

SERA Presents... Holiday Lights of Asheville Featuring The Biltmore

November 30 - December 3, 2025



Itinerary

Sunday, November 30, 2025

7:00 AM Depart At Home Store, Harrisburg

Rest and meal stops "on own." Arrive about 5PM at the Doubletree, Downtown Asheville. Check in and enjoy your evening "on your own."

Monday, December 1, 2025

After our hot breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for the **Biltmore**, a Vanderbilt mansion that's America's largest privately owned home. Biltmore's grand spaces will be lavishly decorated with trees and Christmas finery throughout, and its many fireplaces will be adorned with greenery, ribbons, and flowers. Included in today's admission are self-guided tours of the house, grounds, conservatory, and time to explore the Biltmore Village & shops. You may grab a bite to eat on site "on your own" This afternoon explore the **Antler Hill Village**, Be sure to stop at the Olde World Christmas Shoppe!

This evening enjoy an included dinner at **Pack's Tavern**. (B, D)

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Enjoy a hot breakfast at the hotel this morning before we depart for the **Holiday Trolley of Asheville**. This delightful experience showcases the city's history with a holiday flair. Lunch will be included after at a local favorite.

Next, we are off to **The Cove**, featuring the Chatlos Memorial Chapel at Billy Graham's ministry atop this beautiful mountain venue, fully decorated for the season.

This evening we'll visit the **North Carolina Arboretum** for their beautiful lights display. (B, L)

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for home 9 AM. Rest / meal stops en route "on your own" 8:00 PM approximate arrival back. (B)



Cost:
\$879pp Double Occupancy / \$1089pp Single Occupancy
Terms & Conditions

Deposit Requirements

An initial deposit of \$150 per person is required to confirm reservation. ***Travel Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions.*** Full payment must be received by September 29, 2025

Cancellation ~ Deposit is refundable until September 29, 2025. After that point there are no refunds without travel insurance.

Baggage ~ Portage of baggage is included in program; it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person plus 1 carry on.

Items Not Included ~ Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, laundry, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel or returning home.

Gratuities ~ tips for baggage handling, and waiting staff for included meals are included. Gratuities for the motorcoach driver, local guide and tour escort are not included.

Taxes ~ Our prices include all government taxes as levied as of the date of this proposal. In the event that additional taxes are introduced by governing bodies or existing taxes increased, we will have to pass on all such additional charges to the individual passengers concerned.

Insurance ~ We strongly recommend that all passengers be adequately insured for medical expenses, baggage loss or damage and trip cancellation or interruption. This is the responsibility of individual tour participants. For travel insurance please email ckelly@lowees.com
(To process rates we will need in the email: Trip dates, Cost per person and Date of Birth)

Hotel~

Doubletree Downtown ~ 199 Haywood St, Asheville, NC 28801 828-505-8500

Amenities: Wi-Fi, Indoor Pool, Fitness Center, On-site restaurant, Hair dryer, Iron/Ironing Board, Coffee Maker

Trip Includes:

Motorcoach Transportation, 3 Nights Accommodations, 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner, Biltmore Estates day admission, Asheville Holiday Trolley Tour, The Cove Tour, The NC Arboretum Lights, Luggage Handling at the hotel, Meal Taxes and Gratuities. *Driver & Escort gratuities not included.

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**Holiday Lights at the Biltmore
November 30—December 3, 2025**

**Package Price:
\$879pp Double Occupancy / \$1,089pp Single Occupancy**

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$150 pp) to secure reservation for _____ # people

I (We) wish to purchase Travel Insurance Yes _____ No _____

For travel insurance please email ckelly@lowees.com

(To process rates we will need in the email: Trip dates, Cost per person and Date of Birth)

Total Payments \$ _____

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact / Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Roomate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up: DGS Annex (formerly Harrisburg State Hospital), Lot C, Area 4 Green, 4 Cherry Road  
in Harrisburg across from the Farm Show Complex.**

Please make checks payable to Lowee's Group Tours and mail to:

SERA—Biltmore

PO Box 458

Harrisburg PA 17108-0458

Questions: Call 717-657-9658 or Email [ckelly@lowees.com](mailto:ckelly@lowees.com)

Payment by Credit Card (circle one)      Visa      MasterCard      Discover

*Please note a 3.5% fee is charged for all credit card payments*

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CID Code \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be Charged : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit due with registration \$150 per person / Final payment due by September 29, 2025.