

TRI-STATE TRAVEL



Exploring West Virginia September 24 - October 2, 2018

To make reservations, please call 1-800-779-4869 or (563) 359-1682.

Boarding in Galena & Moline, Illinois and Dubuque & Davenport, Iowa

Your Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, 8 Nights Lodging, Luggage Handling for One Piece Per Person, Full-Time Tri-State Travel Tour Director, 16 Meals, All Attractions & Activities Per the Itinerary and All Taxes & Gratuities for Included Lodging, Meals and Attractions

Not Included: Travel Protection Plan, Any Optional Meals or Attractions and Any items of a Personal Nature

Tour Cost Per Person:

\$2199.00 – Quad \$2339.00 – Triple \$2495.00- Double \$3229.00 – Single

Day #1 September 24, 2018

Departing via deluxe motorcoach, we travel to Dayton, OH for our overnight stay. After checking into our hotel we will enjoy a kick back reception.

Day #2 September 25, 2018

We travel to Huntington, WV where we will start with a sightseeing tour focused on the “We are Marshall” movie sites. This evening visit the Heritage Farm Museum and Village. You are in for a historical treat as you step into a frontier cabin (circa 1850) and learn of frontier life based on agriculture and barter. As you tour from building to building the decades pass and you have witnessed 50 years of rapid change in American life. Dinner this evening is included. (B,D)

Day #3 September 26, 2018

Today begins with a tour of the Blenko Glass Factory, America’s oldest manufacturer of handmade glassware and stained glass. Blenko provided stained glass for the windows of St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Our travels continue south into the coalfields. You will learn about the Matewan Massacre which occurred during a labor dispute in 1920, and also learn of the 1878 to 1891 Hatfield & McCoy feudal rivalry with narrated sightseeing to some of the actual feud sites and a history of the events that occurred in the back country of West Virginia. This evening we will enjoy a Stolen Pig Dinner relating to Hatfield & McCoy history followed by a storyteller or musical entertainment. (B,D)

Day #4 September 27, 2018

Enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel before we check out. Our travels continue today as we make our way to White Sulphur Springs, WV. Here we have lunch reservations at The Greenbrier's rendition of a sports bar "Slammin' Sammys". Located on the upper floor of the Golf Club every table is a front row seat with incredible views of the golf courses. The secret is out! The declassified Bunker at the Greenbrier is a must-see experience that takes you behind the scenes and walks you through a fascinating period in the resort's history. Carved deep into the mountainside beneath our West Virginia Wing is an emergency Cold War fallout shelter. Dinner is included this evening. (B, L, D)

Day #5 September 28, 2018

After breakfast you begin another day of great adventure as you motor north into the Alleghenies, your destination is the town site of Cass. It looks much today as it did in its heyday as a company logging town. Restored company houses line the hillside. The Historical Museum and the Cass Showcase with its diorama and film provide interpretation. You will pick up a box lunch at the Company Store. Then it is an exciting moment as you board a steam locomotive and pull out of the depot. You cross over into the next valley and find it filled with giant satellite dishes. This is the Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory intentionally located in one of America's quietest spots. Here our scientists are listening for sounds from space. Your evening entertainment begins with a meal at Elkins' newest theatre, The Gandy Dancer. In a beautiful new dining room, you will have dinner followed by the Mountain Memories Show Band and a musical variety show. This show is filled with high energy, family-friendly comedy and music. It is an unforgettable evening. (B, L, D)

Day #6 September 29, 2018

After breakfast we board the Cheat Mountain Salamander train's climate-controlled passenger cars for a 2 1/2 hour ride through the wild, high-mountain wilderness of West Virginia. A photo stop is made at the High Falls of the Cheat River - 18 feet tall and 150 feet across, this beautiful location is 5 miles from the closest road. After High Falls your train follows the bumbling Cheat through another 21 miles of scenic wilderness. This unspoiled and uninhabited forest has gorgeous tree topped mountain vistas where hardwoods and evergreen grow to the edge of boulder strewn white water rivers. This afternoon you begin at the Durbin Depot where the coal fired Durbin Rocket is bellowing smoke and anxious to start another exciting mountain rail expedition. This steam engine pulls an authentic 1920's era coach car and vintage wooden cabooses along the free flowing Greenbrier River. This scenic ride is through the Monongahela National Forest. Dinner this evening is at the RailYard Restaurant followed by "The Greatest Show on Rails". At a small theatre in the RailYard this show combines live music and video. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you might even dance...you never know what might happen when you spend an evening at the RailYard. (B, D)

Day #7 September 30, 2018

After a relaxing morning drive you arrive in Wheeling, WV in time for lunch on your own. We then check into the Oglebay Resort where you will overnight. This afternoon is filled with sightseeing at the Resort. First a local guide will step on to our motorcoach

and relate some of Oglebay's rich heritage including stories about the Oglebay Family and how the resort came to be. You will tour the elegant 1846 Mansion Museum, the former estate of Cleveland industrial Earl W Oglebay who purchased the mansion and surrounding acres to use as a summer home. You will also visit Carriage House Glass, a museum that features more than 3000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939. Dinner this evening is included at Wilson Lodge. (D)

Day #8 October 1, 2018

Breakfast is included before leaving Virginia behind. We'll drive to Columbus, Ohio for a guided tour and lunch in German Village. Our overnight is in Richmond, IN with dinner included. (B, D)

Day #9 October 2, 2018

After breakfast we travel home arriving late afternoon. (B)