



Wintering Into Wisdom



Grove Park Inn

Built from granite boulders hewn from Sunset Mountain the Grove Park Inn opened in 1913. At its inaugural dinner, William Jennings Bryan declared that it had been “built for the ages.” In the decades since, it has become one of the South’s most famous and venerable resorts. The hotel was the vision of E.W. Grove, a St. Louis entrepreneur who made his millions in the 1890’s peddling an elixir called Grove’s Tasteless Chili Tonic. Modeled after the grand old railway hotels of the West, the Inn was built from a sketch made by Grove’s son-in-law, the enterprising Fred Seely (who would become its first general manager).

It took a crew of 400 men only 12 months to build the majestic landmark, dragging hundreds of tons of boulders up the mountainside with the aid of teams of mules, ropes and pulleys, wagons, and a lone steam shovel. Since 1913, the rocking chairs, immense stone fireplaces, and sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains have charmed and relaxed their guests. F. Scott Fitzgerald, who resided in room 441 during the summers of 1935 and '36 is just one of the many notable American luminaries to have stayed here, a list that includes Harry Houdini, Will Rogers, George Gershwin, Thomas Edison, Eleanor Roosevelt and Henry Ford. Not to mention eight presidents, from Woodrow Wilson to George Bush.



Wintering Into Wisdom II

Agenda

"Be true to your values, this I tell you from one who has wintered into wisdom."

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Wednesday, May 27th

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hotel Check-in
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception Grove Park Cabaña
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Elaine's Dueling Piano Bar The Grove Park Inn ~ Main Lobby

Thursday, May 28th

7:15 AM – 8:00 AM	Wake-Up Call ~ Group Fitness
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakfast Blue Ridge Dining Room
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	<i>Retreat Overview & Objectives</i> Roosevelt Suite
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>The Past: Where We've Been</i> Roosevelt Suite
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>The Past: Looking in the Rearview Mirror</i> Roosevelt Suite <i>Hardest Decision</i> <i>Boldest Move</i> <i>Greatest Accomplishment</i> <i>Proudest Moment</i>
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	Motor Coach to The Biltmore Estate
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch at Biltmore's DeerPark Restaurant
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Self-Guided Tour of Biltmore Estate, Gardens & Winery
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Motor Coach to The Grove Park Inn
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	No Host Group Dinner

Friday, May 29th

7:15 AM – 8:00 AM	Wake-Up Call – Group Fitness
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakfast Blue Ridge Dining Room
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>The Present: Being Here Now</i> Roosevelt Suite
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<i>The Present: The Peaks & Valleys of the 3rd Act</i> Roosevelt Suite
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Picnic Lunch ~ Golf Club Cabaña
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<i>The Future: The Gift of Wintering Into Wisdom</i> Roosevelt Suite
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Refreshment Break
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Panel Discussion: Our Legacy: Our Hopes</i> Roosevelt Suite
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	No Host Group Dinner

Saturday, May 30th

7:15 AM – 8:00 AM	Wake-Up Call – Group Fitness
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast Roosevelt Suite
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	<i>Panel Discussion: Our Legacy: Our Hopes</i> (cont.) Roosevelt Suite
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<i>Wrap-up: Aging and Saging: I Intend To...</i> Roosevelt Suite