



ASHEVILLE IN THE FALL NOVEMBER 9-12, 2017

Join our **EXCURSION** to **ASHEVILLE**, a delightful town located between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina. The highlight is a visit to **BILTMORE**, the country estate of George Vanderbilt, grandson of railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt. This fabulous French Renaissance-style chateau, with its collections of tapestries, paintings and furniture, was designed by architect **RICHARD MORRIS HUNT** and landscaped by **FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED**. Visits to Carl Sandberg's mountain farmstead, **CONNEMARA** and the boyhood home of **THOMAS WOLFE** are also on our itinerary.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Depart Philadelphia or your home city for **CHARLOTTE, NC**. Upon arrival, we will visit the **MINT MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND DESIGN** dedicated to traditional and contemporary works in ceramics, fiber, glass, metal and wood. Then travel to **ASHEVILLE** where we will check into the centrally located **RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL**. A Welcome Dinner is planned this evening at the historic **GROVE PARK INN** with its splendid Arts and Crafts-style furnishings.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - Today will be spent at the **BILTMORE ESTATE**, built in 1895 by George Vanderbilt. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the house and partake of many options including a tour of the gardens and a "Behind the Scenes" tour of selected rooms that are not open to the general public. We will visit the estate's **WINERY** and shop for crafts at the **HISTORIC BILTMORE VILLAGE** before returning to our hotel. Suggestions will be provided for dinner for each free evening.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Enjoy a historic tour of downtown **ASHEVILLE** with its unique blend of architectural styles and the **RIVER ARTS DISTRICT** filled with working artists' studios and galleries. Tour the historic **SMITH-MCDOWELL HOUSE**, built by antebellum North Carolina's most influential citizens, and the **THOMAS WOLFE HISTORICAL CENTER**, the boyhood home of the famous novelist.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Travel south to **FLAT ROCK** to visit **CONNEMARA**, the fascinating **CARL SANDBURG HOME AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**, and **ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS**, a church dating from 1832. Sunday Brunch is included and a stop at the **FOLK ART CENTER** to shop for authentic crafts made by members of the **SOUTHERN HIGHLAND HANDCRAFT GUILD** before returning to the Charlotte airport for our flights to Philadelphia or your home city.

COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$1695 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$290. Airfare is additional. We will book the best possible roundtrip airfare at the time reservations are made. **THE PRICE INCLUDES:** three nights' accommodations at the Renaissance Hotel including tax and portorage; Sunday brunch, one dinner; all sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary including entrance fees; and a pre-trip packet. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. **SPACE IS LIMITED** to 34 participants. Please complete the form below and mail it with a deposit of \$450 to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE, P.O. Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103**. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express at a small additional charge. Final payment is due no later than Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Full refund may be made until September 5 less an administrative fee of \$450. Thereafter the trip is non-refundable unless a replacement is found. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. **AN EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT OF \$75 IS AVAILABLE IF WE RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.**

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