

Asheville - Biltmore Christmas Trip

Washington, D. C. - GFWC H.Q.

Depart Sunday December 3, 2017 - Return Thursday, December 7, 2017

This trip is to be a fundraiser for GFWC Texas President Patti Poe's Special Project: Canine Companions for Independence. We invite members and guests to help us fill 40 slots. Deposits of \$300.00 each are required by May 15, 2017 for a reserved spot. We need these deposits for reservations on blocks of rooms, busses, and other needed items you will require traveling. Trip insurance will also be a suggested item. As things firm up, one more deposit may be needed. More information about that later. Emails will be sent out to update participants.

Pricing will be available as we confirm numbers and activities. Some have visited these places before and may not want to duplicate what they have seen.

There will be free time for participants' choice of activities or "do on your own."

We have included a questionnaire for you to fill out if you are interested in going. this, too, needs to be returned by May 15, 2017 to:

Linda Mesler P.O. Box 539 Nocona, Texas 76255 This questionnaire will help us firm up the itinerary for the trip and costs to provide for your travel budget and enjoyment.

Tentative Agenda

All Rooms Double Occupancy - No Exceptions, Please.

*Candlelight Tour - As group, one night or the other - TBA

Deer Park Buffet Dinner - Group Dinner - TBA

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Those traveling together to Asheville, depart at designated time and airport from Dallas to arrive in Asheville, NC. Accommodations will be at the Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate. This is a moderately priced hotel in the more "action" part of the estate.

Candlelight Tour of Biltmore* - See the world famous mansion decorated for Christmas by candlelight! Limited number, must get reservations in to save money and insure tickets. This happens only at Christmas.

Deer Park Buffet Dinner - TBA - Pricey but included in price of trip. Will be Sunday or Monday evening.

Monday, December 4, 2017 Breakfast on your own.

Day Tour of Vanderbilt - More extensive that Candlelight Tour. Audio guide available. Self paced and includes grounds.

If you want to visit Asheville, see questionnaire. Lots of things going on there! We will have suggestions for you.

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Breakfast on your own.

Pack and board busses for Washington, D.C. This is a fairly long trip, but stops will be made to break it up with some sights and to dine.

Arrive at The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Dine on your own. See sights on your own depending on arrival time.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Breakfast on your own.

Tour of White House - decorated for Christmas, if tickets can be obtained. Working on that!

Lunch on your own.

Free Time - Tour Washington and see the sights but be back at hotel for our group visit to GFWC HQ.

4:30 Open House at GFWC Headquarters - The annual Christmas event where officers meet and greet members from around the world.

Dinner - TBA

Night tour of Washington, D.C. TBA

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 7, 2017</u> Breakfast on your own.

Pack and travel to airport to fly "home." Arrive to

your "home" airport.

Let's enjoy the Open House at GFWC, the sights of Biltmore at Christmas, and The White House decked out in Trump Christmas Splendor.

This will be the trip of a lifetime with lifetime friends.

