



BILTMORE CHRISTMAS (TMC1915)

NOVEMBER 17-22, 2025

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse
- 5 nights accommodations
- 13 meals: 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners including a Candlelight dinner at Stable Café on Biltmore grounds
- Ride the Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley, a seasonal favorite in Ashville featuring holiday storytelling and traditional Christmas caroling
- Participate in a Holiday Ornament decorating demonstration
- Free time for shopping in downtown Ashville including the Mast Hardware Store
- Visit Antler's Hill Village and Winery
- Self-guided tour of the Candlelight Christmas Biltmore Estate
- Visit the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center
- Explore and shop at the Allanstand Craft Shop, nationally recognized as the oldest craft shop in America
- Guided tour of the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove including the Chatlos Memorial Chapel and Visitors Center
- Explore the Winter Lights exhibit at the North Carolina Arboretum
- Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theatre Christmas Show
- Baggage handling when available (1 piece per person)
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- Services and Gratuities for a Professional Motorcoach Driver
- All applicable taxes and fees

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.



HOTEL(S):

The George Washington Wyndham Grand Hotel, Winchester, VA (1 night)

Holiday Inn Asheville East Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC (3 nights)

Springhill Suites, Hagerstown, MD (1 night)

PRICING:

Double	\$2,339
Single	\$2,739
Triple	\$2,209
Quad	\$2,139
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$24

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$550 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due by September 1, 2025.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Buffalo

AAA Administrative Office
100 International Dr.
Williamsville

Rochester

RIT Inn & Conference Center
5257 West Henrietta Rd.
Henrietta

Syracuse

Syracuse Doubletree Hotel
6301 State Route 298
East Syracuse

CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

Day of Deposit to 7-15-2025 / \$150 Admin Fee Per Person

7-16-2025 to 9-1-2025 / Loss of Deposit Per Person

9-2-2025 to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Biltmore Christmas

Monday, November 17 – Saturday, November 22, 2025

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Early morning boarding begins at AAA Travel & Insurance Center, 100 International Dr, Williamsville, NY.

Early morning boarding begins at RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY. A brief rest stop will be made en route.

Early morning boarding begins at a **NEW LOCATION as of March 1, 2025: DoubleTree Hotel, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY (Carrier Circle).**

Stop at Coppers Seafood House in Scranton, PA for an included **lunch**.

Arrive in Winchester, VA for an included **dinner buffet**.

Your **one-night stay** tonight is at The George Washington, A Wyndham Grand Hotel, in Winchester, VA. **Baggage handling** is included.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Board the motorcoach and depart for a day of travel. Enjoy an included **lunch** stop in Christiansburg, VA.

Arrive in the early evening in Asheville, NC for an included **dinner** at Stone Ridge Tavern.

Tonight, hop on board the **Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley** for a fun and festive celebration of the season including live music and caroling. It features an entertaining blend of holiday storytelling and traditional Christmas caroling. Enjoy stories of local lore and holiday traditions, then join in with the on-board musician singing classic carols and songs of Christmas. All the while, the Holly Jolly Trolley is rolling past festive holiday decorations in downtown Asheville, Biltmore Village, and the Montford and Grove Park neighborhoods. The trolley tour lasts about one hour.

Your hotel for your **three-night stay** is at Fairfield Inn & Suites, Asheville, NC. **Baggage handling** is included.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Start the day with a one-hour **holiday ornament decorating demonstration** led by Asheville artist Andrea Kulish. Andrea creates pysanky using traditional Ukrainian patterns as well as her own modern designs. The creation of the eggs is very personal and meaningful to her because it is a tradition her mom passed down to her starting when she was only five years old. For her, the egg making is both a way of expressing her creativity, connecting with her late mother, who as an artist herself was a huge inspiration, and a way to keep this Ukrainian folk tradition alive. It is a unique part in the mosaic of America's varied cultural heritage.

Enjoy lunch on your own and shopping time in beautiful downtown Asheville. Don't miss the Mast Hardware store.

Visit **Antler's Hill's Village and Winery**. Discover the village that connects the estate's present and past, providing a relaxing place for dining, shopping, historical exhibits, and new ways to experience Biltmore's hospitality. The village is a casual place extending the Biltmore experience including the fun and relaxing Winery, exhibits at The Biltmore Legacy, and ale at Cedric's Tavern. Explore farm life in the early 1900s and the 8,000-acre backyard at the Outdoor Adventure Center.

Tonight, a **Candlelight Dinner** is included at Stable Café located on the Biltmore grounds. Imagine what the space would have looked like decades ago when horses were calling it home. Take in all the woodwork and the craftsmanship displayed all over the cafe, where even the smallest detail is perfected.

After dinner, you'll have two hours for a **self-guided visit of the Candlelight Christmas Biltmore Estate**. A majestic Norway spruce and pathway luminaries welcome you to America's Largest Home®. Inside, with Christmas music playing, thousands of ornaments reflect the



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soft glow of candles, fireplaces, and twinkle lights. There are more than 100 hand-decorated Christmas trees, 100,000 holiday lights, 1,200 live poinsettias, and 6,000 feet of fresh evergreen garland that provide the Estate that magical ambiance satisfying all the senses. Note: Audio included.

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

This morning, visit the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center** in Asheville, featuring an award-winning film and exhibits that highlight the natural and cultural heritage, economic traditions, and recreational opportunities found in Western North Carolina and along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Stop for a one-hour visit at the **Southern Highland Craft Guild Folk Art Center** and marvel at the **Allanstand Craft Shop**, established in 1895 and nationally recognized as the oldest craft shop in America. Explore artisan-made jewelry, textiles, pottery, glass, and much more, crafted by the members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, over 400 artists, and craftspeople of Southern Appalachia. Watch and interact with Guild artisans demonstrating their craft in the lobby. You can also visit the second-floor art gallery.

Enjoy lunch on your own at **S&W Market Food Hall in Asheville**.

This afternoon you'll take a one-hour **guided tour of Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove**. The tour includes the Chatlos Memorial Chapel and Visitors Center that is used specifically to present the ministry of The Cove to visitors.

After some free time, rejoin your group for an included **dinner** at Post 25 Kitchen & Lounge in Arden, NC.

Tonight, you'll visit the **Winter Lights exhibit at The North Carolina Arboretum** in Asheville. This show features over a million lights and mixes enchanting new displays with old favorites like the 50ft tree and Quilt Garden. Winter Lights is a walk-through light show. Cozy up to the fire pits and heaters throughout the gardens. Live performances are scheduled nightly. Plus, during Winter Lights, the beloved g-scale model train offers nightly service to the North Pole.

Friday, November 21, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Board the motorcoach for a day of travel. Stop for an included **lunch** at the Long Mountain Grill in Rustburg, VA.

Arrive in the early evening at Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theater in Hagerstown, MD for an included **Christmas dinner show**.

Check-in for your **one-night stay** at Springhill Suites in Hagerstown, MD. Baggage handling is not available.

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Depart for home. Rest/meal stops will be made en route at your expense.

Return to Syracuse in the late afternoon.

Return to Henrietta in the evening.

Return to Williamsville in the evening.

Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.

Effective April 21, 2025, New York State requires any person on a charter bus in New York State to be restrained by a safety belt while in motion. Failure to comply will result in fines imposed on the person not in compliance. [NY State Assembly Bill 2023-A8557](#).

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