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Christmas at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, NC



BILTMORE VILLAGE

BILTMORE ESTATE

TOWN OF MAYBERRY

Package includes: 1 night lodging, 1 hot buffet breakfast, 1 three course dinner at Biltmore Estate, 1 candlelight Christmas admission ticket & house audio guide for the Biltmore house tour, wine tasting & shopping time at the Biltmore village, 1 admission ticket for the Andy Griffith Museum, driving tour of downtown Mayberry, transportation from Morgantown and Clarksburg WV

ITINERARY DAY 1 Friday November 7th, 2025

• 5:30am 1st Pick-up-

- Will meet at the Wal-Mart parking near the Mariachi Mexican Restaurant.
- o Bus starts loading at 5:30am and departs at 5:45am
- o Address: 75 Retail Circle, Morgantown W.V 26508

• 6:30am 2nd Pick-up-

- **o** Will meet at the Kohl's parking.
- o Bus starts loading at 6:30am and departs at 6:45am
- o Address: 330 Emily Dr, Clarksburg WV 26301
- So You're able to park at Wal-Mart & Kohl's open parking for the duration of the trip. (Parking is allowed but at your own risk)
- Solution Each passenger is allowed to bring 1 suitcase to be placed in the luggage bay underneath the bus and 1 handbag that can be placed with or above you inside the bus. (Don't forget your pillow & traveling blanket)

Breakfast Stop-

 On route to the Biltmore Estate, we will be stopping at Cracker Barrel Country Store for a hot American Breakfast. (not included)

Rest Stops-

o Typically, every 2-3 hours for 10-15mins to stretch and to use the restrooms.

Biltmore Village-

- o A casual and relaxing way to visit Biltmore experience, Antler Hill Village & Winery connects the estate's past and present with dining, shopping, exhibits and world-class food and wine and more. The magic continues and is festooned with a glittering cascade of lights, and ornaments on display.
- o Time for shopping and wine tasting in the village, receive an introduction to Biltmore's distinctive portfolio of multi-award-winning reds, whites, and roses. Their knowledgeable wine hosts are on hand to guide your selections from among more than 20 handcrafted vintages.
- o Group 1 at 5:45pm / Group 2 at 3:15pm

Dinner at Stable Café-

- o Will enjoy a 3-course dinner at the Stable Cafe located next to the Biltmore home. Included
- **o** George Vanderbilt spent years traveling the world to find the wonders that fill his magnificent house. After dinner and before visiting the home.
- o Group 1 at 4pm / Group 2 at 4:30pm

Candlelight Christmas Biltmore Home-

- o Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Biltmore Home with audio guide. Included
- o Imagine that it's Christmas 1895. George Vanderbilt welcomes his family & friends for the first time of his new home, the Biltmore in Asheville, NC. Now, the Biltmore is not just an ordinary home or even lavish mansion, it is America's largest private home with 175,000 square feet and 250 rooms. Inside, thousands of ornaments reflect the soft glow of candles, fireplaces, and twinkle lights. The Biltmore House is magical at Christmas complete with 55 elaborate hand-decorated trees including the favorite 35ft. live fraser fir in the banquet hall, a thousand poinsettias, miles of garland, and live music. Throughout the estate, find 100+ decorated trees with 25,000+ ornaments, 1.5 miles of fresh garlands, 500 wreaths and sprays, 2,000 poinsettias and other favorite holiday plants.
- o Group 1 at 7:15pm & 7:30pm / Group 2 at 7:15pm

9:30pm Hotel Check-in-

- o Check-in to our hotel near the Biltmore Estate
- o Hotel Lodging is included in the package



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ITINERARY DAY 2 Saturday November 8th, 2025

• 7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast-

- Full Hot Buffet Breakfast is located at our Hotel.
- o Breakfast is included in the package.

9:00am- Departure-

- Start bringing your luggage onto the bus by 8:30am.
- Check out before boarding the bus & don't forget anything because we will not be returning to the hotel after departing.
- o Boarding starts at 8:45am and the bus will depart by 9:00am.

Downtown Mayberry-

- **o** Will visit the Andy Griffith Museum which provides a permanent place for the world's largest collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia. Admission ticket is **Included**.
- o The Museum is located next to the Andy Griffith Playhouse which is a half-mile from Andy's boyhood home. It houses items collected by childhood friend Emmett Forrest. The museum includes iconic signs from the show's courthouse doors that read: "Sheriff and Justice of Peace." There are also mementos from Don Knott's who played Barney Fife, actress Betty Lynn who plated Thelma Lou and George Lindsey who played Goober.
- While in Mount Airy, NC, we will also drive by Andy's Griffith home place, Mayberry Courthouse, Wally's Service Station and Snappy Diner & more.
- Lunch on your own at one of the restaurants on Main Street. (Not Included)
- o Group 1 Step on guided tour at 2:00pm / Group 2 -Step on guided tour at 2:45pm

Rest stops-

o Rest stops typically every 2-3 hours for 10-15mins to stretch and to use the restrooms.

10:00pm 1st Drop-off-

- **o** Will arrive back to Clarksburg WV approximately by 10:00pm
- o Address: 330 Emily Dr, Clarksburg WV 26301

11:00pm 2nd Drop-off-

- Will arrive back to Morgantown WV approximately by 11:00pm
- o Address: 75 Retail Circle, Morgantown W.V 26508