

# WEST VIRGINIA

## Rails & Ridges

October 13-21, 2025

From the majestic Appalachian Mountains to charming historic towns, each day offers a blend of outdoor adventure and cultural immersion. Whether visiting historic sites or sampling local cuisine, the tour ensures a deep connection with West Virginia's unique heritage and natural beauty. If you enjoy panoramic views from scenic overlooks or discovering hidden gems off the beaten path, this tour promises unforgettable experiences that capture the essence of West Virginia.

### Highlights:

- 4-Night Stay in Elkins, WV
- Cass Greenbrier Express Train
- Halliehurst Mansion
- WV Railroad Museum
- New Tygart Flyer Train
- 3 Nights Entertainment
- Green Bank Observatory Tour
- Cass Bald Knob Train
- Gandy Dancer Theatre
- New River Gorge Tour
- Greenbrier Bunker Tour
- Hawks Nest State Park Boat Ride
- Air Force Museum Tour

### Map At A Glance



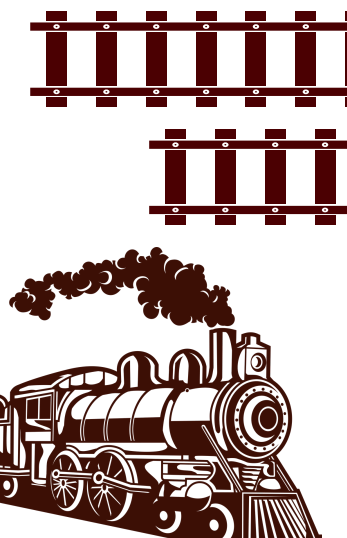
**Monday, Oct 13:** Today we get acquainted with our fellow travelers as we make our way to Columbus, OH. Rest and meal stops are planned along with a get-acquainted light supper at the hotel. (LS)

**Tuesday, Oct 14:** A hearty breakfast before we board our motorcoach in anticipation of the spectacular scenery that is ours today. Driving through West Virginia in the fall is an exhilarating experience. The roads wind through vibrant, colorful landscapes of golden yellows, fiery reds, and rich oranges. Crisp air fills the senses, and every turn unveils breathtaking views. The serene beauty and refreshing autumn energy make it an unforgettable adventure. We check into our hotel in Elkins, WV for our 4-night stay and freshen up for our dinner show this evening. After a wonderful plated dinner, sit back and listen to the fabulous Mountain Memories Show Band as they serve up a 2 hour Branson-style show with music from the 50's, Country, Motown, Gospel, and Patriotic along with comedy and amazing dancers. The GANDY DANCERS THEATRE is always a favorite. (B, D)

**Wednesday, Oct 15:** After breakfast we board the CASS GREENBRIER EXPRESS steam train that closely follows the clear, free-flowing Greenbrier River to the small town of Durbin. Upon arrival we will be served lunch. We pass through a secluded wilderness portion of the Monongahela National Forest. When we return to Elkins we enjoy a tour of the HALLIEHURST MANSION, a sprawling three-story mansion built in 1890. Our day ends with a delicious dinner. (B, L, D)

**Thursday, Oct 16:** Our first visit today is to the West Virginia **RAILROAD MUSEUM** to explore the regions rich railroad heritage through its engaging exhibits and knowledgeable guides. Then it's ALL ABOARD! This ride features two separate mountain grades, an "S" curve tunnel, passage into a 1,500 feet deep canyon with steep, densely forested slopes, and a high bridge over the rushing Shavers Fork of the Cheat River. This smooth climate-controlled passenger train has gained a reputation as one of the most exciting mountain wilderness excursion rides in the US. This trip culminates at the inspirational "High Falls of Cheat," a waterfall in one of the most remote and pristine settings in the Eastern United States. So for a comfortable ride through spectacular mountain wilderness on a vintage passenger train, come ride along with us on the **NEW TYGART FLYER!** Dinner and the **Crandall Creek Band** will be our fun tonight! **(B, L, D)**

**Friday, Oct 17:** A guided tour of the Green Bank Observatory, awaits our group. The **GREEN BANK OBSERVATORY** is an astronomical observatory located in the National Radio Quiet Zone in Green Bank, West Virginia, U.S. It is the operator of the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope. The afternoon is spent riding on the **CASS BALD KNOB** complete with hobo lunch. The long haul of 11 miles to Bald Knob takes about four and a half hours for the 22-mile round trip. Panorama vistas of the lofty Appalachians become more beautiful as the train climbs higher and higher. Passengers suddenly realize they are entering a completely different world, mainly because of the change in trees, flowers and atmosphere. By climbing the 2,390 feet from Cass to Bald Knob (Elev. 4842-feet) on Back Allegheny Mountain and second highest point in West Virginia, passengers have made the equivalent to an 800 mile trip to Canada in climate because of the higher altitude. Tonight **DINNER** and **SHOW** are both welcomed and enjoyed. **(B, L, D)**



**Saturday, Oct 18:** Today is going to be spectacular! Welcome to America's 63rd national park — the **NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE**, one of West Virginia's most photographed areas with the iconic steel arch bridge, that was once the longest in the world. The **GREENBRIER BUNK TOUR** is always fascinating and historic. In 1958, Congress instructed The Greenbrier to build our West Virginia Wing to conceal the construction of an emergency Cold War fallout shelter and relocation facility for Congress. Once veiled in secrecy, The Greenbrier bunker stands today as a captivating historical landmark, inviting guests to embark on an unforgettable 90-minute group journey through its corridors and chambers. Our day ends at the beautiful **RESORT AT GLADE SPRINGS.** **(B, D)**

**Sunday, Oct 19:** A relaxing day enjoying **HAWKS NEST STATE PARK** with a **BOAT RIDE, LUNCH,** and time to explore the **TRAILS or VISITOR CENTERS.** We return to our resort. **(B, L)**

**Monday, Oct 20:** A stop in Charleston to take our group picture on the steps of the **CAPITOL** before Huntington welcomes us for the **WE ARE MARSHALL TOUR**, about the college plane crash that robbed them of their football team. Tonight our farewell get together are drinks and a light supper. **(B,LS)**

**Tuesday, Oct 21:** Homeward bound remembering all the many places we have explored and all the new friends we have made. West Virginia - Almost Heaven. **(B)**

## Tour Price:



\$2849 Per Person Double  
 \$3699 Per Person Single  
 \$ 500 Per Person Deposit  
 Final Payment Due On or Before August 1, 2025  
 POM Protection: \$209 Per Person

## Tour Inclusions:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Accommodations for 8 Nights
- All Attractions Mentioned Above
- 8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners, 2 Light Suppers
- Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (except 1st and last night)



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