

ITINERARY TWO

During the month of December, **BILTMORE VILLAGE** is turned into “**Dickens in the Village**” with carriage rides, roasting chestnuts, costumed dancers and musicians. Tree-lined streets, brick sidewalks and period architecture (including the Cathedral of All Souls) make the area a delight to stroll and explore. Biltmore Village is home to more than 40 shops and 10 cafes and restaurants. Cafes and restaurants at Biltmore Village present a wide variety of dining options, including the Corner Kitchen, farm-to-table American fare and Rezaz Mediterranean with a fantastic wine list.

Your next stop is the **NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM**, 434-acre public garden in the Pisgah National Forest, in south Asheville. Experience the elaborate Winter Lights show, transforming the gardens into a nighttime wonderland with 500,000 lights.

Twenty-five miles south of Asheville, you will find **HENDERSONVILLE**, the second largest downtown of Western North Carolina, with festive events during their “Come Home for the Holidays.” The glow of thousands of lights, including the giant Christmas trees at the **HISTORIC COURTHOUSE**, kicks off on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving with sing-alongs, Santa, hot chocolate, carriage rides and great shopping. The charming Main Street of beautifully restored historic buildings looks ready for a Hall-mark Channel movie filming! Don’t forget to stop by **Santa’s favorite store** “Dancing Bear Toys” and “McFarlan Bakery” (locals’ favorite since 1930) on Main Street.

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