



*Heart of the North Tours
presents...*

Almost Heaven West Virginia

8 Days July 12-19, 2026

West Virginia's Cheat Mountain Range stretches more than 50 miles in length with four peaks above 4,800 feet. The region is spruce forest, tumbling rivers and streams, timber and coal history and three scenic railroads. Come ride the rails over, under around and through.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three Scenic Train Rides:
 - The Cass Scenic Railroad
 - Greenbrier Wilderness Train
 - The New Tygart Flyer
- The Greenbrier Bunker
- National Radio Astronomy Observatory
- West Virginia Railroad Museum
- Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater
- Seven Nights of Lodging
- Seven Hotel Breakfasts
- Three Lunches
- Five Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on the Above Services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation
- *Itinerary Subject To Change*

PER PERSON PRICES

\$3,299 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,199 TRIPLE...**\$3,099** QUAD...**\$3,999** SINGLE

\$550 deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due by May 13, 2026

Travel Insurance is available

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Day 1 – Hammond, IN – Today, travel takes you to Hammond, IN where you enjoy an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(D)**

Day 2 – Charleston, WV – After breakfast, travel continues today to Charleston, WV where you enjoy an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn Downtown. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(B)**

Day 3 – White Sulphur Springs, WV – Free Time on Main Street – Greenbrier Bunker Tour – Lewisburg, WV – After breakfast at the hotel, depart for White Sulphur Springs, WV. On arrival, enjoy free time and lunch on your own on Main Street. Check out the shops and grab a bite to eat in this friendly downtown area.

The afternoon features a most unusual historical tour of the Greenbrier Bunker. The Greenbrier's Cold War Bunker was built by the Eisenhower Administration. It was a Fall Out Shelter for Congress in the event of a Nuclear Attack. This secret facility existed for 30 years, in plain sight, yet hidden from both hotel employees and guests. It's a fascinating story and you will learn how the pantries were stocked and replenished with fresh produce and supplies. At any moment there was enough fresh water and food here to support the entire House & Senate for 60 days.

End the day with dinner at a local restaurant and by checking into your Lewisburg, WV hotel, the Hampton Inn, for the night. **(B,D)**

Day 4 – Cass Scenic Railroad w/lunch - Elkins, WV – Another day of great adventure begins as you motor north into the Alleghenies, your destination is the townsite 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'll pick up a box lunch at the Company Store, and then it's an exciting moment as you board a steam locomotive and pull out of the depot. This was a logging route with grades as steep as 11%, you'll climb through deep forest with a beauty as old as the hills and then suddenly you will break out above the timber and enjoy a view of West Virginia that is beyond words. You are at Bald Knob, the third highest peak in West Virginia. There was a point on the climb that if had been paying attention you would have noticed that you entered a completely different ecosystem because of the change in the trees' flowers and atmosphere.

Then arrive in Elkins, WV for a three-night stay at the Holiday Inn Express. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B,L,D)**

Day 5 - Greenbrier Wilderness Train w/Lunch – Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory – Following breakfast, take a ride on the Greenbrier Wilderness Train. This new train ride leaves from Cass, WV on an excursion into the wilderness of the Greenbrier River Valley. Framed by forested hills on both sides of the river, this remote, rugged, unpopulated region is home to Bald Eagles, Osprey, Black Bear and Coyotes. You will stop in Durbin for an included lunch.

Leaving Cass, you cross into the next valley and find it filled with giant satellite dishes. At Green Bank you find a valley filled with giant satellite dishes. This is the National Radio Astronomy Observatory intentionally located in one of America's most quiet spots. Here scientists are listening for sounds from space, and you will tour the facility. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 - New Tygart Flyer w/Box Lunch – West Virginia Railroad Museum – Gandy Dancer Dinner & Show - Today's wilderness excursion is the New Tygart Flyer, departing from the town of Elkins. This route features an "S" curve tunnel, a high bridge and miles of unspoiled mountain views. The vintage diesel-powered locomotive climbs along the cascading Shavers Fork of the Cheat River to the High Falls which are accessible only by train. The closest road is literally five miles away. Enjoy the view relaxing aboard our comfortable climate-controlled passenger coaches. A boxed lunch is included with your excursion.

On your return to Elkins, you find the West Virginia Railroad Museum is located in the historic RailYard by the old railway depot. Explore the history of one of the most beloved Railways, the C & O, or Chesapeake and Ohio. This historic tale begins with President George Washington and ends with the kitten that captured America's heart, Chessie! There will also be free time to freshen up at the hotel before dinner.

Your evening entertainment begins with a meal at The Gandy Dancer Dinner Theatre. Then 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 - today featuring Country, Pop, Motown, Gospel, and Patriotic along with family-friendly comedy and amazing dancers. The Gandy Dancer offers a show that's guaranteed to have you dancing in your seat, laughing until you cry, touching your heart and creating memories that will last a lifetime. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7 – Lafayette, IN – After breakfast, depart today for Lafayette, IN. Enjoy an overnight stay at the Drury Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening, but the hotel offers a 5:30 Kickback featuring hot foods and cold beverages.

Day 8 - Depart for Home – After breakfast at the hotel, depart for home. **(B)**