place**, Asheville's original farm-to-table restaurant with private group seating.



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Drive along the beautiful **Blue Ridge Parkway**! Allow for stops at the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center** (milepost 384) and **Folk Art Center** (milepost 382) to admire this national wonder and the Appalachian arts and crafts that help to tell its story. Continue on a short journey to **Chimney Rock State Park** where you'll enjoy lunch at the **Old Rock Cafe** followed by an easy and fun elevator ride up to Chimney Rock. This 315-foot high vantage point brings you 75-mile views overlooking Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Return to Asheville in time to experience a farm-to-table feast at **The Farm, A Gathering Place**. This picturesque mountain venue provides a glimpse into Asheville's Foodtopian lifestyle with a garden tour, chef demonstration and hearty family-style meal.

day 5

Travel to Bryson City, NC to hop aboard the **Great Smoky Mountain Railroad** for a 4 ½ hour scenic train ride along the Nantahala River. Eat lunch as a group in the comfort of your train car. Then, stop in for a visit at the **Wheels Through Time** museum, home to the world's premier collection of rare American motorcycles, memorabilia, and one-off automobiles.

Or, spend the day discovering the history and traditions of the Cherokee Indian with a visit to **Oconaluftee Indian Village**, **Museum of the Cherokee Indian**, and **Qualla Arts and Crafts Center** in Cherokee, NC. End your visit with the seasonal production of **"Unto These Hills"** or some time at **Harrah's Cherokee Casino**.