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## West Virginia Trains & Greenbrier Bunker

October 12-15, 2018

### Friday, October 12, 2018

- 6:50- 7:50 am Approximate departure time depending upon your pickup location. Pickups will be in either Coldwater or Celina, St. Marys and Wapakoneta. Exact pickup times and departure locations will be determined approximately 45 days prior to trip departure
- 11:30 am Arrive at Valley Gem Sternwheeler in Marietta, OH for a hot buffet lunch and a 2 hour cruise. Enjoy Captain's commentary as you cruise rivers once navigated by George Washington.
- 2:00 pm Depart for Elkins WV
- 4:20 pm Check into the hotel in Elkins, WV.
- 5:30 pm Depart for dinner and show at Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater. 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- 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 'til you cry, touch your heart and give you memories that will last a lifetime.
- 9:00 pm Return to Hotel



### Saturday, October 13

- Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:00 am Depart hotel for Cheat Mountain Salamander
- 9:30 am Board the Cheat Mountain Salamander'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 tumbling Cheat through another 21 miles of scenic wilderness. This is unspoiled and uninhabited forest, with gorgeous tree topped mountain vistas, where hardwoods and evergreens grow to the edge of boulder strewn white water rivers. This one-way train ride ends at remote Cheat Bridge where your bus is waiting to transport you to the eastern side of Cheat Mountain and the town of Durbin.
- 12:00 noon Board bus and travel to Durbin for a plated lunch at The Station Two Restaurant
- 1:30 pm Board The Durbin Rocket coal fired train for 2 hour ride. Cars are open so please dress accordingly. Built in 1910 this steam locomotive pulls an authentic 1920s-era coach car and vintage wooden cabooses along the free-flowing Greenbrier River. This 10 -1/2 mile scenic ride runs through the Monongahela National Forest.
- 4:00 pm Depart Durbin and return to hotel to freshen up
- 5:45 pm Dinner in a Timber Baron's Mansion, either the Graceland or Halliehurst Mansions. Both elegant homes built in 1890's at the height of the timber era.
- 7:15 pm Depart for the entertaining "The Greatest Show on Rails" Show at a small theater in the RailYard it is a nostalgic rail show that combines live music and video. An unforgettable journey from station to station and down the track, a musical adventure "by rail" across America, filled with live music and film. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you will enjoy!
- 9:00 pm Return to hotel



### Sunday, October 14

Breakfast at the hotel

8:15 am Depart for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory  
 9:30 am Tour of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory , a quiet valley filled with giant satellite dishes. Here you tour the Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory intentionally located in one of America's most quiet spots. Scientists are listening for sounds from space. You will drive into the Satellite Field and visit the science center.  
 11:30 am Depart for lunch on your own in Cass, WV.  
 1:30 pm Depart to ride on Cass Scenic Railroad. Open air cars. 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 you will break out above the timber and enjoy a view of West Virginia that is beyond words. At Whitaker Station you can learn about turn-of-the-century timber techniques.  
 4:00 pm Depart for Fairfield Inn in Lewisburg, WV  
 6:00 pm Check into hotel and have dinner on your own at restaurants near the hotel.



**Monday, October 15**

Breakfast at your hotel  
 8:15 am Depart for Greenbrier Resort  
 9:00 am Greenbrier Historical Bunker tour. The Greenbrier's Cold War Bunker, built by the Eisenhower Administration 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.  
 11:15 am Depart Greenbrier for lunch on your own at Tamarack  
 12:45 pm Depart Tamarack for home  
 Dinner stop enroute included  
 7:30 – 8:30 pm Approximate return time depending upon your pickup location



Price includes Motorcoach Transportation, 2 shows, 3 trains, admission to all attractions, 8 meals, 3 nights lodging.

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Cost per person	\$999.00	\$784.00	\$749.00	\$729.00
Optional Travel Protection (Deluxe)	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00

- **Make checks payable to Choose Travel, and mail to P. O. Box 109, Celina, OH 45822.**
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- Balance due 30 days prior to departure. Additional trip information and billing will be sent at that time.
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