



**IRTA UNIQUE JOURNEYS
PRESENTED BY BOSCOV'S TRAVEL
A BILTMORE CHRISTMAS
ASHEVILLE, NC**

Wednesday, December 10 – Sunday, December 14, 2025

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DAY ONE ~ Charlotte, NC - Asheville, NC

This morning you will fly into Charlotte, NC where you will be met by your Boscov's Travel Tour Director. Once everyone has claimed their luggage, you will board the motorcoach and head for Asheville. Upon arrival in Asheville, you will check into your hotel for the next three (3) nights, the DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore. This full service hotel is located just outside the entrance to Biltmore and just minutes to the shops and restaurants of Biltmore Village. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **Meals: Dinner**

DAY TWO ~ Asheville, NC – City Tour - Candlelight Christmas Evening at Biltmore Estate

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, you will head downtown where you will meet your local guide for a driving tour of Asheville. Your guide will relate to you the history of Asheville, and tell you about some of the remarkable people who settled here. Among the things you will see are the Basilica of St. Lawrence, the River Arts District, the quaint and historic Biltmore Village and the Asheville Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway, home to the Southern Highland Craft Guild. The center showcases the finest in traditional and contemporary crafts of Southern Appalachia in three galleries, a library, the Guild's oldest craft shop and live demonstrations.

Following your tour, you have free time at the Grove Arcade for lunch on your own and shopping. Later this afternoon, you will return to the hotel for a chance to relax and freshen up before this evening's events. Dinner is included this evening at local restaurant. Following dinner you will be transferred to the Biltmore Estate for a Candlelight Christmas Evening. At Biltmore, you will enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the mansion, richly decorated for the holidays and filled with candlelight and music, just as it was when George Vanderbilt first opened Biltmore to his family and friends on Christmas Eve in 1895.



George Vanderbilt was only 27 years old when he decided to build a country estate in Asheville. It took 6 years and a village of workers to create Biltmore, the largest private family home in the United States. The luxurious family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt is a marvel of elegance and charm, as magnificent today as it was more than a century ago. Faithfully preserved and filled with original furnishings and masterpieces of art, no other residence in America offers a more authentic and inspiring view of Gilded Age life. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY THREE ~ Asheville, NC – Biltmore Estate– NC Arboretum’s *Winter Lights*

Following breakfast at the hotel this morning, you will return to Biltmore Estate to visit the Gardens, Conservatory, and Antler Hill Village. First, you have a reserved timed admission to the spectacular new exhibition, “*King Tut: His Tomb and His Treasures*”. This exciting exhibition is an unforgettable exploration of the culture of ancient Egypt, the time of Tutankhamun, the search for and thrilling discovery of his tomb, and the treasures found within. The event, hailed as the world’s most complete Tutankhamun exhibition, becomes all the more fascinating in its Biltmore presentation—this is the only experience that reveals the historical connections between the monumental discovery and the Vanderbilt-Cecil family.

Following the exhibit you will have free time to visit the shops at Antler Hill Village Biltmore Winery (wine tasting included), the Conservatory, and Gardens. Lunch is on your own here today.

Dinner this evening is included at Stone Ridge Tavern. After dinner, you’ll be filled with the holiday spirit as you visit *Winter Lights* at the North Carolina Arboretum. This walk-through light display features one million lights in dazzling displays and whimsical scenes illuminating the garden pathways and woodland edge.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY FOUR ~ Asheville – Mast General Store – Charlotte – City Tour – Christmas Market

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, you will visit Mast General Store, a local landmark. The Original Mast General Store opened in 1883 in the rural community of Valle Crucis, North Carolina. Storekeepers tried to stock everything the community needed... from cradles to caskets. Today, Mast General Store boasts nine locations offering the same friendly and knowledgeable service that welcomed patrons to the original store. Even today, Mast General Store offers a variety of goods from fashion to fried chicken cookbooks and toffee to tents, not to mention a selection of hundreds of different kinds of candy!

Following your visit to Mast General Store you will depart Asheville for Charlotte, NC. Upon arrival, you will have time for lunch on your own before embarking on a guided tour of the city. Your local guide will share some of Charlotte’s fascinating history and current happenings as you enjoy your tour of the historic 4th Ward neighborhood, Uptown Charlotte and the adjacent neighborhoods of South End, Dilworth and Myers Park. Later this afternoon you will check into the Holiday Inn Charlotte Airport Conference Center. This evening will put you in the holiday spirit as we visit one of Charlotte’s Christmas Markets, filled with food, holiday drinks, festive music, and shopping. Dinner is on your own this evening. **Meals: Breakfast**

DAY FIVE ~ Charlotte – Depart for Home

After breakfast and check-out, you will be transferred to the Charlotte airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

YOUR BILTMORE CHRISTMAS TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air transportation from Chicago, IL or St. Louis, MO to Charlotte, NC (including air taxes, government fees and fuel surcharges – subject to change at the discretion of the airline.)
- Round trip transportation throughout your tour via private motorcoach equipped with reclining seats and restroom.
- Four (4) night's accommodations: three (3) nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore, Asheville, NC; one (1) night at the Holiday Inn Charlotte Airport Conference Center, Charlotte, NC.
- Seven (7) meals: Four (4) Breakfasts, Three (3) Dinners.
- Two-hour tour of Asheville, NC with local guide.
- Visit to the Southern Highland Folk Art Craft Center, Asheville.
- Candlelight Christmas Evening at Biltmore – self-guided audio tour of the mansion, beautifully decorated for the holidays.
- Visit the gardens and grounds at Biltmore including the Conservatory.
- Visit Antler Hill Village at Biltmore, tour and tasting at Biltmore Winery, plus Special Exhibition, *"King Tut: His Tomb and His Treasures"*.
- Admission to the Winter Lights display at the North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville.
- Visit to Mast General Store, Asheville.
- Two-hour tour of Charlotte, NC with local guide.
- Admission to one of Charlotte's festive holiday markets.
- Baggage handling for one bag per person.
- Services of Unique Journeys Tour Director.
- All taxes and gratuities for all tour features, including gratuity for your tour director, motorcoach driver and local guide.

COST PER PERSON

AIR CITY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	TRIPLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
CHICAGO	\$2,109	\$1,993	\$2,474
ST. LOUIS	\$2,109	\$1,993	\$2,474

