



December 27-30, 2024

When Christmas is over, and the relatives are gone. It's time to Celebrate with Stefan, a New Year is coming
Ashville Nc - Biltmore, Grove Park, Chihuly

(3) Reasons to Book this Tour

1. Featuring The National Gingerbread Competition & Brunch at the Historic Park Grove Inn
2. Plus...Biltmore Candlelight Christmas & Dinner at Biltmore
3. Chihuly at Biltmore- Traveling exhibit at Biltmore



This Tour will be one of the **Best Motor Coach Tours** Presented by:
"Join the Fun Tours"
Stefan



**This Tour is New, Unique, Brightful, and Tasty!
Don't Miss the Motor Coach!**

Friday Dec. 27, 2024

- Depart Viera 7:00AM - Ormond 8:00AM - Palm Coast 8:30AM (overnight car parking)
- National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force- Savannah
- Check into Hotel (1) Night (Tru by Hilton or Similar)
- Dinner on own TBA
- 6:00PM RIVERBANKS ZOO- Wild Lights

Saturday Dec.28, 2024

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Chihuly at Biltmore
- Arrive Biltmore Antler Village (Farm Museum, Legacy Museum, Wine Tasting)
- 4:00PM Dinner at Biltmore Stables Cafe Loft - 3 Course Dinner
- Check into Hotel (2) Night (Tru by Hilton or Similar)
- 6:00PM Candlelight Christmas Biltmore Home *Special Themed Night –see below
- Back to Hotel

Sunday Dec. 29, 2024

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Visit to WNC Indoor Farmers Market
- Arrive 11:45 AM OMNI Park Grove Inn Sunday Brunch
- 2:00pm The 32nd Annual National Gingerbread House Competition™ Viewing
- Back to Hotel to Rest
- 5:00PM Pizza Party Dinner Hotel Lobby
- 6:00PM The North Carolina Arboretum's Winter Lights
- Back to Hotel

Monday Dec. 30, 2024

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Depart 8:30AM to Home

About the Motor Coach Tour *with Stefan



Discover the Heroic Legacy at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force!

Step into history and explore the bravery, innovation, and sacrifice of the legendary Eighth Air Force at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force! Located in Pooler, Georgia, just minutes from Savannah where the Eighth Air Force was founded, our museum offers an immersive experience for all ages.

Why Visit Us?

- **Incredible Exhibits:** Walk through meticulously curated displays featuring authentic aircraft, personal artifacts, and interactive exhibits that bring World War II history to life.
- **Engaging Tours:** Join our knowledgeable guides on a journey through time, exploring the pivotal role of the *Mighty Eighth* in securing victory during WWII.
- **Educational Programs:** From school field trips to specialized workshops, our educational programs inspire and inform future generations.
- **Special Events:** Attend captivating lectures, commemorative ceremonies, and family-friendly events throughout the year.
- **Beautiful Grounds:** Stroll through our Memorial Gardens, a peaceful tribute to the brave men and women who served.



The Lights at Riverbanks Zoo Is One Of South Carolina's Biggest, Brightest, And Most Dazzling

Walk thru Displays- Where in the Palmetto State can you *explore more than one million twinkling lights on foot* and get to possibly see some zoo animals out in the paddocks also admiring the lights? That second part (about the animals) is probably a huge clue if you've lived in South Carolina for any amount of time. The enormous walk-thru lights display in South Carolina of which we speak... is found only at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.



Antler Hill Village and Farm during your Biltmore exploration. The most popular stop here is the Biltmore Winery for a tour and tasting. In addition, see a fascinating Vanderbilt exhibit, shop, and don't forget the Creamery for ice cream! **WHAT'S NEW: Ciao! From Italy**, a display showcasing eight large-scale sculptural postcards inspired by George and Edith Vanderbilt's Italian travels. See authentic greetings from the Vanderbilts, including notes from George Vanderbilt's travel journal. On display at Antler Hill Village April 1, 2023-February 19, 2024. All attractions at Antler Hill Village are included. During the Christmas at Biltmore celebration, Antler Hill Village is decked out with many lights. **The Biltmore Legacy:** See temporary exhibits that dive deeper into the Vanderbilt family history. **The Farm at Antler Hill Village:** The farm offers a glimpse back at Biltmore's agricultural past with animals to delight children of all ages. Traditional farming demonstrations take place in **the historic Barn**, including authentic blacksmithing. Also see farm equipment and browse through the Barn Door shop.



CHIHULY — at — BILTMORE®



Chihuly “Now—January 5, 2025, *A Thrilling New Exhibition*: Featured in museums and gardens around the world, including the spectacular 2018 *Chihuly at Biltmore* exhibition, Dale Chihuly’s awe-inspiring works have captivated millions. Specially curated for Biltmore, a new experience of the world-renowned artist’s iconic creations awaits your discovery within the intimate gallery setting of Amherst at Deerpark®.



The Stable Café Loft, located just above the Stable Café, originally served as a hay storage area for the Vanderbilt stable. That rustic past is nowhere to be found today. Instead, gleaming wood floors and a vaulted ceiling bring historic charm to the graciously renovated structure overlooking George Vanderbilt’s home.



Candlelight Christmas Evenings at Biltmore: step back in time to the very first Christmas at Biltmore House in 1895. Gently illuminated by candles, the air filled with the scent of fresh pine, the sound of crackling fireplaces, and a feeling of childlike wonder, the house is a holiday vision made real & 100 Christmas Trees .

Is Candlelight Christmas Evenings different than Christmas at Biltmore during the day?

Yes! By day, the elegant rooms of the house shimmer, adorned with Christmas trees, ribbons, garlands, and thousands of lights. In the evenings, the addition of flickering candlelight, cozy flames in the fireplaces, and live music invite you to imagine yourself as a guest at the first Vanderbilt family Christmas in 1895.



HISTORIC HOTELS of AMERICA

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Edwin Wiley Grove, known as the “Father of Modern Asheville” was born in 1850 on a small farm in Tennessee. After serving in the Civil War, he had a very definite plan for his life and career – the pharmaceutical business and the determination to rise from his early poverty to great wealth and success. He purchased a pharmacy in Paris, Tennessee in his mid-twenties. He put all of his energy into formulating a tasteless quinine to prevent malaria, a life-threatening disease that permeated the South in the 19th century. After experimenting for several years, Grove introduced Grove’s Tasteless Chill Tonic and experienced immediate success. In the late 1890’s Grove’s Tasteless Chill Tonic, which had become a household staple, sold more bottles than Coca-Cola. After 20 years on the market, Grove had sold over 1.5 million bottles of his Tonic and surpassed his dreams by making millions of dollars. Grove himself was often ill, afflicted with periods of bronchitis and exhaustion and his doctors recommended the clean mountain air of Asheville, NC to relax and recover. He spent time in Asheville throughout the year and that is where he would realize his next big dream. While pursuing new pharmaceutical inventions, Grove met Fred Seely in Detroit, who was making a name for himself in the pharmaceutical business. While working together in Detroit, the two sparked a friendship and mutual admiration. Grove invited Seely to his summer home in Asheville. One week later he left his position in Detroit to work for Grove and his Paris Medicine Company. But business was not the only thing that interested Seely. When Grove introduced his daughter, Evelyn, to the bachelor, within 24 hours Grove had given Seely permission to wed her. Seely began working for the Paris Medicine Company in June 1898 and in October of that year married Evelyn. Both men ventured into other businesses including real estate. In Asheville Grove began purchasing property, he had successfully developed residential neighborhoods in Atlanta and was considering doing the same in prospering Asheville. With the expansion of the railroad and publicity surrounding the opening of George Vanderbilt’s Biltmore House, Grove was positioning himself as a serious investor in the future of Asheville. In 1909 Grove purchased 408 acres in north Asheville, including what would become The Grove Park Inn. But he would concentrate on residential neighborhoods before ever considering building a hotel. Two years later Grove began to plan the building of a hotel on Sunset Mountain. In 1911, Seely became involved with the plans. After reviewing the plans of several prominent architects, Grove did not find any of them satisfactory. The consummate visionary, Seely presented a sketch of the proposed hotel to Grove, and he not only accepted the plan but gave Seely the enormous task of building the hotel. Four-hundred men worked 10-hour shifts six days a week. With only the use of mules, wagons and ropes, granite boulders, some weighing as much as 10,000 pounds, were hauled from Sunset Mountain to build the hotel. Seely kept his promise to be open for business in less than one year from the groundbreaking. Just three days shy of one year, The Grove Park Inn opened on July 12, 1913. Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, delivered the keynote address to four hundred of the most distinguished men of the South, gathered for the opening banquet. He had no idea of how true his words would become when he proclaimed that The Grove Park Inn “was built for the ages”.



The **National Gingerbread House Competition** is a favorite Asheville holiday tradition that has taken place for over 30 years. Held at **The Omni Grove Park Inn** in Asheville, this nationally-known competition and display features whimsical and elaborate, handmade gingerbread houses of every size, shape, complexity and theme. You'll find quaint rustic cabins, gumdrop-adorned castles and sugar spun landscapes that'll likely inspire your own gingerbread traditions. Contestants from all over the country will compete for more than \$40,000 in prizes, and includes four age categories - Adult, Teen, Youth and Child. All houses must be built entirely from edible materials and made of at least 75 percent gingerbread. The level of competition attracts the highest quality of design, artistry and pastry expertise across the country, and is complemented by a panel of judges representing nationally renowned food, arts and media professionals.



North Carolina Arboretum: Winter Lights is a spectacular open-air walk-through light show made from over one million lights! Located at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, North Carolina, this year's event features favorites like the famously tall 50-foot lighted tree and the Quilt Garden, along with enchanting new details designed to delight and surprise.



Package Includes:

- Overnight Car Parking (4) Days
- Motor Coach Transportation on our 56 passenger Coach with WIFI & Restroom
- Gratuity to Donnie the Driver, (3) Nights Hotel (Tru by Hilton or Similar)
- (3) Breakfast, Pizza Party, Dinner Stable Café Biltmore, Sunday Brunch Grove Park Inn
- Gratuities to servers
- National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force
- RIVERBANKS ZOO- Wild Lights
- Chihuly Special exhibit
- Antler Village & Winery
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Tour with Audio- Biltmore Home
- WNC Indoor Farmers Market
- 32nd Annual National Gingerbread House Competition™ Viewing
- North Carolina Arboretum's Winter Lights
- All Taxes and Credit Card Fee's

**Travel Protection Recommended – We also offer an Annual Plan – call for Pricing



NOW BOOKING:

\$998PP Based on a Double or \$1,298 SOLO

✓ \$300pp Deposit

✓ Balance- Final Due Oct 15, 2024

Call 321-594-0392 to secure your seats



SUNDAY BRUNCH

SERVING BRUNCH EVERY SUNDAY IN BLUE RIDGE
12 - 2:30PM

STATIONS

CARVED STEAMSHIP OF BEEF*

Air jax, horseradish cream

OMELET*

Turkey, onions, pepper, jalapeno, bacon, sausage, cheddar, mozzarella

EGGS BENEDICT*

Canadian bacon, hollandaise, herb

AVOCADO TOAST

Smoked salmon, radish, caper, dill, sriracha, feta, multi-grain toast

BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE GRAVY

CHAFERS

SCRAMBLED EGGS*

CHEESE BLINTZ

Berry compote

BREAKFAST POTATO CASSEROLE

Scallions, Swiss cheese

COUNTRY LINK SAUSAGE

BACON

Pecan-smoked

MAC AND CHEESE

BUTTERMILK FRIED CHICKEN

CHEF SELECTED VEGETABLE

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

SHRIMP AND GRITS

Trout cream sauce

SEAFOOD ON ICE

CITRUS POACHED SHRIMP

HOUSE SMOKED TROUT

Panorami spice

STEAMED MUSSELS

Citrus, white wine garlic sauce

COMPOSED SALADS

ROASTED BEETS SALAD

Cider-ginger glaze, toasted almonds

WEDGE SALAD

Blue cheese, bacon, tomato, croutons

KALE AND MIXED BERRY SALAD

Strawberry dressing

TRADITIONAL POTATO SALAD

Bacon, croutons, Dijon

GROVE MARKET SALAD

Mixed greens, cucumbers, carrots and tomatoes
Dressing of choice

GARBANZO BEAN AND GARDEN

VEGETABLE SALAD

Cucumbers, tomato, red onion, cilantro, lime juice

CULINARY DISPLAYS

IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CHEESES

Cured meat, nutpaste, grain mustard

BALSAMIC ROASTED VEGETABLES

Herb-marinated

OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

Spinach, garlic, onions