

# A Biltmore Christmas

Asheville, North Carolina & Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



Embark on “A Biltmore Christmas” journey, a festive celebration of the season.

Begin in Asheville, NC, at the enchanting Biltmore Estate, where warm welcomes and Christmas cheer set the tone. Immerse yourself in art at the David Chihuly Exhibition, explore festive Antler Village, and savor a Candlelight Dinner at Stable Café. Witness the magical Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate and hop aboard the Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley. Experience the National Gingerbread House Competition & Winter Lights at the North Carolina Arboretum.

Travel to Pigeon Forge for a guided tour of Newfound Gap, the Titanic Museum, and the festive lights of The Island. Revel in hometown charm in Gatlinburg, visit the Apple Barn, and experience the fun of Dolly Parton’s Stampede. Conclude your journey with a Winterfest Lights Tour, creating a tapestry of memories woven with holiday splendor, leisurely exploration, and Christmas magic.



## SAMPLE ITINERARY

### DAY ONE -

Arrive in Asheville, NC, and check-in to your MARS Partner Property located on Biltmore Estate. A Welcome Reception awaits your arrival with hot cocoa and cookies to enjoy while your luggage is delivered to your rooms.

A wonderfully festive Welcome Dinner is included at a nearby tavern or at your hotel in a private, guests-only restaurant.

### DAY TWO -

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel each morning.

See the David Chihuly Art Exhibition presented in an intimate gallery setting at Amherst, including pedestal works, *Drawings*, and large-scale installations like *Chandeliers*, *Towers*, *Mille Fiori*, and *Neon*.

Stroll Antler Village on Biltmore Estate, a vibrant hub of activity and enjoy lunch on your own while exploring at your leisure.

After a casual afternoon, experience the annual Candlelight Dinner at Stable Café located on estate grounds. This is a guest favorite and a treasured experience.

This evening, witness the Candlelight Christmas at Biltmore Estate and tour the property with Christmas music playing, fireplaces glowing, and elaborate decorations on display.

### DAY THREE -

Hop aboard the Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley for a fun and festive celebration of the season including Live music and caroling.

Enjoy lunch on your own with free time to shop & explore in downtown Asheville, beautifully decorated for the season.

Afterwards, join the fun with a Holiday Ornament Decorating Demonstration.

Tour the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, a unique mountaintop retreat.

Witness the annual traditional National Gingerbread House Competition at the Omni Grove Park, a massive, televised event, followed by an included dinner.

Discover the Winter Lights exhibit at the North Carolina Arboretum featuring over a million lights and enchanting new displays alongside classic favorites.

### DAY FOUR -

After checking out, experience a Guided tour of Newfound Gap, the lowest drivable pass through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

See the Titanic Museum and discover something new about the world’s most famous luxury liner through interactive and highly unique displays & exhibits.

Lunch is included while visiting.

Check-in to a MARS Partner Property in Pigeon Forge before enjoying dinner on your own while exploring The Island elaborately decorated for Christmas.

### DAY FIVE -

The morning is free to enjoy the hometown atmosphere in Gatlinburg. Stroll the town and enjoy lunch on your own.

This afternoon, visit the Apple Barn and Cider Mill and explore the shops, walk the riverbank, sip a mug of cider or sample homemade ice cream.

See the Horse Walk at Dolly Parton’s Stampede and meet the stars of the show up close before taking your VIP seats for the show and dine on a four-course feast!

Drive through the Winterfest Lights Tour to conclude the day.

### DAY SIX -

After checking out, visit the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center in Asheville.

Visit the historic S & W Market, widely recognized as a prime example of art-deco architecture from the 1920s. Explore at your leisure with time to shop and grab a bite to eat before departing for home.