

## The Biltmore

April 26–28, 2026

Asheville, NC



### Description:

Step into a world of Victorian elegance, lush gardens, and America's most opulent private home on this intimate, small-group getaway to Asheville, North Carolina. The Biltmore Experience combines stunning architecture, luxurious lodging, and timeless Southern hospitality. With carefully curated meals, immersive tours, and relaxing surroundings, this three-day journey is a feast for the senses and the soul.

### Itinerary:

Day 1 – April 26, 2026

- Morning Departure – Fly from Milwaukee (with a transfer) and arrive in Spartanburg, SC, where your private coach awaits to take you to Asheville, North Carolina.
- Soak in the scenic beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains as anticipation builds during your journey. Your home for two nights is the historic **Cedar Crest Inn**, a grand Victorian mansion and architectural gem listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Nestled on a wooded hillside next door to the Biltmore Estate, the inn is rich in ornate woodwork, stained glass, original fireplaces, and opulent period details that whisper stories from the Gilded Age.
- With rooms that once welcomed Asheville's elite, this beautifully preserved inn invites you to relax in elegant parlors or read by a fire in what was once the Gentlemen's Study.
- Dinner at **Posana** – Savor a modern farm-to-table meal at Asheville's top-rated restaurant (l).
- After dinner, enjoy a trolley tour of Asheville, revealing its eclectic charm, historic neighborhoods, and colorful culture.
- Return to Cedar Crest for a restful night in timeless surroundings.

## Day 2 – April 27, 2026

- Begin with a delicious breakfast at the inn, then board the bus for a day immersed in Gilded Age splendor at **The Biltmore Estate**.

### The Biltmore Highlights:

- Arrive by 9:00 AM to begin your visit with a guided walking tour of the formal gardens and conservatory, designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.
- Stroll past seasonal blooms, shaded paths, and breathtaking vistas that helped George Vanderbilt fall in love with this land.
- Explore the Stables and Biltmore Shops, followed by a gourmet lunch in the historic Stables Café (I)
- At 1:00 PM, embark on a self-guided audio tour of the 250-room Biltmore House, filled with priceless artwork, original furnishings, and jaw-dropping architecture.
  - Marvel at the banquet hall's seven-story ceiling, Vanderbilt's private library, hidden passageways, and lavish bedrooms.
- 4:00 PM – Board the bus to **Antler Hill Village**, where you'll enjoy free time to explore:
  - Enjoy a complimentary wine tasting at the **Biltmore Winery**
  - Visit the barn, farmyard, gardens, or relax at the ice cream shop
  - Dinner on your own with several casual options available in the village
- 7:00 PM – Return to Cedar Crest Inn for a final evening surrounded by Victorian elegance.

## Day 3 – April 28, 2026

- Enjoy one last delightful breakfast at the inn.
- Bid farewell to Asheville as you board the coach for your return flight from Spartanburg, filled with memories of Southern charm and Biltmore beauty.

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### Inclusions:

Round-trip airfare from Milwaukee (with transfer flight)

All ground transportation via private coach

2 nights at the Cedar Crest Inn, a luxurious historic bed & breakfast

Admission to the Biltmore Estate, including house, gardens, and Antler Hill Village

2 gourmet breakfasts, 1 lunch at the Biltmore, and 1 fine dinner at Posana

Guided trolley tour of Asheville

Complimentary wine tasting at the Biltmore Winery

Small group for a personalized and relaxing experience

**Pricing:**

\$1,999 Person Double Occupancy

\$2,299 Per Person Single Occupancy

\$400 Deposit Will Hold Your Place.

Balance Due March 26, 2026

No refunds after March 26, 2026

**Additional Information:**

- Be prepared to register for trip insurance at the time of the trip sign-up. You will be asked your date of birth. Trip insurance is available only at the time you book the trip.
- **There are no elevators at Cedar Crest Inn.** You will have to walk up to the stairs to get to your room. We will do our best to accommodate. **There is an extensive amount of walking and stair climbing.**
- There are multiple buildings at Cedar Crest Bed and Breakfast. Rooms at the main house will be allocated first come first serve.

**For more information or to sign up for the trip, and payment, call Lori at (414) 477-0155.**

**As seen on PBS:**

- Christmas at the Biltmore House <https://www.pbs.org/video/christmas-biltmore-house-wvwsj/>
- NC Now Special: Biltmore Estate & Downton Abbey <https://www.pbs.org/video/nc-now-nc-now-special-biltmore-estate-downton-abbey/>
- Biltmore Our Downton <https://www.pbs.org/video/unc-tv-presents-biltmore-our-downton/>
- Biltmore: Stories from the Estate <https://www.pbsnc.org/blogs/lifestyle/biltmore-stories-from-the-estate/>