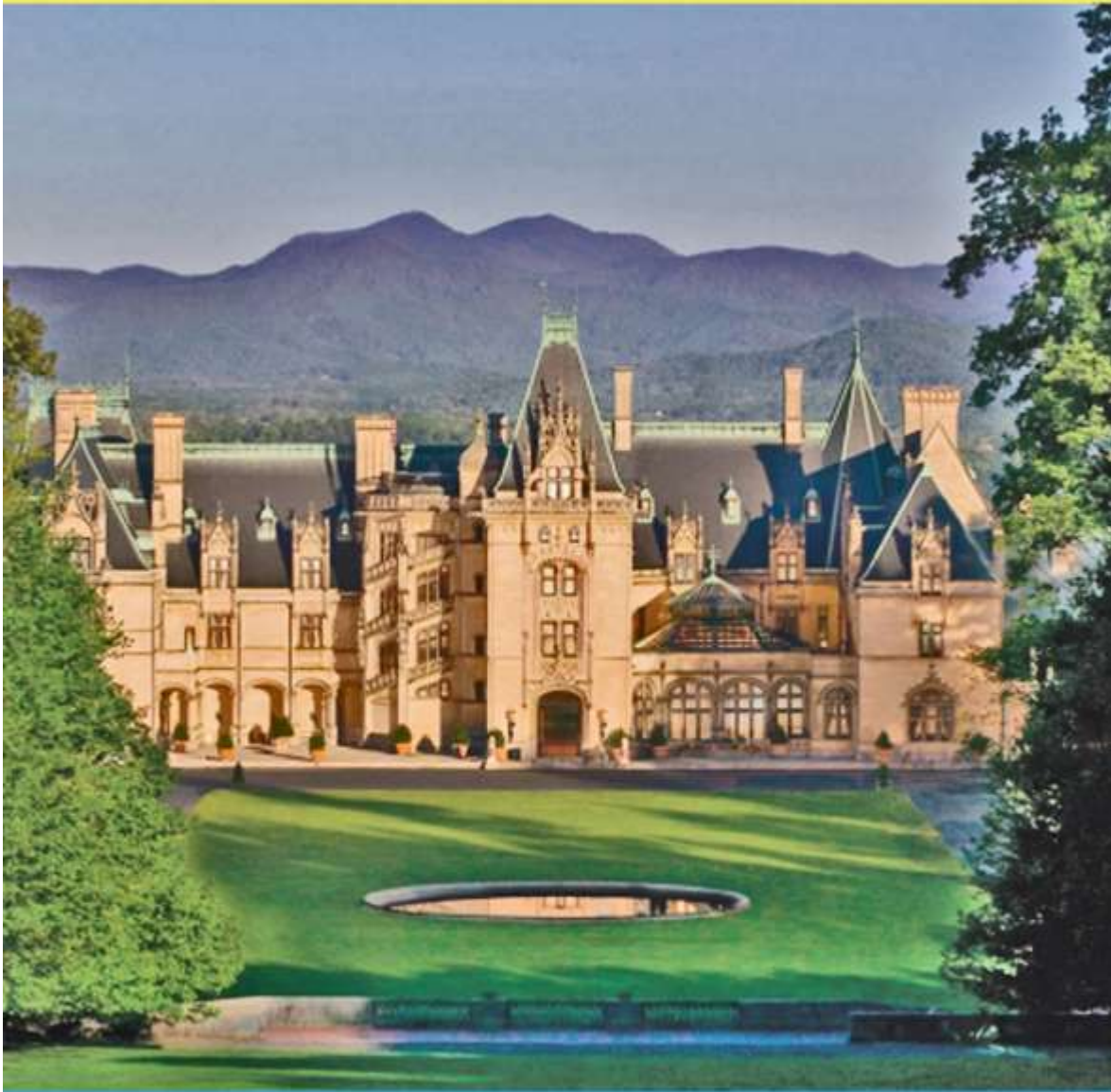


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Tour Summary

In 1889 George Vanderbilt began construction of Biltmore House, his palatial retreat on the banks of the French Broad River. He had no idea that he was also setting the foundations of western North Carolina's future arts Mecca. Surrounded by the lofty peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Asheville, known as the Paris of the South, is a city rich in history, filled with architectural interest, and the home of a variety of artists, crafters, musicians, writers, and performers. It also boasts dozens of great restaurants and breweries, and a casual lifestyle that thrives on outdoor living.

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Asheville, North Carolina





In 1889, New York philanthropist and art collector George Vanderbilt began construction of Biltmore House, his fabulous 250-room mansion near the North Carolina town of Asheville. During the six years it took to complete the estate, many of Vanderbilt's friends and business associates came to visit and to leave their mark on the growing city.



New industries and luxury hotels sprang up, and Asheville became known as both a vacation paradise and a center of art and culture.



Hi, I'm Pamela Watson, your tour guide for one of my favorite North Carolina mountain retreats, Asheville.



Nicknamed the Paris of the South, Asheville is a vibrant arts and entertainment center tucked into a valley in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Showcasing its early 20th Century architectural styles, the city offers a haven for musicians and writers ...



...and features an eclectic arts and crafts community.



On our journey, we'll explore Asheville's history and architecture ...



...walk in the shoes of native son Thomas Wolfe ...



Weaving Shop of Famous Biltmore Homespun Asheville, N. C.

...learn about the early industries that sparked today's arts and crafts movement

...



...and even enjoy some great food and craft beer from some local breweries. So, let's get started.

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