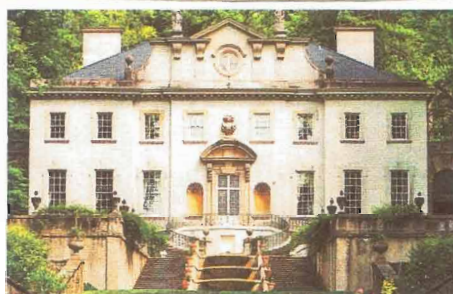


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## History at Home

In this season of decorator showcases and house tours, why not also look for ideas and inspiration in places that have already stood the test of time? Here are a few of our favorite historic houses that are open to the public:

- **SWAN HOUSE, ATLANTA**; [atlantahistorycenter.com](http://atlantahistorycenter.com)  
Architect Philip Trammell Shutze's most important work (above), which also contains a perfectly preserved interior by decorator Ruby Ross Wood.
- **GAMBLE HOUSE, PASADENA, CA**; [gamblehouse.org](http://gamblehouse.org)  
The ultimate in American Craftsman style, and largely responsible for the international fame of architect brothers Charles and Henry Greene.
- **BILTMORE HOUSE, ASHEVILLE, NC**; [biltmore.com](http://biltmore.com)  
The largest residence in America at 175,000 square feet, it holds its own against some of the best stately homes of Europe.
- **FARNSWORTH HOUSE, PLANO, IL**; [farnsworthhouse.org](http://farnsworthhouse.org)  
Adapting 1950s skyscraper technology for residential use, Mies van der Rohe created the most stunning cabin in the woods imaginable.
- **VIZCAYA, MIAMI**; [vizcayannuseum.org](http://vizcayannuseum.org)  
Biltmore may be bigger, but Vizcaya is arguably the finest house in the country, the apogee of the American mania for mixing elements from different countries and periods—here superbly scaled and flawlessly executed.



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