

ASHEVILLE

The Scenic Sampler

3 nights

Times listed are suggestions only

Day 1

- 3pm** Arrive and check into your hotel. The **Asheville CVB** can offer **free and helpful assistance** with blocking your group accommodations. Use our lead service to find and compare the best group room rates! As part of our service, we can also provide a free **welcome gift** for each member of your group upon check-in.
- 6pm** Enjoy the toe-tapping fun of the **Blue Ridge Mountain Opry** "Bluegrass and BBQ" show, featuring a variety of Appalachian songs and acts. Sit back and enjoy the live band or grab a partner and head out on the dance floor!

Day 2

- 9am** Spend the day visiting **Biltmore**, America's largest privately owned home. Tour the impressive 250-room chateau, a wonder of architecture and hospitality, and stroll acres of formal and informal gardens designed by America's foremost landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted. Enjoy lunch at **Stable Café** before visiting **Antler Hill Village** and the award-winning **Biltmore Winery**.
- 3pm** Depart Biltmore and head to fun and vibrant **downtown Asheville!** Pick up an informative step-on guide to share Asheville's rich history or allow your group to walk around, shop, and snack at their own leisure.
- 5pm** Gather together for dinner at **Pack's Tavern**, a fresh, local take on the classic tavern, located in the heart of downtown Asheville.
- 7pm** Polish your evening off with a relaxing evening at the **Altamont Theater's** listening room where local musicians share their art in the intimate 120 seat theater on beautiful and historic Church Street.

Day 3

- 9am** Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service by riding along the **Blue Ridge Parkway!** Start with a visit to the **Folk Art Center** (milepost 382) to admire an impressive collection of Appalachian arts and crafts, then, take in the history and expansiveness of the parkway at the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center** (milepost 384).
- 11am** Continue on a short journey to **Chimney Rock State Park** where you'll enjoy lunch at the **Old Rock Cafe** followed by an easy and fun elevator ride up to Chimney Rock. This 315 foot high vantage point brings you 75-mile views overlooking Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- 4pm** Take in even more mountainous beauty while sipping a glass of award winning wine at **Burntshirt Vineyards** in Hendersonville.
- 5:30pm** Stop for **dinner** at one of charming Hendersonville's group friendly dining establishments.

8pm

Conclude your day with a professional theatrical performance at **Flat Rock Playhouse**, the state theater of North Carolina. Patrons and performers alike flock to the special place to revel in the performing arts.

Need a little more fresh air? Here are other fantastic scenery-inspired attractions to check out:

- **The North Carolina Arboretum**

With acres of cultivated gardens, rotating and permanent exhibits, and plenty of fresh air, the NC Arboretum is a lovely place to visit for an unforgettable interaction with nature.

- **Gray Line Historic Trolley**

Take in the total scenery of Asheville by way of historic trolley. See and learn from this hop-on, hop-off trolley tour that frequents downtown, The Omni Grove Park Inn, and other historic neighborhoods.

- **Adventure Center of Asheville**

See Asheville from a whole new perspective – by treetop! Zip-lining, teambuilding, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, and kayaking are just some of the many options available at Adventure Center of Asheville and their sister company, Wildwater. Fun for all ages!

- **Asheville Outlets**

Let your group shop until they drop at the brand new open-air Asheville Outlets! With 75 name-brand stores to choose from, and up to 70% off retail price, there is something for everyone. A small welcome gift is available to bus groups with advance notice.

- **The Village Potters and River Arts District**

“Get Your Hands Dirty” at The Village Potters where you can create your own unique piece of pottery. The local artisans at The Village Potters provide all instruction and can even offer tours of other nearby artist studios in the well-known River Arts District along the French Broad River.

- **Crest Mountain Dinner Show**

Conclude your evening with dinner and entertainment at the Crest Mountain Dinner Show, a fabulous variety show that is sure to entertain! Complete with an elegant buffet dinner and panoramic views of Asheville, this dinner show is a great way to end the perfect day in Asheville.

Please contact Beth McKinney at bmckinney@ExploreAsheville.com for more information or for contact information for the above listed attractions.