



Asheville NC

Asheville is a city in western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. It's known for a vibrant arts scene and historic architecture, including the dome-topped Basilica of Saint Lawrence. The vast 19th-century Biltmore estate displays artwork by masters like Renoir. The Downtown Art District is filled with galleries and museums, and in the nearby River Arts District, former factory buildings house artists' studios. Population: 91,902 (2017)



Biltmore

This French Renaissance castle in the heart of Asheville and the Blue Ridge Mountains is an architectural jewel. The home features 250 rooms, including 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms and 65 fireplaces. In addition to the house, the 8,000-acre estate is home to forested trails and beautiful gardens.

George W. Vanderbilt created the Biltmore estate in the 1890's as a grand retreat in the North Carolina Mountains. The estate officially opened to his friends and family on Christmas Eve 1895. Mr. Vanderbilt brought in Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, to design the gardens and trails. The Estate is still privately owned and operated by George Vanderbilt's descendants

Christmas at the Biltmore

More than 100 hand-decorated Christmas trees adorn the home and the estate, the centerpiece being a 35-foot Fraser fir. The 35-foot tree is drawn carriage and lifted into place in during the annual tree raising (Nov. 1). lights and candles you'll see twinkling provide a magical ambiance. And, the live poinsettias and 7,500 feet of fresh estate an aroma that completes The Christmas at Biltmore celebration with everything from holiday blooms in illumination display at Antler Hill Christmas wine at the Winery.



The more than 30,000 throughout the Estate 360 fresh wreaths, 1,000 evergreen garland give the this feast for the senses. is spread across the estate the gardens to an Village to commemorative

Candlelight Tour: Musicians throughout the house will perform seasonal favorites as you stroll on a self-guided tour of the rooms of Biltmore House. Feel the warmth and glow of the dozens of lighted fireplaces. Before you even enter the House, you'll be greeted by a 55-foot Norway spruce tree sparkling in the center of the front lawn. That tall tree will be surrounded by 35 illuminated evergreens.

Antler Hill Village: In addition to the winery, Antler Hill Village is home to the farm, where you can get a taste of what life was like for those who lived on the estate raising livestock and tending crops. In

the heart of the Village, stop in at The Biltmore Legacy museum to see special historical exhibits, grab an ice cream at The Creamery, shop at the stores and or dine in two restaurants listed below.

Restaurants:

Cedric's Tavern: Cozy wood-lined pub on Biltmore Estate. Savor satisfying pub fare alongside robustly-flavored American and global cuisine, craft beers, spirits, and Biltmore wines. Lunch features tavern favorites like fish & chips, shepherd's pie, a classic Reuben sandwich, and great burgers, along with a variety of small plates. Dinner highlights Chef Powell's updates on classic English pub fare.

Village Social: Gather and relax with friends as you create a custom dining experience with a versatile menu of inspired takes on sustainable seafood and regional ingredients prepared in traditional southern style.

This full-service restaurant and bar features seafood and is accompanied by house favorites like burgers and fried chicken. The sides and bites are a blend of southern favorites that will complement any plate.



The Winery: Discover America's most-visited winery on George Vanderbilt's magnificent 8,000-acre estate. Your daytime admission to Biltmore includes **a complimentary wine tasting**—a fascinating journey through our distinctive portfolio of multi-award-winning reds, whites, and rosés. Our knowledgeable wine hosts are on hand to guide your selections from among more than 20 handcrafted vintages.

Shopping:

The Barn Door

Featuring a unique selection of American made arts and crafts items. Located at Antler Hill Barn.

Antler Hill Outfitters: Offers top brands and fashion for the outdoor lifestyle including Orvis, Royal Robbins, and more.

Traditions: A graceful mix of products and home accents inspired by how Edith Vanderbilt might entertain guests today.

Wine Shop: Browse a complete selection of Biltmore wines, plus gourmet foods and cooking accessories. Located in the Winery.

Trolley Tour: Hop aboard for our 1.5 hour nostalgic trolley for a fully narrated journey, highlighting the history, homes and hot-spots of Asheville. Two 34 passenger trolleys pick up guests at the HILTON GARDEN INN. The tour includes, the diverse Montford historic district, the stately Grove Park historic district, the legendary Grove Park Inn, Art Deco-rich downtown, the ever artsy and edgy River Arts District, and the quaint & historic Biltmore Village.

Other Asheville Activities:

Smith-McDowell House Museum 283 Victoria Rd, on the AB Tech Community College Campus, Asheville, NC 28801-4817

The oldest standing home in WNC. In a little more than 1 hour you can see and learn much about the history of the Asheville area. Very knowledgeable hosts greet you with an overview before a self-guided tour. Look for the 1840s map of the United States on the wall in one of the rooms.

Thomas Wolfe Memorial 52 N Market St, Asheville, NC 28801-8105



Thomas Wolfe's childhood home, immortalized in his 1929 novel, "Look Homeward Angel," is preserved intact as a lasting monument to one of the 20th century's most prominent writers. The house, originally operated as a boardinghouse by his mother, retains most of its original furnishings and is designated as a National Historic Landmark. Tours of the 29 room house are

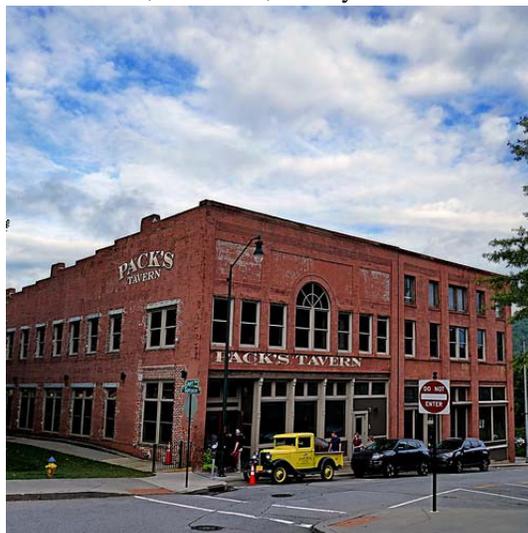
offered hourly. The adjacent visitor center and museum highlight Wolfe's life and major literary accomplishments.

The Omni Grove the western-facing Blue Ridge Mountains opened on July 12, Hotel and has been Presidents of the personages. Listed on [Places](#), the hotel is an also features a \$44 subterranean spa.



Park Inn: is a historic resort hotel on slope of Sunset Mountain within the in Asheville, NC. The Grove Park Inn 1913. It is an AAA Four-Diamond since 2001. It has been visited by many United States and many other notable the [National Register of Historic](#) example of the Arts and Crafts style. It million, 40,000-square-foot, modern

Pack's Tavern: located in downtown Asheville, is a local, family owned restaurant committed to 100% satisfaction for every guest. It is from our hotel and has a large and located in an old, historic renovated Pack's Square.



walking distance varied menu. It is tavern adjacent to