

## RESERVATION

The trip is open to all interested people. The only requirement is that participants be, or become, members of the Society.

I am a member of the Society.

I am not a member of the Society. I enclose a separate check, payable to The Mediterranean Society, for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to join.

Contributing membership is \$40 or more;  
Family or couple membership is \$35;  
Single membership is \$25; Student membership is \$5

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) on the trip to western North Carolina. Enclosed is a check, payable to the Mediterranean Society for the **deposit of \$100 per person**.

I shall room with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I wish to have a single room.

Interested in the:  
 Old Salem garden tour.  
 Biltmore Upstairs-Downstairs tour.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: home (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: office (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form and your check for the deposit payable to the Mediterranean Society of America by January 12, 2018, to:**

Nancy Saylor, Treasurer  
Mediterranean Society of America  
8701 Cherokee Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23235

## REASONS TO GO

Western North Carolina appeals to those interested in history, fine art, innovative crafts, and beautiful mountain scenery. We travel to Winston-Salem and Asheville and will visit the places described below.

### Winston-Salem:

- Reynolda House, the restored 1917 Reynolds Mansion, has a superb collection of American art including paintings by Mary Cassatt, Frederic Church, Jacob Lawrence, and Georgia O'Keefe. [www.reynoldahouse.org](http://www.reynoldahouse.org).

- Salem, the first colonial town in the Carolina Piedmont, was established in 1766 by Moravians, a German-speaking Protestant sect, as a self-sufficient community for entrepreneurial Moravian craftsmen. The historic district of Old Salem is a living history museum of the restored settlement. Visit the businesses and houses of the craftsmen as well as the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts as you walk the streets of Old Salem. [www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org).

### Asheville:

- Thomas Wolfe was the author of the epic autobiographical novel *Look Homeward Angel*, published in 1929. The Thomas Wolfe Historic Site is the Victorian boardinghouse depicted in the novel and run by his mother. [www.wolfememorial.com](http://www.wolfememorial.com).

- Biltmore Estate and Gardens is the Gilded Age chateau built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by George Vanderbilt in the French Renaissance style. The house has four stories with 250 rooms and contains many treasures purchased by the Vanderbilt family. The gardens that surround the chateau were designed by Frederick Law Olmstead and include an Italian formal garden, a shrub and rose garden, fountains, a walled garden, a conservatory, and several water features. Biltmore will be hosting an exhibit of monumental glass sculptures by Dale Chihuly while we are there. [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com).

- Asheville has an exciting arts community. The River Arts District ([www.riverartsdistrict.com](http://www.riverartsdistrict.com)), downtown Asheville, and Grovewood Village ([www.grovewood.com](http://www.grovewood.com)), located in the historic Biltmore weaving and woodworking industrial complex, house numerous galleries and studios of potters, glassmakers, painters, and sculptors. Grovewood Village is also home to Asheville's antique car museum. The Southern Highland Craft Guild Folk Center is home to the Southern Highland Craft Guild and showcases the finest in traditional and contemporary crafts of the southern Appalachians. [www.southernhighlandguild.org/folk-art-center/](http://www.southernhighlandguild.org/folk-art-center/)

## ITINERARY

**Tuesday, June 19:** Leave the parking lot at Holiday Inn Crossroads, Staples Mill Road near Broad, at 8:30 a.m. Travel south to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, arriving approximately 1:30 p.m., with stops along the way. Have lunch. Tour Reynolda House and Museum. Check into our hotel.

**Wednesday, June 20:** Spend the day in Old Salem. A tour of Old Salem gardens is an option today. Return to the hotel.

**Thursday, June 21:** We leave Winston-Salem this morning after breakfast and drive to Asheville, N.C. After lunch, visit the Thomas Wolfe Historic Site and take an overview tour of Asheville by trolley. Check into our hotel.

**Friday, June 22:** Visit Biltmore Estate in the morning and tour the house with an audio guide. Have lunch at a restaurant in or near Biltmore Estate. Take a "Legacy of the Land" tour in the afternoon. This tour provides an overview of Frederick Law Olmstead's landscape design and shows aspects of the rest of the estate. The Biltmore Upstairs-Downstairs tour is an option for today in the early afternoon or for tomorrow.

**Saturday, June 23:** Return to Biltmore House for a self-guided tour of the gardens in the morning and see the Dale Chihuly exhibit. Alternatively take another Biltmore tour or travel downtown for time on your own. After lunch, visit galleries and studios downtown, at the River Arts District, and Grovewood Gallery, where we can also tour the Estes-Winn Car Museum before returning to our hotel.

**Sunday, June 24:** After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Drive a short distance on the Blue Ridge Parkway to visit the Southern Highland Craft Guild Folk Center. Then travel to Winston-Salem and stop for lunch before driving back to Richmond.

## HOTELS

Historic Brookstown Inn, Winston-Salem, June 19-20. On the National Register of Historic Places, this recently renovated 70-room hotel was once the Salem Cotton Mill. The interior reflects the original structure of the building, with original wooden beams, exposed brick, and newly refinished pine floors. The hotel provides a wine and cheese reception every night and milk and homemade cookies at bedtime. [www.brookstowninn.com](http://www.brookstowninn.com).

Doubletree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore, June 21-23. One block from the entrance to Biltmore Estate and adjacent to Biltmore Village, the hotel is set in a landscape of gardens that was once an integral part of Biltmore. The hotel has a shuttle service to downtown and an indoor pool. [www.biltmorefarmshotels.com](http://www.biltmorefarmshotels.com).

## MEALS

A hot breakfast is included daily at both hotels. We will find good local restaurants for the group to have lunch and dinner. These meals will be on your own.

## PRICE

The price of the trip is based on a minimum of 12 participants:

- \$1217, sharing a twin room
- \$ 372, single supplement

The price includes:

- Five nights lodging, including breakfast
- Portage for one bag
- Transportation in a 38-passenger, air-conditioned motor coach with restroom
- Tip for the bus driver
- Guided tours per itinerary and all entrance fees
- All taxes
- Mediterranean Society expenses (\$40)

The price does not include lunches and dinners, personal expenses and extras in hotels, and optional tours.

Note: If fewer or more participants reserve a place on the trip, the price will change. For example, the trip price sharing a twin room would be \$1338 for 10 participants and \$1066 for 16 participants. The single supplement would be \$372. Entry fees and tours included in the price are based on the participation of a group of 10 participants.

## OPTIONAL TOURS

Old Salem Garden Tour. This approximately one-hour guided tour of the recreated gardens for the period 1769-1847 provides an overview of Moravian garden design, landscape elements, and plant material. Cost is \$18.15. Ten person minimum required.

Biltmore Upstairs-Downstairs Tour. This one-hour guided tour takes guests down the back stairs to explore servant life at Biltmore, the technology that kept the house running, and the domains of the butler, head housekeeper, and lady's maid. The tour continues to a suite of guest rooms to learn about the Vanderbilts' house parties. Cost is \$23.54.

## DEADLINES

**Deposit:** The reservation form and a check for the deposit of **\$100** per person are due to The Mediterranean Society (MSA) by **January 12, 2018**.

**Final Payment:** The final trip payment will be due **May 1, 2018**. MSA will send the travelers an invoice prior to May 1. The amount will depend on the number traveling with the group and on any single supplement due.

**Payment Method:** The Society accepts bank or certified checks only.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please check with your insurance agent or a travel insurance provider if you would like to get travel insurance for this trip.

## LIAISON

The Mediterranean Society liaison for this trip is Nancy Saylor, 804-231-0674 or [nssaylor@verizon.net](mailto:nssaylor@verizon.net).

## CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be made in writing and received by MSA by the deadlines set out below. There is a \$100 cancellation fee for cancellations made by May 1, 2018. For cancellations received May 2 through June 3, 2018, the cancellation fee is 60% of the total trip price. For cancellations received June 4 through June 18, 2018, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total trip price. Once a trip has commenced, no refunds can be made.

## DISCLOSURE AND LIABILITY

The responsibility of the Mediterranean Society of America, Inc. (MSA) and all co-operating agencies is limited. They act solely as your agent in arranging transportation, lodging, sightseeing and any other services, and as such are not responsible for any damage, loss, delay, injury, or accident due to any act or default on the part of any company or person engaged in providing transportation, lodging, sightseeing, or other services which are part of this tour. All participants agree that MSA and all vendors for this trip shall not be liable or responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions or omissions or conditions outside the agency's control, or for any loss or damage resulting from insufficient or improperly

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***PAYMENT OF THE DEPOSIT FOR THIS TOUR SIGNIFIES FULL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.***

## OTHER INFORMATION

The seminar will involve considerable walking and stairs to climb at some sites. Participants in reasonably good health should have no difficulty.

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Visit the website: [www.mediterranean-societyv.org](http://www.mediterranean-societyv.org).



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Announces a Trip to

## **Western North Carolina: Winston-Salem & Asheville**



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