



# **ASHEVILLE *featuring* THE BILTMORE**

## **North Carolina**

**May 13 – 18, 2019**

***Travel south to the amazing Biltmore Estate,  
and check out country roads and sights along the way!***

### **Monday May 13**

**Departures** from **Clinton** (Hale Bus Garage, free), **Utica** (In front of parking garage next to Delta Hotel, paid parking), or **Rome** (Freedom Plaza, free)

*\*Locations subject to change based on demand. Times TBD in April.*

Appropriate **rest stops** will be made along the way.

**Hotel:** **Country Inn & Suites**, Harrisonburg, VA

**Dinner** included at local restaurant

### **Tuesday May 14**

**Breakfast** included at hotel.

**Depart for North Carolina**

Enjoy the ride and the scenery as we head south. We'll travel on the **Blue Ridge Parkway**, noted for its scenic beauty. It runs along the Blue Ridge mountain chain, part of the Appalachian Mountains.

Visit **Grandfather Mountain**, the tallest peak of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Stop at the **Artisan's Center** and see an extraordinary exhibit of locally made arts and crafts. See woodworking, jewelry, glass making, pottery, quilts and paintings.

This evening check into the **Double Tree Hotel**, Asheville, our home for the next three nights. Dinner on your own.

### **Wednesday May 15**

**Breakfast** included at hotel.

A **local guide** will join us for a **sightseeing tour** this morning. After lunch on own, tour the **Biltmore Estate and Gardens**. This luxurious family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt is a marvel of elegance and charm. The house tour spans three floors and the basement and you'll tour at your leisure using an **audio wand**. See vintage clothing, accessories, art, furniture and more. The Biltmore Gardens include acres of formal and informal gardens designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

Shop at **Antler Hill Village** and take in the spectacular views.

**Dinner** included tonight at a local restaurant.

### **Thursday May 16**

**Breakfast** included at the hotel.

We'll travel to Bryson City and board the **Great Smoky Mountains Railroad**. This scenic rail excursion takes you through the beautiful countryside of Western North Carolina. The First Class elegantly appointed coaches feature climate-control, deluxe cushioned dining chairs, large picture windows and a dedicated car attendant. **Lunch** is included aboard the train. **Dinner** is included tonight at a local restaurant.

### **Friday May 17**

**Breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check-out.

We'll travel to Beckley, West Virginia and stop at **Tamarack** for lunch on own and shopping for local arts and crafts. The striking, peaked red roof and attractively landscaped grounds draw in thousands of visitors.

We'll stop at **New River Gorge Visitors Center** and enjoy spectacular views of **New River Gorge Bridge**. This work of structural art is the longest steel span in the western hemisphere and the third highest in the United States.

The Bridge is one of the most photographed places in West Virginia.

**Dinner** is included tonight along the route as we continue to trek north.

**Hotel:** **Comfort Inn**, Somerset, Pennsylvania

### **Saturday May 18**

**Breakfast** included at the hotel before check out.

Visit the **Flight 93 Memorial**. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard Flight 93, the attack on the U.S. Capitol on September 11, 2001 was thwarted. The Tower of Voices serves as both a visual and audible reminder of their heroism.

We'll return home tonight with incredible memories of our journey.

### **COST PER PERSON:**

**TWIN OCCUPANCY \$1269.00**

**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$1199.00**

**QUAD OCCUPANCY \$1169.00**

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$1619.00**

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, tour escort, accommodations and attractions as noted in the itinerary. **Not included:** Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort. Industry standards suggest \$2.00-\$3.00 per person, per day for each, based on your level of satisfaction. No envelopes provided, please handle individually.

**RESERVATION/PAYMENT/CANCELLATION:** \$100.00 deposit per person to hold seat. Balance/full payment by April 1, 2019. Checks payable to *Tours By Design, Inc.* \$25.00 fee for returned checks. (*Credit cards not accepted*). We can not guarantee refunds for individual cancellations made after April 1. Any refund will be determined and disbursed after the tour. Travel insurance is suggested. Request a brochure, find a link to Allianz Global Assistance on our website, or call Allianz at 1-800-284-8300 and provide ACCAM# F032835. All cancellations subject to a \$5.00 service fee once any payment made.

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