



71st Annual Highway Geology Symposium

Guest Tour

This year's guest tour is to America's largest home, the **Biltmore Estate**. George Vanderbilt, the youngest son of an American family famous for its wealth, opened his country retreat in 1895. His guests marveled at the magnificent residence containing 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces covering four acres of floor space. Vanderbilt traveled the world to furnish his home: art by Renoir, Whistler, and Sargent; exquisite 16th-century tapestries; and 24,000 books in seven languages.

The morning will include a self-guided visit through more than 60 rooms carefully preserved by Vanderbilt's descendants, rooms appearing as they did a century ago. After exiting the Biltmore House, individuals in the group can choose between walking through the Biltmore Estate Gardens or shop in the Stable Arcade adjacent to the Biltmore House.

Lunch will be in Biltmore's Stable Café Restaurant, and the afternoon will be spent at the Antler Hill Village & Winery. Located between the Winery and River Bend Farm is Antler Hill Village, a new development on Biltmore Estate that includes an exhibition space, village green with live entertainment, dining, shopping, and a new outdoor adventure center. The pedestrian-friendly village encompasses the Winery, Historic Barn and interpretive Farm Area, as well as Biltmore's Kitchen Garden. Preserving the Estate's agricultural legacy, the Winery offers glimpses into the winemaking process and wine tastings, all included in your estate admission. The Wine Shop contains a wide selection of gourmet foods, coffees, and giftware in addition to Biltmore Wines.

To learn more about the Biltmore Estate, please visit their website: www.biltmore.com.

The trip will depart the Renaissance at 9:30am on Wednesday, May 25th, with an estimated return time of 3:00pm.

Cost: \$125 per person and includes: transportation, admission, lunch, and wine tasting.

For more information, please contact: Delaney Meeting & Event Management; info@delaneymeetingevent.com or call (802) 865-5202.