

**ASHEVILLE, N.C.** — Biltmore has been recognized by the prestigious Forbes Travel Guide in its annual Star Rating list. The Inn on Biltmore Estate maintains its Four-Star hotel ranking now held for 17 consecutive years. In addition, it was announced that the Dining Room at The Inn on Biltmore Estate is a new Forbes Travel Guide Four-star restaurant.

Revered as a global authority on luxury travel, Forbes Travel Guide's annual Star Ratings are based on the experiences of its team of anonymous inspectors who assess hotels, restaurants, and spas against up to 900 of the most stringent industry standards, resulting in a rating system with designations for Five-star, Four-star, and Recommended Properties. The Inn on Biltmore Estate is one of three North Carolina hotels and the Dining Room is one of three North Carolina restaurants designated as Four-star establishments in the 2018 ratings. The winning properties, restaurants, and spas are showcased on [ForbesTravelGuide.com](https://www.forbes.com/travelguide).

"These illustrious stars are a remarkable achievement and speak to the dedication of our talented staff who truly offer our guests an exceptional travel experience," said General Manager of The Inn on Biltmore Estate Charles Thompson. "Our vision and goal at Biltmore is to preserve the art of hospitality, and the honor of receiving these ratings is a clear indication that we are delivering on that commitment."

"We are especially proud to have received Four-star status at the Dining Room for the first time this year," Thompson said. "It's a landmark year for us. This designation comes down to maintaining an incredible level of consistency in the finest of details – everything from perfection in lighting, to unparalleled quality in cuisine, to warmth of the plate."

The Inn on Biltmore Estate is one of two hotels located on the 8,000-acre estate of Biltmore. It shares the property with Biltmore House, America's largest home, completed in 1895 as the family home of George Vanderbilt. Biltmore's founder was the consummate host, and to this day, Biltmore strives to carry on that tradition.

The Inn opened in 2001 and is a 210-room hotel that reflects the beauty of Biltmore House. Surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, guests arriving at The Inn are met with amenities including common sitting areas, a library, The Spa at Biltmore, an outdoor rimless pool and hot tub, and fine dining. Guests may also enjoy activities reminiscent of Vanderbilt's day – walking and hiking trails, carriage rides, horseback riding, fly-fishing, boating and biking.

The white-tablecloth service at the Dining Room at The Inn on Biltmore Estate is warm and convivial. Fine china, luminous chandeliers and a dry-stacked stone fireplace add to the elegance. Guests dine Vanderbilt-style, graced by friendly and attentive staff, stunning mountain views, and estate produced wines. Dishes prepared by Chef Sean Eckman incorporate global influence and grand style, focusing on local products as well as estate-raised ingredients and meats from Biltmore's own farm. In addition to breakfast and dinner, the Dining Room offers a traditional full service afternoon tea with an assortment of finger sandwiches, scones, and pastries.

"We are pleased to honor the 2018 Star Rating recipients, an exceptional collection of hotels, restaurants and spas that demonstrates a strong culture of service," said Gerard J. Inzerillo, Chief Executive Officer of Forbes Travel Guide.

"In an online environment of confusion and clutter, Forbes Travel Guide is the most trusted source of information to assist guests in making informed decisions," Inzerillo said. "These properties, the

largest and most global group in the company's history, achieve an impeccable standard of excellence in hospitality, underscoring our overall mission of positively contributing to the international tourism industry as well as individual hotel experience. We are proud to congratulate everyone associated with the prestigious properties recognized today."

For a detailed explanation of how Forbes Travel Guide compiles its ratings, click [here](#).

View the Forbes Travel Guide listings and the Star Rating inspector's highlights for [The Inn on Biltmore Estate](#) and the [Dining Room at The Inn on Biltmore Estate](#).

**About Biltmore:**

Located in Asheville, North Carolina, Biltmore was the vision of George W. Vanderbilt. Designed by Richard Morris Hunt, America's largest home is a 250-room French Renaissance chateau, exhibiting 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 Inn on Biltmore Estate; Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate; Equestrian Center; numerous restaurants; event and meeting venues; and a licensed products division. To learn more about Biltmore, go to [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com).

**About Forbes Travel Guide:**

Forbes Travel Guide is the only independent, global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants and spas. Started as Mobil Travel Guide in 1958, the company created the first Five-Star rating system in the United States. Today, Forbes Travel Guide's incognito inspectors travel the world, evaluating properties based on up to 900 rigorous, objective standards. The company's annual Star Ratings, reviews and daily travel stories help discerning travelers select the world's best luxury experiences. For more information about Forbes Travel Guide, visit [www.forbestravelguide.com](http://www.forbestravelguide.com).

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