



September 29 - October 3, 2026

Autumn at the Biltmore

Featuring two nights at the Inn on Biltmore Estate!

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Tuesday, September 29 (Lunch)

Step aboard our deluxe motor coach to begin our autumn journey through Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina! Get to know your traveling companions as we make our way to **Paducah, KY** to visit the **National Quilt Museum**. Designated by Congress as a national repository, this premier institution showcases award-winning quilts from around the world.

We will stop at **Patti's 1880's Settlement** for a delicious lunch complete with one of their famous, fresh-made desserts. We continue on to **Crossville, TN** where we check into the **Hampton Inn**, or similar, for one evening.

Wednesday, September 30 (Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner)

As we continue on our journey to **Asheville, NC** we'll pass through **Great Smoky Mountain National Park**. Here, a **local guide** will join us and share the unique natural and cultural history of the Southern Appalachians. We will make multiple stops at beautiful vistas along the way. A **box lunch** will be provided.

This afternoon we check into the elegant **Inn on Biltmore Estate** for two nights. Get settled in your exquisitely appointed room at this AAA Four-Diamond hotel that overlooks the breathtaking **Blue Ridge Mountains** of North Carolina. Then meet your traveling companions for a **gourmet dinner** at the Inn. Dining has always been cause for celebration at the Biltmore and remains a cherished tradition. A talented culinary staff adheres to a "field-to-table" concept that draws from the Biltmore's harvest from surrounding gardens, fields, orchards, and vineyards. The estate's ten-acre Kitchen Garden yields dozens of varieties of fresh produce, estate-raised beef and lamb, local honey, and award-winning Biltmore wines.

Thursday, October 1 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast, we will explore the magnificent **Biltmore Estate** during this colorful time of year, when the gardens are bursting with autumn color. An Estate Ambassador joins us en route to the house, sharing with us information about the property, landscape, architecture, and the vision of George Vanderbilt. Upon arrival at the Biltmore House, a 90-minute **audio tour** will give us the feeling of being guided through Biltmore's grand rooms by their curators. We'll learn about the Vanderbilts, their guests, and their servants, in addition to the surrounding architecture, design, and artwork. This 250-room, 19th-century French Renaissance chateau remains America's largest privately owned home. Outside the home, immerse yourself in the colorful blooms that transform the formal and informal gardens and grounds in the fall.



We'll visit the estate's **Antler Hill Village**, which connects the Biltmore's present and past. This village provides a relaxing place for dining, shopping, historical exhibits, and new ways to experience Biltmore's hospitality - such as a complimentary wine tasting! The gracious wine hosts are happy to guide you through a tasting of robust reds, refreshing rosés, and crisp whites. You will have time to have lunch at one of the village's many restaurants.

We will enjoy dinner at **the Stable Cafe** on the grounds of the Biltmore Estate. After dinner, stroll to the mansion's front lawn to view **Luminere**, an incredible outdoor evening light and sound experience. The centerpiece is a stunning projection mapping show on the façade of Biltmore House – an immersive 15-minute visual journey accompanied by music, telling the remarkable story of the estate. In addition to the projection show, you can stroll through the historic gardens, which will come alive with beautifully designed illumination.

Friday, October 2 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After another wonderful breakfast, we bid farewell to the Biltmore Estate and make our way to **Louisville, KY**. By late afternoon, we'll check into the **Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Louisville** for one night. This evening, enjoy a **dinner cruise** along the Ohio River aboard the historic **Belle of Louisville!**

Saturday, October 3 (Breakfast)

This morning we head to the **Kentucky Derby Museum**, where we'll explore the race's long history dating back to 1875. Two floors of interactive exhibits take visitors through every stage of a Thoroughbred's life, from birth to the Derby. We will also learn about past and current champions and experience all the traditions that have transformed the Derby into "**The Greatest Race.**"

No trip to Kentucky is complete without a visit to a bourbon distillery! We'll stop at the **Evan Williams Bourbon Experience** for a tasting and tour, allowing us to get an up-close look at how bourbon is distilled, aged, and perfected.

After rest stops made along the way, we'll arrive back home with fond memories of our autumn visit to the Biltmore Estate!



Tour Cost Per Person: Double: \$2,445 Single: \$3,095 Triple: \$2,255 Quad: \$2,195



The Inn on Biltmore Estate

The Inn on Biltmore Estate - Hotel Grounds



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April 22nd | 3:00 PM

Bethalto Senior Center | 100 E. Central Ave

Join us for an informational meeting to hear about this trip firsthand from a **Travel Professional** who will present the itinerary and answer any questions. Learn why so many travelers make the Biltmore their must-see Autumn destination!



Cancellation Policy: All payments are fully refundable for cancellations received by **July 17, 2026**. Although every effort will be made to refund passenger payments, cancellations received after this date will be subject to the penalties imposed by our suppliers including. It is highly suggested that all travelers help protect their vacation investment by purchasing an optional travel protection plan. Your group representative can provide information on a plan offered by Travel Guard. Should the passenger purchase travel protection and need to cancel after **July 17, 2026**, a travel protection claim must be filed with Travel Guard. Please note that we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of initial trip deposit and that the premium is refundable for cancellations received before **July 17, 2026**.

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INCLUDED

DELUXE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
THROUGHOUT THE TOUR

FOUR NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

FOUR BREAKFASTS, TWO LUNCHES, AND
THREE DINNERS

ALL ACTIVITIES AND ADMISSIONS AS LISTED

BAGGAGE HANDLING AT HOTELS
(WHERE AVAILABLE)

ALL TOUR RELATED TAXES AND GRATUITIES

SERVICES OF 1ST MIDAMERICA CREDIT UNION
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NOT INCLUDED

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Travel Protection: An Optional Travel Protection Plan is available for **\$176** per person in double occupancy, **\$223** in single occupancy, **\$162** in triple occupancy, and **\$155** in quadruple occupancy.

RESERVATIONS:

Please submit a completed reservation form with your **\$100 per person deposit** plus **travel protection premium**, if desired, to:

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BALANCE DUE: JULY 17, 2026