

Proposed 6 day Itinerary for the Biltmore Estate, and Asheville , N.C. and Monticello, Va.

Day #1 Mon. Oct. 20th 2008

7:30 AM. Leave Roseland

12:00 Arrive at Cozys in Thurmont MD. for lunch

1:30 PM. Leave Cozys

**5:30 PM. Arrive and check in at The Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA.
Dinner following check in**

Day #2 Tue.

Breakfast at our hotel

8:00 AM. Check out and leave Roanoke

12:00 Arrive at the Biltmore Estate for lunch at the Deerpark restaurant. After lunch we will tour Biltmore and have time to enjoy the gardens, visit the winery, before our dinner in the Estate Dining room.

After dinner depart for our hotel if not staying at the Biltmore Inn .

Day #3 Wed.

Breakfast at our hotel then it's off to the NC. Arboretum where we will enjoy the 426 acres of native plants. After the gardens we will stop at the Folk Art Center, home of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, which represents craft artist from Southern Appalachia. ChimneyRock Park is next on the agenda with it's amazing wildlife and a 404 foot waterfall. Take the 26 story elevator to the top of Chimney Rock to enjoy the 75 mile view. We will have time for lunch on your own. Later we will have a narrated excursion of Lake Lure aboard a spacious covered tour boat. Mountain legends, history and breathtaking views. After the sun sets we will cruise to

Larkins on the lake where we will spend an enjoyable dinner. After dessert, climb on board and cruise back to port under the fall moonlight.

Day #4 Thur.

Breakfast at our hotel

9:00 AM. Check out and leave our hotel and visit the Thomas Wolfe Museum. Thomas Wolfe was considered one of the giants of the 20th century American Literature. He immortalized his childhood home in his epic novel, Look Homeward Angel. This will be followed by a tour of Asheville Urban Trail (Downtown Asheville) where we will get up close and personal with N.C. most architecturally diverse city with its fascinating blend of Queen Anne, Romanesque and Revival, and Art Deco. We will have time to shop for regional treasures at The Grove Arcade, the lavishly ornamented Gothic structure which dominates an entire city block. Lunch on your own. We will depart Asheville after lunch, about 1:00 PM. We will over night near Lynchburg, VA. And have dinner at Peaks of Otter.

Day #5 Fri.

Breakfast and check out

9:00 AM. Leave our hotel and travel to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, designed by Mr. Jefferson for more than a 40 year period, beginning when he was 26, with gardens which were botanic showpieces, and a source of food. Tour and free time.

Our next stop will be Michie Tavern, a general store and restaurant dating from 1764, free time and lunch on your own. We will continue to Ash Lawn Highlands, the impressive, 19th century plantation style home of James Monroe.

We will overnight near Charlottesville VA.

Day #6 Sat.

Breakfast and check out

9:30 AM. Leave hotel and head home about a 9 hr drive. Or make stops along the way.