

AAA Reading-Berks
presents...

Almost Heaven West Virginia

5 Days June 16-20, 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.

PER PERSON PRICES

\$1,590 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,990 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$250 per person deposit with reservation

Final Payment due by February 17, 2026

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three Scenic Trail Rides
 - Cass Scenic Railroad to Bald Knob
 - Greenbrier Express Train
 - The New Tygart Flyer
- Greenbrier Bunker Tour
- Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory
- Gandy Dancer Theatre
- Four Nights First Class Lodging
- Four Hotel Breakfasts
- Three Lunches
- Four Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on the Above Services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation

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Day 1 – Greenbrier Bunker Tour – Lewisburg, WV – Travel today first takes you to White Sulphur Springs, WV where this afternoon you visit the Greenbrier Bunker, a most unusual history tour. The Greenbrier's Cold War Bunker, 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.

Then you make your way to Lewisburg, WV enjoy an overnight stay at the Fairfield Inn. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. After dinner visit the shops and galleries on Main Street. **(D)**

Day 2 - Cass Scenic Railroad & Box Lunch – Elkins, WV – Dinner in Timber Baron's Mansion – Today, you ride the Cass Scenic Railroad, the same line built in 1901 to haul lumber to the mill in Cass. Once you board the train, the real excitement begins. The great pistons of the carefully resorted Shay locomotive will start pulsing, driven by hundreds of pounds of steam pressure. As the train rounds the curve up Leatherbark Creek, you'll pass the Cass Shop, where the locomotives are serviced. You travel up the mountain toward the two switchbacks, with allow the train to reverse the steep grade. Finally, the view opens to fields and Whittaker Station. You will have a "sack" lunch on the train as you journey up the mountain.

Arrive in Elkins, WV where you will enjoy a three night stay at the Holiday Inn Express RailYard. This hotel is located in the heart of historic downtown Elkins. Tonight, dinner is included in a Timber Baron's Mansion, either the Graceland Inn or Halliehurst Mansion. **(D)**

Day 3 – Ride the Greenbrier Express w/lunch - Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory – Today, ride the Greenbrier Express which departs from the restored, historically important town of Cass and closely follows the clear, free-flowing Greenbrier River to the small mountain village of Durbin. On arrival in Durbin, you will be served lunch at a pre-determined location either on your train car, in the depot, or at one of the restaurants on Main Street adjacent to the depot. The ride upriver to Durbin passes through a secluded wilderness portion of the 950,000-acre Monongahela National Forest featuring beautiful scenes of forested mountains at each turn of the river. Sightings of Deer, River Otters, and Black Bear along with a wide variety of Eagles, Hawks, Ospreys, and other different species of aquatic birds are common.

Leaving Cass, you cross 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 most quiet spots. Here our scientists are listening for sounds from space, and you will tour the facility. You then return to Elkins for the evening. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B,L,D)**

Day 4 - New Tygart Flyer with Box Lunch – Gandy Dancer Dinner Show - All aboard! It's not an accident that West Virginia is known as the Mountain State and after riding and having lunch on the New Tygart Flyer of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad scenic excursion trains, you will definitely understand why. You will enjoy stunning scenery, free flowing rivers, historic sites, and a serene waterfall only accessible by hiking or train riding. The four-hour, 46 mile round trip has been called one of the most relaxing mountain wilderness train rides in the United States.

Tonight, enjoy dinner and a show at the Gandy Dancer Theatre. Enjoy a Premier Dinner Show after a wonderful plated dinner, sit back and listen to the fabulous Mountain Memories Show Band as they serve up a two 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, touch your heart and give you memories that will last a lifetime. **(B,L,D)**

Day 5 – Depart for Home – This morning after breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**



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