

WELCOME TO ASHEVILLE

Dear AADB Members,

I have lived in Asheville for seven decades now – and the natives are starting to accept me. October is the prime time to visit here because the mountain leaves are changing colors and the “leaf lookers” abound.

I will endeavor to recommend a few of my favorite places here. One of the most famous attractions in the area is the Biltmore Estate – America’s largest privately owned home. A tour of the House, the gardens, the winery with wine tastings, and several excellent restaurants are times well-spent. Please visit <https://www.biltmore.com> for more information. Asheville’s most famous literary figure is Thomas Wolfe. His boyhood home and visitors’ center are around the corner from the Renaissance Hotel. More information may be found at <https://www.wolfememorial.com>. If you would like to visit one of Asheville’s premier resorts, the Grove Park Inn is a must. A few of their amenities include a golf course designed by Donald Ross in 1926, a world-class spa, excellent dining, or just enjoying the view with a cocktail on the Sunset Terrace. More information can be found at <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/asheville-grove-park>.

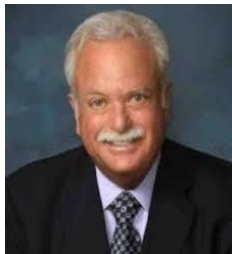
A few restaurants within walking distance (less than a half mile) of the Renaissance Hotel are some of my favorites. An excellent casual French restaurant is Bouchon <https://www.ashevillebouchon.com>. A casual historic restaurant is Pack’s Tavern <https://www.packstavern.com>. An eclectic casual restaurant is Sovereign Remedies <https://www.sovereignremedies.com>. A famous Spanish Catalan restaurant downtown is Curate <https://curatetapasbar.com>. Also, near Curate is Posana whose website is <https://www.posanarestaurant.com>.

In Biltmore Village (a cab or Uber ride) is The Red Stag Grill in the Grand Bohemian Hotel <https://www.kesslercollection.com/bohemian-asheville/dining/>. Also, in Biltmore we have Ruth’s Chris Steak House <https://www.ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/asheville>. Another interesting restaurant in Biltmore is Fig Bistro <https://figbistro.com>.

Asheville is an art destination because we have many art galleries <https://www.riverartsdistrict.com>. We are also known as Beer City USA, because there are more breweries per capita than any other city. Sierra Nevada has their East Coast headquarters near the airport here. Some people describe it as “Disneyland for adults”. <https://sierranevada.com>.

As I mentioned earlier, this is a busy time in Asheville, so you might be well-advised to make reservations for wherever you wish to visit well in advance of your arrival to Asheville and maybe plan to stay an extra day or two.

I look forward to seeing all y’all in October here in Asheville.



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