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Biltmore House by the Numbers

- Located in Asheville, N.C., Biltmore was the vision of George Washington Vanderbilt. Designed by Richard Morris Hunt, Biltmore House - America's largest home - is a 250-room French Renaissance chateau, and houses the Vanderbilt family's original collection of furnishings, art and antiques.
- Biltmore estate encompasses more than 8,000 acres including renowned gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture.
- Today, Biltmore has grown to include Antler Hill Village, which features the award-winning Winery and Antler Hill Farm; the four-star Inn on Biltmore Estate; Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate; Equestrian Center; numerous restaurants; event and meeting venues; and Biltmore For Your Home, the company's licensed products division.
- The Biltmore Company is owned by the descendants of George Washington Vanderbilt. William A.V. Cecil Jr. serves as president and CEO of the company.
- The late William A.V. Cecil, grandson of George Vanderbilt, assumed sole ownership of The Biltmore Company in 1979. His brother, George H.V. Cecil, formed Biltmore Farms Inc. that same year.
- Biltmore does not receive any governmental funding or grants, making it one of the United States' most significant National Historic Landmarks that is preserved solely through private funding.
- Biltmore employs approximately 2,300 people in Buncombe County and the surrounding counties.

Fast facts about Biltmore

Annual visitation to Biltmore	more than 1 million
Square footage of Biltmore House	175,000
Original acreage of the estate	125,000
Current acreage of the estate	8,000 (approximately)
Sale of Pisgah Forest to federal government	87,000
Acreage of The Deer Park	250 acres
Acreage of the landscaped gardens	75 acres
Acreage of the Walled Garden	4 acres
Length of the Approach Road	3 miles
Years to construct Biltmore House	6
Number of rooms in Biltmore House	250
Number of bedrooms in Biltmore House	35
Number of bathrooms in Biltmore House	43
Number of servant's bedrooms in Biltmore House	66 (26 in the House; 40 in stable complex)
Number of fireplaces in Biltmore House	65
Number of chimneys on Biltmore House	16

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Length of Tapestry Gallery	90 feet
Dimensions of Banquet Hall	42 x 72 x 70 feet high
Length of Banquet Hall table	40 feet
Number of chairs in Banquet Hall	64
Number of gallons of water held by Indoor Pool	70,000
Capacity of boilers in Biltmore House	20,000 gallons
Total objects in the Vanderbilt collection	50,000 (approximately)
Number of objects in collection (excluding books)	28,000 (approximately)
Number of books in collection	23,000 (approximately)
Number of books in the Library	10,000 (approximately)
Number of books in Mr. Vanderbilt's Den	3,000 (approximately)
Number of prints in collection	1,313
Number of paintings in collection	206
Chariot of Aurora ceiling painting (in the Library)	13 separate canvases
Number of John Singer Sargent portraits in the House	6
Number of rugs in collection	165
George Washington Vanderbilt's age at death in 1914	51
Edith Vanderbilt Gerry's age at death in 1958	85
Cornelia's age at death in 1976	76
Houses on Biltmore estate occupied today	15
Number of estate employees in 1894	438
Number of domestic servants in Vanderbilt-era Biltmore House	30 – 35 (approximately)