BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF EDUCATION

2018–2019 School Year Educational Programs
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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
45–60 Minute Guided House Tour and 90-Minute Farm Program
This combination visit includes a guided tour of Biltmore House featuring the main living areas on First Floor, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt’s Bedrooms and private living area, and the Halloween Room, Bowling Alley, and Swimming Pool, plus a hands-on program at Antler Hill Farm.

4TH GRADE THROUGH 8TH GRADE
75–90 Minute Guided Tour
This historical guided tour of America’s Largest Home® connects with Core Standards and NC curriculum. Tour includes the main living areas of the house plus Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt’s Bedrooms and private living area, servant areas, and the popular Halloween Room, Bowling Alley, and Swimming Pool. Discover 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 the area and the state.
9TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE
90-Minute Self-Guided Audio Tour

New! High school students can enjoy the visit at their own pace. The Audio Tour offers historical information, stories, and music while touring the main living areas of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt’s Bedrooms and private living area, upstairs servant areas, and the Halloween Room, Bowling Alley, Swimming Pool, and Kitchens in the basement.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES STUDENT TOUR
Available only until February 7, 2019

Specifically for school groups, this behind-the-scenes tour includes special access to areas normally off-limits to daytime guests.

CHRISTMAS AT BILTMORE®
November 3, 2018–January 6, 2019

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.*
For more information and reservations: 866-851-4661

PERFORMING AT BILTMORE

April through June: Middle and High School Choral Groups and Concert Bands
August through October: High School Marching Bands

As loyal patrons of the arts, the Vanderbilts held many benefit concerts in Biltmore House along with providing entertainment for their guests.

If you are interested in adding a performance to your visit at Biltmore, your group’s audition tape or video must be received with your reservation at least six weeks prior to your requested date. Please email your audition to groupsales@biltmore.com with PERFORMANCE in the subject line, or call 828-225-1409 for more information.

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
- Recommendations for local 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 the 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.

2019 EXHIBITIONS

A VANDERBILT HOUSE PARTY – GUESTS, GRANDEUR & GALAS

February 8–May 27, 2019

Experience the excitement of turn-of-the-century house parties at Biltmore when George and Edith Vanderbilt entertained family and friends with boundless hospitality.

BILTMORE GARDENS RAILWAY

May 24–September 29, 2019

Marvel at our amazing model train display in the Conservatory, featuring multiple tracks and a variety of estate-inspired buildings crafted from botanical elements.
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.

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 10 student purchases.

*Minimum of 10 student purchases required. Prices are subject to applicable taxes and subject to change.
LET’S DO LUNCH!

SMOKEHOUSE

Located in Antler Hill Barn at Antler Hill Village
(Open seasonally)
$12 per person: includes choice of chopped BBQ pork, pulled BBQ chicken sandwich, ¼-lb. all-beef hot dog, veggie dog, or veggie burger; served with chips and choice of tea, water, or soda. Limited outdoor seating.

STABLE CAFÉ

Located next 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.

TICKETS

BILTMORE HOUSE GUIDED STUDENT VISIT
Students:
$21.55 (Monday–Wednesday)   $23.55 (Thursday–Friday)
Complimentary admissions for Recognized Chaperones (2 per group of 20 students). Complimentary admission for lead teacher as Roving Chaperone.

WINTER AT BILTMORE
Call about discounted ticket prices for Winter at Biltmore guided student visits, offered January 7 through March 9, 2019.

BILTMORE HOUSE & STUDENT BEHIND-THE-SCENES COMBINATION TOUR
Students:
$28.55 (Monday–Wednesday)   $30.55 (Thursday–Friday)
Chaperones: $12

DEERPARK RESTAURANT

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.

PURCHASE BAG LUNCH / BRING YOUR OWN

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

School groups may bring their own lunches.

Whether purchasing a Biltmore Bag Lunch or bringing your own, groups may picnic at Antler Hill Village Pavilion, Antler Hill Farm, or the Vista below the statue of Diana.

No picnicking is allowed around Biltmore House, on the Front Lawn, or in the Stable Courtyard.

DON’T FORGET ICE CREAM!

Available at the Ice Cream Parlor in the Stable Courtyard next to Biltmore House or the Creamery in Antler Hill Village.
$4.50 per person: includes one scoop of ice cream in a cup or cone.

PARENTS / OTHER ADULTS

Please enjoy your own self-guided visit in Biltmore House and Antler Hill Village while students are participating in educational programs. Plan to meet them in front of Biltmore House at the conclusion of their house visit or at the Pavilion adjacent to the Farmyard in Antler Hill Village at the conclusion of their Farm program.

Parent / Adult tickets:
$45 (Monday–Wednesday)   $48 (Thursday–Friday)
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. Ensure you have extra arrival time prior to your tour reservation time as groups that miss their reserved tour time may have to wait for the next available time. If traveling from Biltmore House to Antler Hill Farm for programs, plan for driving time, lunch, and a restroom break.
- If guests in your group have accessibility needs—i.e. are blind or have low vision, are deaf or have partial hearing loss, or have mobility disabilities—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
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FINAL NUMBERS, POLICY AGREEMENT, AND PAYMENT

The signed Policy Agreement and final numbers 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. Please open it prior to your visit and check contents for accuracy. Packet contains:

- Pre-visit checklist
- 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
- Adult guest tickets and driving/parking instructions (if needed)

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.
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FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

Completed form can be faxed to 828-225-1396 or emailed 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 BAG LUNCH $6

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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:

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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. Adult Guests are strictly self-guided and not to be part of the guided student visit.

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.
- Schools and Lead Teachers are responsible for their students and adult guests. 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.
- For the security of the estate and all our guests, everyone will go through a security check and baggage check. Please have students leave all backpacks and non-essential bags on the bus. The Lead Teacher may carry a backpack or bag for any necessary items for medical or personal reasons.
- When visiting Antler Hill Farm and Farmyard, it is imperative to treat our animals with respect and care. They should be handled with tender loving care. The animals at the Farmyard 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 imperative that you arrive on time and stay on schedule. Please plan on arriving at the estate entrance at least 45 minutes prior to your first scheduled activity.
- If you are running late, please call the Group Sales Front Desk at 828-225-1401. We will do our best to schedule your group for the next available tour time.
- Biltmore takes all acts of vandalism and/or defacement very seriously. We ask that you, your chaperones, and your students take this seriously as well. If any group or individual is observed harming any aspect of Biltmore property through graffiti or defacement, they will be held fully responsible and may be subject to any and all penalties under North Carolina’s Graffiti Vandalism Laws.

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: ____________________________

For more information and reservations: 866-851-4661
**ESTATE TRAVEL DISTANCES**

- **Main Entrance/Group Sales Office to Biltmore House:** 3 miles (allow a minimum of 20 minutes travel time)
- **Reception & Ticketing Sales Center to Biltmore House:** 3 miles
- **Biltmore House to Antler Hill Village & Winery:** 5 miles
- **The Inn on Biltmore Estate to Biltmore House:** 4 miles
- **Biltmore House to Deerpark:** 2 miles
- **Antler Hill Village & Winery to Deerpark:** 2 miles

**LOCAL DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Below are recommended routes to Biltmore.

**Address:** 1 Lodge St, Asheville, NC 28803 for GPS directions.

**From Interstate 40 East**

Take I-40 east to Asheville. Take exit 50 (U.S. Highway 25), then turn left at the traffic light after exiting. Stay in the left lane and follow signs to the Biltmore entrance.

**From Interstate 40 West**

Take I-40 west to Asheville and take exit 50B (U.S. Highway 25 North). After exiting, stay in the left lane and follow signs to the Biltmore entrance.

**From Interstate 26/U.S. Highway 19/23 East**

Take I-26 east to Asheville. In Asheville, take I-240 east to I-40 west. Follow I-40 west to exit 50B (U.S. Highway 25 North). After exiting, stay in the left lane and follow signs to the Biltmore entrance.

**From Interstate 26 West**

Follow I-26 west toward Asheville to exit 31A (Hickory/Knoxville exit). Take I-40 east to exit 50 (U.S. Highway 25), then turn left at the traffic light after exiting. Stay in the left lane and follow signs to the Biltmore entrance.

**From the Blue Ridge Parkway**

Take the U.S. Highway 25 North exit; Biltmore is approximately 4 miles from the parkway.