



# WEST VIRGINIA WILDERNESS

OCTOBER 21-29, 2024

You'll be enchanted by the beauty and history of West Virginia on this charming wilderness adventure. Learn about the fascinating history of the area, take in the scenery from a relaxing train ride aboard a vintage train, and more!

**1 // St. Louis, MO** Spectacular scenery, mountain culture and great cuisine are highlights of our adventure to West Virginia. Enjoy the view as we journey east.

**2 // Louisville, KY** We'll start our morning at the **Cathedral Basilica of St Louis** - this beautiful building is the result of a harmonious blend of dozens of architects' and artisans' designs. Our big adventure today is the historic multi-level **riverboat cruise** on the Mississippi River. Enjoy the grand Gateway Arch of St Louis from a different perspective on a one-hour riverboat tour.

**3 // Charleston, WV** We'll begin our morning with a tour of the **Keeneland Racing Track** in Lexington. Observe the work and care that go in to getting the horses ready as they prepare for a race that will be held there later today. Since 1978, the **Kentucky Horse Park** has been a working horse farm and show venue. With public barns, two museums, several presentations, and countless horses to admire, there will be plenty to keep us busy for a few hours today.

**4 // Lewisburg, WV** Get ready for adventure

today with two exciting and unique subterranean experiences! Visit the **Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine** where you'll ride through a real coal mine guided by a veteran miner and have the chance to explore the recreated coal camp for a sneak peek into what life was like. Later see the **Lost World Caverns**, a wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites 120 feet below the surface. A **dinner** tonight will finish off our day of discovery.

**5 // Elkins, WV** Hidden beneath a luxurious resort and carved deep into the mountainside is a once top secret U.S. government relocation facility. Tour the **Greenbrier Bunker** to see the precautions taken to secure government officials in case of an attack during the Cold War. **Lunch** is included at the Greenbrier. Named for Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropic steel tycoon, **Carnegie Hall** in Lewisburg is one of only four "Carnegie Halls" still in operation worldwide. This is our opportunity to discover the beautifully-restored building's history, art gallery and architecture. **The Gandy Dancer Theatre**, known for its musical and comedy shows, is sure to provide exciting live entertainment tonight.

## Departs:

Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

## Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 5 Lunch
- 3 Dinner

## Activity Level ■ ■ ■

**\$2359 Double**    **\$2189 Triple**  
**\$2079 Quad**    **\$2949 Single**

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person  
 Optional Travel Protection Available  
 Final Payment Due 60 days before departure

## Cancellation Policy B

**6 // Bridgeport, WV** Explore the Mountain State aboard a vintage train on the **New Tygart Flyer**. This wilderness excursion features a beautiful vintage diesel-powered train, and miles of unspoiled mountain views. Enjoy **lunch** while relaxing aboard the locomotive as it chugs along towards our culminating destination, the 18' High Falls of Cheat waterfall.

**7 // Dayton OH** Travel by sternwheeler riverboat to reach **Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park**, home to a Palladian mansion and a museum of regional history. Take a **horse-drawn wagon ride** and learn a little more on the history of the island and the fascinating story of the people that lived there.

**8 // St Louis, MO** Soak in the scenery of the changing countryside as we continue our journey. After a **lunch** stop, we will visit the small town of Elsah, IL. An entire block of this small town is listed on the National Register of Historic Places! A **local guide** will show us around and tell us about the roots of this village and how it came to be.

**9 // Home** Today we journey home, with a little more knowledge of America's history in our heads, and more memorable moments in our hearts.

