

# WEST VIRGINIA RIDING THE RAILS

## 3 Days - 2 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1 - An early morning departure has you beginning your journey to wild and beautiful West Virginia with a leisurely drive through the Allegheny Mountains. Along the way, stop for a visit to **Blackwater Falls State Park**. The park features a spectacular waterfall plunging 63 feet into the Canyon below. It offers an opportunity for some awesome pictures, before continuing to the Canaan Valley Resort. Dinner tonight will be at the lodge for the group to enjoy, followed by time for you to relax and enjoy the beauty of the resort.
- Day 2 - Enjoy a hearty breakfast, then depart for a fun-filled day of "riding the rails" through the beautiful countryside. The first leg of your rail adventure is a mountain ride on the **Cheat Mountain Salamander**, this vintage touring train runs alongside of the Tygart River high into the mountains. At the summit, you will see the majestic High Falls, nestled beautifully among a spruce and laurel grove, miles from the closest human habitat. You will also enjoy a lunch aboard the train. The next portion of your train excursion will take you deep into the heart of the West Virginia wilderness. The Salamander is built for the sharp twists and turns along side of the mountain, and leads itself to exotic views of wildlife, such as black bears, bobcats, and deer. Your ride ends at the remote Cheat Bridge, where your motorcoach will be waiting to take you to the final stretch of your rail experience. In the isolated town of Durbin, WV, you will board the **Durbin Rocket**, an open-air steam locomotive that rides beside the Greenbrier River. At the conclusion of the train tour, your group will enjoy dinner at one of the vintage Depots, with a chance to stop at the Rail & Trail Store before departing for nearby Elkins for a performance at the **American Mountain Theatre**. This 2-hour show features a mix of musical styles including country, southern, gospel, bluegrass, pop and patriotic music blending into the "Freshest Sound in the Mountainsf
- Day 3 - Following another hearty breakfast, check out and depart for a visit to the **Seneca Caverns**. The caverns contain an abundance of flowing stone, gleaming creamy white stone that looks like a rock waterfall! The build up of minerals from this steady flow of water builds beautiful monuments of stone that is as breathtaking as the mountain scenery above ground. Some of the various formations you will see include stalagmites, stalactites, columns, travertine, rim stone, and cave coral. After your exciting visit, depart for home with lasting memories of your trip to West Virginia.

**THANK YOU FOR HAVING WHITE STAR TOURS BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!**

#### TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

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