



West Virginia's Mountain Railroads

OCTOBER 20-28, 2026

An Appalachian Adventure Featuring Vintage Locomotives

Ride the rails back to the glory days when mighty steam- and diesel-powered trains were the fashionable way to travel. You'll journey on four rare, vintage trains past scenic countryside, rolling mountains, lazy rivers and impressive architectural sights including the New River Gorge Bridge! Relive the heydays of thriving coal and lumber towns, and reminisce about the days of horse-drawn vehicles and steam railroads.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO WEST VIRGINIA

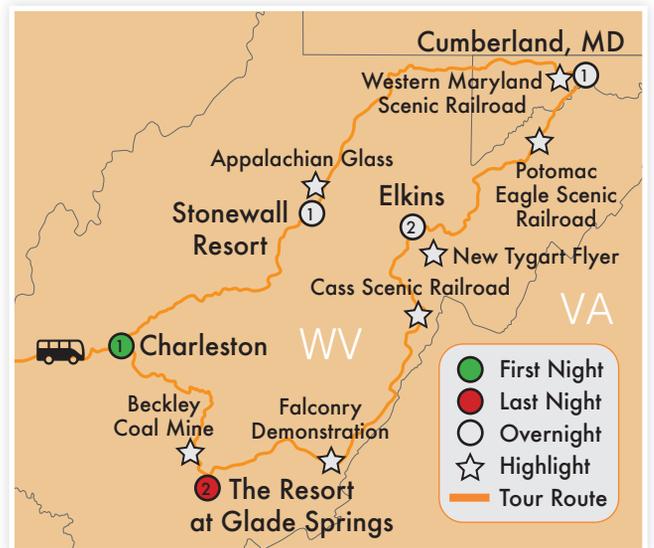
Travel to Charleston by deluxe motorcoach to begin our adventure. *D*

DAY 2: STATE CAPITOL/APPALACHIAN GLASS

Start your morning touring West Virginia's state capitol in Charleston and discovering its great history. Later today, we'll journey to Weston, WV to enjoy an incredible lunch paired with a wine tour and tasting over at Lambert's Winery. After lunch, the skilled artists at Appalachian Glass will delight with a demonstration of their delicate "friendship balls" once common in 1800s West Virginia. Tonight, relax at the magnificent Stonewall Resort in Stonewall Resort State Park. *B, L*

DAY 3: MORGANTOWN/FROSTBURG FLYER-WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD

We start today in the town of Morgantown, home to West Virginia University. Spend some time exploring its downtown and grabbing a bite to eat before heading to Frostburg, MD for our first train ride! The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad excursion is an exciting mix of mountain top scenery and rich transportation history. Leaving Frostburg, the route



travels east, descending grades up to 2.8% on the 16-mile trek through the 914-foot Brush Tunnel under Piney Mountain, around Helmstetter's Horseshoe Curve, and through a breach in the Allegheny Mountains over an iron truss bridge. **B, D**

DAY 4: RIDGEDALE FARM/ POTOMAC EAGLE

Built in 1835 by a 5th cousin of George Washington, we head to the Historic Ridgedale Farm to tour the impressive brick residence. Then, make sure your cameras are ready for one of America's most breathtaking train rides—the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad. In the spectacular narrow valley called “the Trough,” you'll pass above the Potomac River, where the water is so clear you can see the fish! In addition to the beautiful scenery and rich history, passengers can enjoy the opportunity to see American bald eagles. **B, L**



Witness a Falconry demonstration at The Greenbrier

DAY 5: NEW TYGART FLYER/GANDY DANCER SHOW

Today, experience a relaxed, 46-mile round-trip excursion aboard the vintage, diesel powered New Tygart Flyer featuring an “S” curve tunnel, a 1,500 feet deep canyon with densely forested slopes, and a high bridge over the meandering Shavers Fork of the Cheat River. After a hearty dinner this evening, sit back and listen to the fabulous Gandy Dancer Show as they serve up a Branson-style experience with music from the 1950's through today! **B, L, D**

DAY 6: CASS SCENIC RAILROAD/GREENBRIER FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park will transport you back to the heyday of steam locomotives and thriving logging towns. The highlight is a thrilling 2-hour ride on an old-fashioned logging train, with its steam powered Shay locomotive chugging up a logging line to Whittaker Station, an authentically recreated logging camp. Later, head to The Greenbrier to participate in a Falconry demonstration. Learn all about this great sport while interacting with falcons, hawks, eagles, and owls. We then head to The Resort at Glade Springs for the next two nights. **B, L, D**

DAY 7: BECKLEY COAL MINE/COAL CAMP MEMORIES

Today we tour the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine which boasts 1,500 feet of underground passages. The highlight is a fascinating journey below ground with an experienced coal miner in authentic, track-riding “man cars.” This afternoon is yours to explore the resort or take a dip in the indoor pool. Tonight, we gather for dinner for a performance of Coal Camp Memories by local storyteller Karen Vuranch. **B, D**

DAY 8: NEW RIVER GORGE

New River Gorge National Park is home to the world's third highest singlespan steel arch bridge at 876 feet high and 1,700 feet long. Enjoy the breathtaking views here before heading off to lunch at Smokeys on the Gorge. Continue to Lexington, KY. **B, L**

DAY 9: RETURN HOME **B** ✨

TOUR DETAILS

9 Days • 18 Meals

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Price Per Person:

DB \$2,999, SG \$3,399

Depart/Return:



St. Louis

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride four vintage trains: Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, The Potomac Eagle, New Tygart Flyer, and Cass Scenic Railroad
- Beckley Coal Mine tour and underground “man car” ride
- Stay at Roanoke's magnificent 4-Diamond Stonewall Resort
- Evening music performance at the Gandy Dancer Theater

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Four Points by Sheraton, Charleston, WV

Night 2: Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

Night 3: Fairfield Inn & Suites, Cumberland, MD

Nights 4-5: Hampton Inn, Elkins, WV

Nights 6-7: The Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels, WV

Night 8: Lexington, KY (TBD)

// Explore the Mountain State as you witness stunning foliage, musical revues, historic towns, and four rail experiences, truly making this trip unique! It's everything one could want out of a true West Virginia fall adventure! //

—Laura Vecitis
TOUR PLANNER