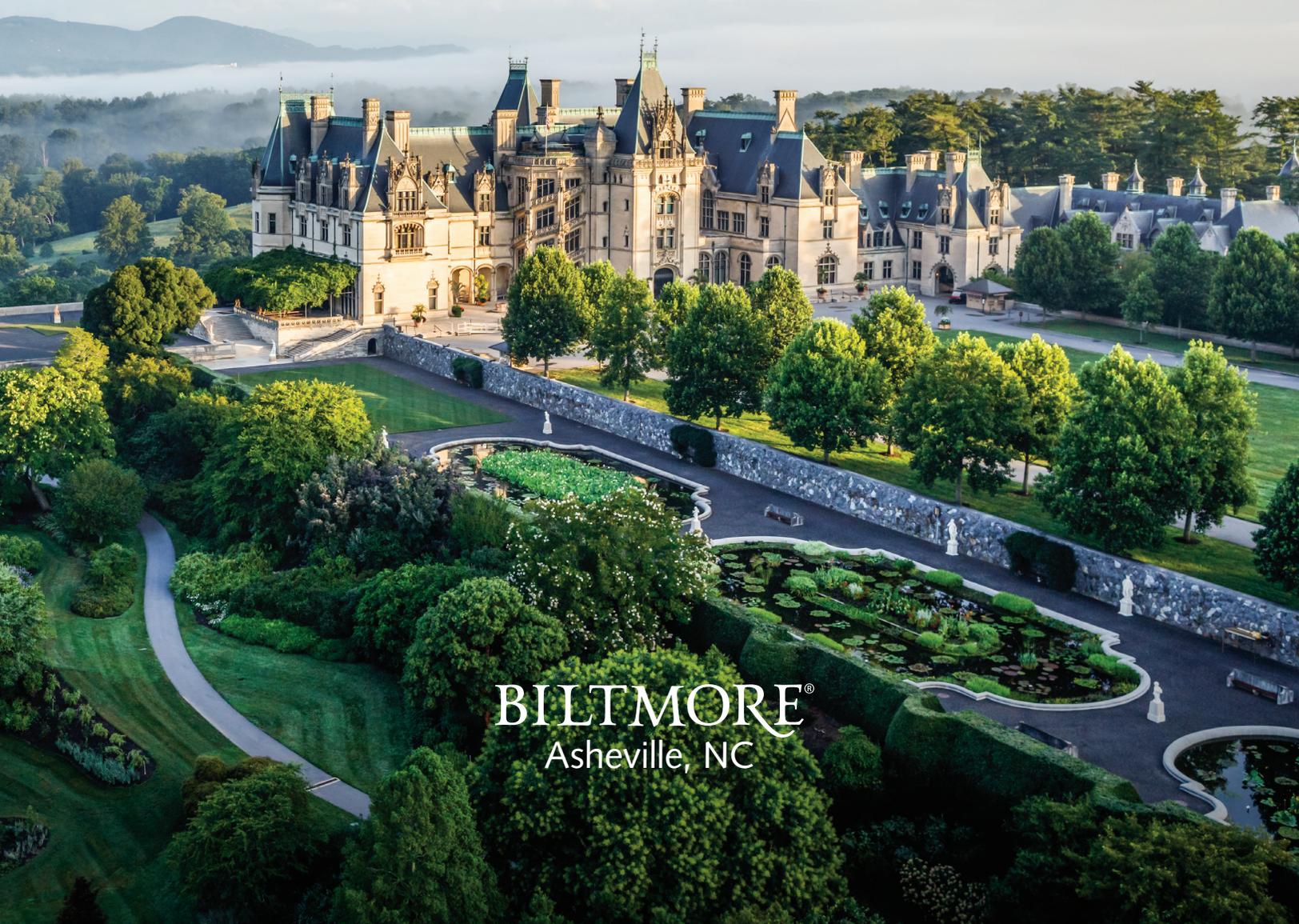




BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF EDUCATION

2017–2018 School Year Educational Programs



BILTMORE[®]
Asheville, NC



EDUCATION HAS ALWAYS
BEEN A KEY COMPONENT
OF LIFE AT BILTMORE.



George Vanderbilt

My great-grandparents, George and Edith Vanderbilt, took a personal interest in helping their community become more self-sufficient. They believed that education provided a means for people to improve not only their own lives, but the lives of their children as well.

Through opportunities like adult literacy classes and practical internships, the Vanderbilts encouraged the people of Western North Carolina to succeed. Edith Vanderbilt founded Biltmore Estate Industries, an enterprise based around traditional wood carving, weaving, and furniture building skills associated with the Western North Carolina region. This initiative developed into a cottage industry that provided jobs and economic improvement for many in the community.

By 1914, Edith Vanderbilt became aware of a movement that focused on teaching illiterate adults how to read and write, with teachers volunteering their time to teach adults at night in the same schools where they instructed children during the day. Recognizing that many workers and their family members who lived on Biltmore were illiterate, she founded a Moonlight School on the estate, and also became an official spokesperson for the Moonlight Schools, appearing in public to gain support for the endeavor.

We are eager to share more of our family's stories with you and your students during your visit to Biltmore this year. In addition to its natural beauty and grand architecture, Biltmore also reflects my great-grandparents' interests in providing a warm welcome and gracious hospitality to their guests. They created a home that would last for generations, where guests still come to escape the pressures of everyday life and spend time with friends and family.

I believe that you and your students will find our educational programs enriching and enjoyable. We are honored to inspire students to develop a new love of learning.



Bill Cecil, Jr.

Biltmore Chief Executive Officer, Great-grandson of George Vanderbilt



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BILTMORE HOUSE GUIDED STUDENT VISITS

Biltmore House and its treasures have inspired guests—including thousands of students—for more than 100 years. Through our educational programs, we are pleased to share what it was like to live, visit, and work at Biltmore during George Vanderbilt's day. Our informative and engaging programs make use of storytelling, historic artifacts, and period materials. All of our programs follow National Common Core Standards, are age and grade appropriate, and are designed to reinforce the classroom curriculum. We have enhanced our guided school visits with the Group Guide System. This system equips students with earbuds so they can clearly hear what guides are saying, regardless of whether they are in the front or at the rear of their group.



KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE

This combination visit includes an abbreviated Biltmore House guided student visit and a hands-on program at Antler Hill Farm.

4TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE

This historical guided tour of America's Largest Home® includes the main living areas of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt's bedrooms and private living area, and servant areas as well as the popular Bowling Alley, Swimming Pool, and Halloween Room. Discover the state-of-the-art technologies that put Biltmore ahead of its time, why Mr. Vanderbilt chose to make Western North Carolina his home, how the construction of Biltmore House impacted the community, and the many contributions the Vanderbilts made to Western North Carolina.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES STUDENT TOUR

We are pleased to offer a guided behind-the-scenes tour developed specifically for school groups. This tour takes the best parts of our Upstairs – Downstairs and Rooftop Tours, then adds special access to areas off limits to daytime guests. Students will get a great look into the life of servants on the estate, the amazing architecture, and the advanced technology that made Biltmore House ahead of its time. Tour areas are seasonal and may include the Kitchen Courtyard, balconies, Maid’s Bath, Servants’ Bedrooms and Servants’ Hall, linen closets, freight elevator, Gothic Arch Hallway, Architectural Model Room, the top of the Grand Staircase, and the slate roof.

CHRISTMAS AT BILTMORE®

November 3, 2017–January 7, 2018

The holiday spirit comes alive when Biltmore is decked out for the season. Learn about estate traditions that began with the opening of Biltmore House on Christmas Eve 1895 and customs that are still celebrated today. As this is a very popular time of year, please be aware that there may be more than the usual number of visitors in the house. Beginning and ending times for guided tours must be strictly kept. Please be on time.





ANTLER HILL FARM PROGRAMS

A visit to Antler Hill Farm offers a look back to the time when Biltmore was a working dairy farm. As you explore life on our turn-of-the-century farm, you will discover not only Biltmore’s past, but also its future. All of our programs follow National Common Core standards and are designed to enhance STEM and STEAM curricula. All Farm programs are age and grade appropriate. The majority of activities are outside without shelter, so please dress appropriately for the season and weather. Some programs are seasonal and/or weather-dependent.



KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE

Field to Table

A Field to Table program with farm-fresh fun! Learn about Mr. Vanderbilt’s groundbreaking farm. Discover the connection between gardens, animals, orchards, fields, and the food we eat. Play games to learn where our food comes from and how to be a good steward of the land.

The Farm + 5

Sharpen your senses. Loud hammer, pungent compost, zesty herbs, soft feathers, and colorful flowers are just some of the things to explore in a new way on Mr. Vanderbilt’s farm while focusing on the five senses.

4TH GRADE THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Interactive Science Fair

You be the scientist! Explore Mr. Vanderbilt’s scientific farm and then participate in an experiment to prove or disprove the group’s hypothesis.

Barn Tales—All in a Day’s Work

Roll up your sleeves and get to work shelling corn, scrubbing clothes, pitching hay, or churning butter. Experience firsthand the chores of farm and family life more than 100 years ago.

9TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE

The Forest—A Biltmore Legacy

George Vanderbilt established the nation’s first scientifically managed forest. What can we learn from his legacy and what surprising products can be produced from trees?

Going Green

Renew, sustain, recycle, and conserve: Biltmore was built on these principles. Learn how these buzzwords connect to Biltmore’s history and how we can each contribute to our future.





ALL GRADE LEVELS

Hands-On Farm Tour

Explore the wonders of Antler Hill Barn, a historic structure original to the estate. Activities are seasonal and may include visiting the blacksmith, broom maker, or woodworker; petting donkeys, goats, and roosters; learning to card wool, grind corn, or churn butter; examining old farm equipment; playing old-timey games; listening to farm tales; or going on a scavenger hunt.

Our Appalachian Culture

Have mountains of fun while learning about the people who worked Biltmore's land. Try your hand at making traditional Appalachian toys, crafts, or music, and learn about the rich folklore and customs of the region.

Holiday Celebration

Offered November through December, celebrate the holiday season with crafts and traditional games from the Vanderbilts' era. Please note the Holiday Celebration is the only Antler Hill Farm Program available during this time of year.



Tickets for Antler Hill Farm Programs are an additional cost to a Biltmore House visit.

See page 10 for pricing.



ADDITIONAL ESTATE EXPERIENCES

PERFORMING AT BILTMORE

March through October

As loyal patrons of the arts, the Vanderbilts held many benefit concerts in Biltmore House along with providing entertainment for their guests. Middle school and high school choruses can be part of the hospitality for which the Vanderbilts were known. Daytime performances are Monday through Thursday only. All venues are outside and weather-dependent. Some restrictions apply. Call 828-225-1409 for details.



MULTI-DAY CLASS TRIPS

Create a great experience that will give your students lifelong memories. Customize packages with:

- Estate admission tickets for the length of your stay
- Lodging at student-friendly hotels
- Specialty tours
- Meal options varying from picnics to formal dinners
- Other local “must-see” attractions

FOR DETAILS *please call 866-851-4661*



BILTMORE'S GARDENS

Acres of century-old gardens transform Biltmore's landscape into an ever-changing wonderland of color, textures, and shapes, including flowering trees and shrubs along with thousands of blooms that appeal to all our senses. George Vanderbilt commissioned Frederick Law Olmsted, whose works included New York's Central Park, to design both formal and natural settings for his estate.



ANTLER HILL VILLAGE

Our village stands in homage to an area of the estate where many farm, dairy, and forestry employees and their families lived and socialized in the early 1900s. Oral history records reveal fond memories of gatherings for the families including Christmas parties, dances, fall fairs, and classes in the evenings. Be part of the Vanderbilt tradition of hospitality as you enjoy this delightful area of the estate.



2018 EXHIBITIONS

GLAMOUR ON BOARD: FASHION FROM TITANIC THE MOVIE

February 9–May 13

Dazzling costumes from the iconic film—representing the extensive wardrobes of transatlantic travelers like George and Edith Vanderbilt in the early 1900s—will be displayed in the grand rooms of Biltmore House.

CHIHULY AT BILTMORE

May 17–October 7

Featuring the works of globally-renowned artist Dale Chihuly, this exciting new exhibition showcases his breathtaking large-scale glass sculptures throughout the gardens of America's Largest Home®.



BILTMORE CLASS PHOTOS

Capture an amazing memory. Class photos are taken prior to your Biltmore House guided student visit and will be ready for pick up afterwards. This offer can easily be added to your reservation.



Souvenir Pack

STUDENT OPTIONS*

- For \$2: One 4x6 class photo
- For \$5: Souvenir Pack including one keychain and one magnet with a sized-to-fit class photo for each

BONUS!

Teachers will receive one complimentary 8x10 class photo with the minimum ten student purchases.

**Minimum of ten student purchases required. Prices are subject to applicable taxes and subject to change.*



LET'S DO LUNCH!

SMOKEHOUSE

Located in Antler Hill Barn (Open seasonally)

\$12 per person: includes choice of chopped BBQ pork, pulled BBQ chicken sandwich, or ¼-lb. all-beef hot dog; served with chips and choice of tea, water, or soda. Limited outdoor seating.

STABLE CAFÉ

Located adjacent to Biltmore House

K-3 Lunch \$10 per student: includes choice of chicken tenders, junior burger, or grilled cheese; served with chips, fruit, a cookie, and choice of tea or water.

4-8 Lunch \$13 per student: includes choice of chicken tenders, cheeseburger, or grilled cheese; served with chips, fruit, a cookie, and choice of tea or water.

High School Lunch \$20 per person: includes choice of roasted veggie, pulled pork, or harvest turkey sandwich; served with chips, chef's signature dessert, and choice of tea or water. Adult menu available.

DEERPARK

Located in the center of the estate (Minimum of 20 people required)

K-10 Lunch \$20 per person, Grade 11-Adult Lunch \$27 per person: includes buffet with seasonal menu featuring southern style and chef's specialties.

BILTMORE BAG LUNCH

\$6 per person: includes choice of turkey, ham, or PB&J sandwich on white bread or veggie wrap; served with chips, a cookie, and a bottle of water.

DON'T FORGET ICE CREAM!

Available at the Ice Cream Parlor in the Stable Courtyard or the Creamery in Antler Hill Village.

In a cup or a cone for \$4.50.

BRING YOUR OWN

School groups may bring their own lunches and picnic at Antler Hill Village Pavilion, Antler Hill Farm, or the Vista below the statue of Diana. Please be aware that absolutely no picnicking is allowed around Biltmore House, on the Front Lawn, or in the Courtyard.



TICKETS

BILTMORE HOUSE GUIDED STUDENT VISIT

Students:

\$19.55 (Monday-Wednesday) \$21.55 (Thursday-Friday)

One complimentary chaperone admission is included with each group of 10 paid students.

Parents/Adult Guests Self-Guided Visit: \$41.55

WINTER AT BILTMORE

Call about discounted ticket prices for *Winter at Biltmore* guided student visits, offered January 8 through March 18, 2018.

BILTMORE HOUSE & STUDENT BEHIND-THE-SCENES COMBINATION TOUR

Students:

\$26.55 (Monday-Wednesday) \$28.55 (Thursday-Friday)

Chaperones: \$12

BILTMORE HOUSE & ANTLER HILL FARM COMBINATION TOUR

K-3rd Grade Students:

\$19.55 (Monday-Wednesday) \$21.55 (Thursday-Friday)

4th-12th Grade Students:

\$24.55 (Monday-Wednesday) \$26.55 (Thursday-Friday)

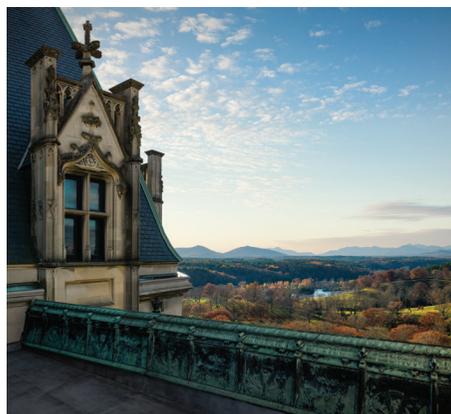
**Prices quoted for all tickets and activities are subject to applicable taxes and subject to change. 7% N.C. tax will be added to all ticket prices.*

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ADULT GUESTS

Due to space and group guide system limitations, please enjoy a self-guided Biltmore House visit while students participate in their guided visit and enjoy Antler Hill Village while students participate in their program at the Farm.



HELPFUL GUIDELINES



PLANNING

For assistance planning your trip, please call 866-851-4661.

- Guided student tours are available Monday through Friday only.
- Reservations for the guided student tours must be made at least three weeks in advance. Reservations made inside that time may result in a self-guided visit.
- Plan your time carefully as tour times are not flexible.
- Allow extra time in your day for lunch and restroom breaks.
- If anyone in your group has special needs—i.e. hearing or visually impaired or needs wheelchair access—please let us know in advance.
- Peak seasons fill quickly; make your reservations as early as possible.

MAKING YOUR RESERVATION

Call 866-851-4661 or fax 828-225-1396. Reservation lines are open from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Have the following information ready:

- 1st Choice of Visit Date/Alternate Date if necessary
- 1st Choice of House Tour Time/Alternate Time if necessary
- Number of Students: You will need to divide your students into groups of up to 20 maximum.
- Number of Chaperones: Schools are required to have two chaperones per group of 20. (Example: A group of 13–20 students requires two chaperones. A group of 21–40 students requires four chaperones. A group of 41–60 students requires six chaperones. Please inquire about roving chaperones for larger groups.)
- Number of Parents/Adult Guests: Parents/adult guests who are not assigned as required chaperones will enjoy a self-guided visit and be given an approximate time to meet their child’s class at the end of their guided tour.
- Tours and Activities: House, House/Behind-the-Scenes Tour, House/Farm, Lunch, Photo, Ice Cream
- Special Needs: Any students or classes needing extra assistance.

FINAL NUMBERS, POLICY AGREEMENT, AND PAYMENT

Final numbers as well as the signed Policy Agreement for your group are due 14 days prior to your visit. Groups that do not submit the signed Policy Agreement 14 days in advance of their visit may be subject to cancellation. Full payment is due 10 days prior to your visit and is non-refundable. One form of payment is requested for all planned activities. We accept school checks payable to The Biltmore Company and major credit cards.

WELCOME PACKETS

Once your payment and the signed Policy Agreement are received, you will be sent a welcome packet containing:

- Pre-visit checklist
- Adult guest tickets and driving/parking instructions (if needed)
- Day-of-visit checklist
- Student tour vouchers
- Scan sheet for driver
- Chaperone stickers
- Earbuds for students
- Letter to the parents
- Instructions and Estate Maps for drivers

You will not need to stop at the Group Sales office upon arrival unless you did not receive your welcome packet, or you have more students or adult guests than your original reservation.

RESERVATION WORKSHEET

Completed form can be faxed to 828-225-1396 or e-mailed to groupsales@biltmore.com.

****Reservations are not confirmed until you have received a Reservation Agreement.****

Tax-exempt NC schools must provide certificate at time of reservation for price adjustments.

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Lead Teacher: _____ E-mail: _____ Cell #: _____

Date of Visit: _____ Earliest Arrival Time: _____ Alternate Date: _____

of Students: _____ Chaperones (1:10 required): _____ Bus Drivers: _____ Adult Guests: _____

Please make note of any special needs, i.e. wheelchair accessibility, hearing or visual impairments, medical or behavioral: _____

TOUR SELECTION (Circle one):

Guided House Tour

Guided House/Farm Combo

Guided House/Behind-the-Scenes Tour

FARM PROGRAM SELECTION (Circle one):

All Grades: *Our Appalachian Culture Hands-On Farm Tour*

K-3: *Field to Table Farm+5 4-8: Science Fair Barn Tales*

9-12: *The Forest Going Green*

During November and December. Holiday Celebration is the only Farm program available.

TOUR COMPANY

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Contact: _____ E-mail: _____ Cell #: _____

LUNCH WORKSHEET

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SCHOOL BAG LUNCH \$6

Turkey: Ham: PB&J: Veggie Wrap: Total Lunches:

SMOKEHOUSE \$12

BBQ Pork: BBQ Chicken: Hot Dog: Veggie Dog: Veggie Burger: Total Lunches:

K-3 STABLE CAFÉ LUNCH \$10

Chicken Fingers: Junior Burger: Grilled Cheese: Total Lunches:

4-8 STABLE CAFÉ LUNCH \$13

Chicken Fingers: Cheeseburger: Grilled Cheese: Total Lunches:

HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT STABLE CAFÉ LUNCH \$20

Turkey: Pulled Pork: Veggie: Total Lunches:

Lunch prices are inclusive of applicable taxes and gratuities. Advanced reservations required.



STUDENT GROUP POLICY AGREEMENT

A signed copy of this form is required at least 14 days prior to your planned visit.

Please carefully review our guidelines for your Student Group Visit. This will ensure your students and accompanying adults as well as all of our guests at Biltmore have an enjoyable and memorable experience. Copy may be scanned and returned to groupsales@biltmore.com or faxed to 828-225-1396. Reservations without a signed policy agreement 14 days prior to visit are subject to cancellation.

In advance of your visit to Biltmore, it is important to establish the criteria and designate between your **Recognized Chaperones** and **Adult Guests**, as defined below:

Recognized Chaperones receive complimentary tickets and are defined as the pre-determined adults/teachers required for the Student Guided Tour of Biltmore House. The Recognized Chaperones are required to stay with their assigned groups at all times and in all areas of the estate, including gift shops, gardens, and Antler Hill Village and Farm. Division of students in groups are shown in the table to the right:

# of Students	# of Groups	Recognized Chaperones
15-20	1	2
21-40	2	4
41-60	3	6
61-80	4	8
Etc..		

All extra adults other than the Recognized Chaperones are considered **Adult Guests**. Adult Guests are afforded the School Discount Ticket rate and must be included in the school group count and payment.

In order to maintain a positive educational experience for your students, as well as all guests visiting Biltmore House, **Adult Guests may not accompany or follow behind the Student Guided Tour during their Biltmore House visit.** Instead, Adult Guests are asked to enjoy a self-guided visit to Biltmore House on their own.

- Students must be divided into their guided groups before arrival. See table above for number of groups needed.
- Any student or adult displaying disruptive or destructive behavior will be asked to leave Biltmore House and may result in the entire class/school being asked to leave the estate.
- Encourage students to dress for the weather. Biltmore House is not air-conditioned and can also be chilly during the winter months. Additionally, the beginning and end of the student tour is outside.
- Comfortable shoes are highly recommended.
- Shoes with wheels (such as Heelys®), food, drinks, chewing gum, and tobacco products of any kind are not permitted inside Biltmore House or any estate building.
- Estate Security will be conducting bag searches prior to entering Biltmore House. Unless it is medically necessary, we suggest all non-essential bags and backpacks be stored on your bus.
- When visiting Antler Hill Farm and Barnyard, it is imperative to treat our animals with respect and care. They should be handled with tender loving care. The animals at the Barnyard are babies and are more easily injured than adults.
- If you are planning on visiting the Antler Hill Farm/Barn area without a scheduled program, please be aware that some areas may not be available due to scheduled programs in progress.
- It is very important you arrive on time and stay on schedule. Please plan on arriving at the estate entrance at least 30–45 minutes prior to your first scheduled activity.
- If you are running late, please call the **Group Sales Front Desk at 828-225-1401.**

By signing this agreement I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies set forth for our field trip. I am the lead teacher and take responsibility for sharing rules and expectations with students, Recognized Chaperones, and Adult Guests.

Print Name: _____ Cell #: _____
 School Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations made by Tour & Travel Company. Lead teacher signature is required to complete reservation.

Tour Company: _____ Print Agent Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

ESTATE MAP

 One-way vehicular traffic

TRAVEL DISTANCES

- Reception & Ticketing Sales Center to Biltmore House: 3 miles
- Biltmore House to Antler Hill Village: 5 miles
- The Inn on Biltmore Estate® to Biltmore House: 4 miles
- Biltmore House to Deerpark: 3 miles
- Antler Hill Village to Deerpark: 2 miles
- Reception & Ticketing Sales Center to The Inn on Biltmore Estate®: 2 miles

Map not to scale.



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