

# ASHEVILLE

## Inspired by Chihuly

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** Host a welcome dinner for your group in the taproom of one of Asheville's newest and most beautiful breweries – **Sierra Nevada Brewery**. From fresh produce grown onsite to their signature farm-to-table entrees, it's more than just the great beer that makes this a memorable group mealtime.

### Day 2

- 9am** Spend the day visiting **Biltmore**, a 250-room chateau nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville. From May 17<sup>th</sup> until October 7<sup>th</sup>, the **Chihuly at Biltmore** exhibit will feature breathtaking large-scale glass sculptures in an equally breathtaking setting: the historic gardens of America's Largest Home®. Enjoy lunch at **Stable Café** before visiting **Antler Hill Village** and the award-winning **Biltmore Winery**.
- 3pm** "Get Your Hands Dirty" at **The Village Potters** where you can create your own custom piece of art with the help of local, professional potters. In addition, tour other nearby studios in the well-known **River Arts District** where a diverse group of more than 180 working artists are housed in 22 former factories and historical buildings nestled along a mile-long stretch of the French Broad River.
- 5:30pm** Relax with a fabulous meal at the **Smoky Park Supper Club**, featuring seasonal wood-fired food, craft beer and cocktails in an authentically Asheville environment on the river.

### Day 3

- 9am** Start your morning with an informative guided walking tour by **Asheville by Foot**. Their local knowledge highlights the history of the city and can tie in art themed content while your group strolls through picturesque downtown Asheville. End your tour with a live glass-blowing demonstration at **Lexington Glassworks** where two up-and-coming glass masters wow you with their creative and collaborative skills.
- 12pm** Allow your group to dine on their own at one of Asheville's charming eateries or plan a group lunch at **Buxton Hall BBQ**.
- 2pm** Before departing downtown, step inside the **Pop-Up Asheville Art Museum** for a look at other artistic treasures in their permanent and rotating collections, many of which compliment the work of Dale Chihuly.

- 3:30pm To round out your Asheville arts experience, tour **Groveswood Village**, adjacent to the historic Omni Grove Park Inn. Biltmore Industries began at this site in 1917 and became the largest producer of hand-woven wool in the world by 1930. The 11-acre campus includes Groveswood Gallery, 9 working artist studios, a sculpture garden, the North Carolina Homespun Museum, and Asheville's only antique car museum.
- 6pm Conclude your visit with the greatest work of art there is, a colorful sunset at the **Crest Mountain Dinner Show**. This full service dinner buffet includes entertainment by local buskers and bluegrass musicians and is sure to leave a lasting impression on your art-lovers.

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