

Escorted - Biltmore Christmas

Charlotte & Asheville, NC

December 7 - 11, 2027 5 days/4 nts

Celebrate the season on a magical North Carolina holiday featuring the spectacular Charlotte Speedway Christmas light show, the breathtaking Christmas at the Biltmore Estate, and a heartwarming holiday performance at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

Day 1: Welcome to North Carolina!

Motorcoach to Hartford/Bradley Airport. Fly to Charlotte, North Carolina. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Charlotte before checking into the Drury Inn. Head to the legendary **Charlotte Motor Speedway**. Experience the excitement with the **Feel the Thrill Speedway Tour**, including the NASCAR Cup Series garage area, Pit Road, the Winner's Circle, and a ride around the famous high-banked superspeedway. Enjoy an **included dinner at the Speedway** before ending the evening surrounded by the dazzling **Charlotte Motor Speedway Christmas Lights**, one of the Southeast's premier holiday light displays. D

Day 2: From Charlotte to Asheville

Travel through the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains to Asheville. Enjoy a guided city tour of Asheville and free time to explore the charming downtown shops, galleries, and cafés. Check into **The Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate** for a three-night stay - located in the heart of Antler Hill Village and steps away from the winery & estate shops. This evening, enjoy dinner at **Stone Ridge Tavern**. B, D

Day 3: Christmas at the Biltmore Estate

Spend the day exploring America's largest home, the magnificent **Biltmore Estate**. Enjoy a self-paced audio tour through the lavishly decorated mansion, beautifully adorned

for the Christmas season with glittering trees, garlands, and thousands of twinkling lights. The afternoon is yours to enjoy Antler Hill Village, browse unique shops, visit the Winery, or stroll through the estate's beautiful grounds. Enjoy **dinner at the historic Stable Café** - housed in the estate's former horse stables. Return to the mansion for the unforgettable **Candlelight Christmas Tour**, when Biltmore glows in all its holiday splendor. B, D

Day 4: Holiday Traditions & Mountain Charm

This morning, enjoy a fascinating glassblowing demonstration at **Lexington Glassworks** and holiday shopping. A festive **holiday buffet lunch** awaits at the historic **Omni Grove Park Inn**, beautifully decorated for the season including the famous Gingerbread House display. Travel to the charming village of Flat Rock for a **private dinner at the unique Café on the Veranda, complete with exclusive after-hours shopping**. The evening concludes with "**A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas**," a heartwarming holiday performance at North Carolina's State Theatre - a joyful celebration filled with music, laughter, and Christmas spirit. B, L, D

Day 5: Homeward Bound

Return flights to Hartford/Bradley where your motorcoach awaits, taking with you memories of festive lights, Southern hospitality, and the magic of Christmas at the Biltmore. B



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COST: \$4150 pp double

Based on current air rates and schedules. Based on minimum of 25 passengers.
Transportation to the airport based on minimum # of passengers.

INCLUDES: Motorcoach to Hartford/Bradley Airport, Roundtrip air flights to/from Charlotte, NC, 4 nights hotel accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners, sightseeing & admissions per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort, Professional Tour Director upon arrival in North Carolina

PRICES: \$4150pp double \$5199pp single

DEPOSIT: \$500 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: September 3, 2027

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to September 3, 2027 the cancellation fee is \$400 pp; September 4, 2027 to October 20, 2027 the cancellation fee is \$1500 pp; no refunds if cancelled after October 20, 2027. All cancellation fees are plus any non-refundable airline fees.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Friendship Tours offers Travel Protection insurance through two providers: NTA Travel Protection Plan and Travel Insured International. Travel Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for Covered Medical Reasons, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical Services, Travel Delay, & more. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage can be purchased from either provider (see timing guidelines below) and will reimburse up to 75% of prepaid nonrefundable trip costs if canceled at least 48 hours prior to your trip for a non-covered reason. Please see the attached pricing for the AON/NTA Insurance. Please call for pricing on a Travel Insured International Policy.

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The **NTA (AON) Travel Protection Plan** is based on the cost of the trip and offers 3 levels of insurance: Basic, Enhanced, or Enhanced with CFAR. Emergency medical coverage is secondary coverage. The pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan or the Enhanced with CFAR Plan within 14 days of initial trip payment.

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PASSENGER NAME(S): The name on your airline reservation should match the Real ID or Passport you use at the airport.

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