



Mountain Rails and Appalachian Trails

August 20 – 24, 2024

\$1599 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$2049 Per Person Single Occupancy \$1459 Per Person Triple \$1389 Per Person Quad

Deposit \$150 Per Person----Final Payment Due 6/1/24

Departure Locations: Fort Wayne and Decatur

Join us for a five-day journey through the world of Appalachia. Enjoy the sights of Steel Town from the river and ride the rails around Horseshoe Curve. Step back in time as we ride mountain trains in the heart of Maryland and West Virginia and be inspired by sounds of the Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater.

Trip Includes:

Explorer Riverboat Cruise

Grand Concourse

Monongahela Incline

Amtrak Train, Horseshoe Curve, A National Historic Landmark

Altoona Railroaders Museum

Town Hall for Dinner and Show

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

Thrasher Carriage Museum

Gunter Hotel

Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater

Green Bank Observatory

Cass Scenic Railroad

Eleven Meals, Lodging, Transportation

Gratuities for driver and step-on guides not included.



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"Making Memories One Trip At A Time"

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Day One: Our tour starts in Pittsburgh, PA known both as “the Steel City” for its more than 300 steel-related businesses and as the “City of Bridges” for its 446 bridges. Pittsburgh is located at the start of the Ohio River and this afternoon we will enjoy a river cruise on The **Explorer Riverboat**, which is the only way to see Pittsburgh and truly learn about her past, present, and future. After our river cruise we will enjoy dinner at The **Grand Concourse** Restaurant, which is housed in the beautifully preserved Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Station. Once we finished our delicious meal, we walk across the street and take a ride on the **Monongahela Incline**. This incline was built in 1870 and today is the best way to see the city from Mt. Washington. Enjoy the ride and the breathtaking views! (Dinner)

Day Two: Rise and shine for an early breakfast as afterwards we are off to the Pittsburgh’s **Union Station** for the 7:30 a.m. departure on the **Amtrak Train** to Altoona, PA. This train ride winds through the countryside and the Allegheny Mountains. Nearing the end of our two-and-a-half-hour ride, we will traverse the famous **Horseshoe Curve**, which is a National Historic Landmark. The Horseshoe Curve has both a museum and visitor center, as well as a viewing area to watch trains round the Curve itself. Next, we will meet our local historian at the **Altoona Railroaders Museum**. Learn about the massive railroad history of this area of Pennsylvania, and tour this fascinating interactive museum, housed in the 1882 Master Mechanics Building. From the museum our guide will take us to ride the **FUNICULAR** up to the overlook, which will provide spectacular views of the countryside and of trains rounding this stunning horseshoe curve! A catered sandwich buffet will be served in the outdoor picnic pavilion. Then board motor coach for the scenic drive to Cumberland, Maryland which is a historic and scenic gem. Set in the Appalachian Mountains at the junction of the Potomac River and Wills Creek, Cumberland has a history which stretches from the days of the Native American peoples through the French and Indian War, the Revolution, Westward Expansion and on into the industrial age. This evening our local historian will take us over to **Town Hill Inn for dinner and a show!** This inn began life as a fruit stand in the early 20th century and has a magnificent view of 3 states from its overlook! Enjoy a home-cooked dinner from recipes unique to the inn, and then revel in “Trivial Broadway” show. If you love the Golden Age of Broadway Musicals, this is the show for you and is a charming trip down memory lane! (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day Three: This morning our local historian will conduct a driving tour in which you’ll see the 1833 Toll House, the National Road and several of its 100-year-old inns, downtown Cumberland with its exquisite Victorian architecture and murals, the Footer’s Dyeworks Building, houses inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Narrows and so much more! Our first stop is **St Paul’s Lutheran Church**. Built in 1959 on the site of a former Victorian mansion house, this structure boasts magnificent and unique pastel-stained glass windows. We’ll take them one by one and savor their rare beauty and intriguing tales. **ALL ABOARD the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad.** This hour-long one-way trip will take you meandering up through glorious mountain scenery to the depot in Frostburg, MD. Here you may visit the marvelous **Thrasher Carriage Museum**, home to a portion of James Richard Thrasher’s horse-drawn vehicle collection, the third largest of its kind in the nation. Following your train ride, we will tour the famous “**Gunter Hotel**”, which has a storied past and attracted senators, congressmen and prominent businessmen and their families who wanted to enjoy a vacation in the mountains of Western Maryland. The hotel also featured a **cafe, barbershop, petting zoo, speakeasy and a coal mine!** Lunch today will be in the “Speakeasy”. This evening we enjoy dinner and show at the **Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater**. This venue is West Virginia’s ONLY Branson – style dinner theater and is nestled in the heart of the WV mountains. The show features music from the 50’s to present day, country, gospel, rock and roll as well as patriotic. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day Four:

This morning we reach for the stars at the **Green Bank Observatory**, an astronomical observatory with the world’s largest steerable radio telescope, located in the National Radio Quiet Zone in Green Bank, West Virginia. Next, it’s onto the **Cass Scenic Railroad!** A RIDE on the Cass Scenic Railroad is a thrilling experience for young and old. This train will take us to the top of Bald Knob, which is the third highest point in West Virginia, making for breathtaking views and amazing photos. The long haul of 11 miles to Bald Knob takes about four and a half hours for the 22-mile round trip. Panoramas of the lofty Appalachians become more beautiful as the train climbs higher and higher. We will have an included box lunch while on this train ride adventure! Tonight, our farewell dinner is in a beautiful mansion overlooking the mountains of West Virginia. (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Day Five: Home

After Breakfast enjoy your ride home with fond memories of Mountain Rails and Appalachian Trails. (Breakfast)

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Gratuities: Gratuities for the meals listed in the itinerary are included. Gratuities are NOT included for local step-on guides and driver.

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PASSENGER 1

Name _____

Name on Name Badge _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Roommate _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s) _____

Food Allergies or
Special Dietary Needs _____

Bed: King 2 Queens

Pick Up Location: Fort Wayne OR Decatur

Signature _____ Date _____

PASSENGER 2

Name _____

Name on Name Badge _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Roommate _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s) _____

Food Allergies or
Special Dietary Needs _____

Bed: King 2 Queens

Pick Up Location: Fort Wayne OR Decatur

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit completed form with deposit.

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