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Scenic Railways of the Alleghenies

May-October

TOUR RATING: **EASY**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- At the B&O Railroad Museum see unique steam locomotives used in the Alleghenies
- Travel by train into the Alleghenies at Clifton Forge, Virginia
- Ride to the top of Bald Knob, third highest peak in West Virginia
- See the world's largest concentration of Shay gear-driven steam locomotives
- At Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park, learn how freight moved before trains

The Allegheny Mountains extend 400 miles across four states. In this region, trade and settlement occurred mostly along waterways until railroads were built for coal, lumbering, and passengers. In the days of steam, gear-driven locomotives were needed for logging these mountains and massive, articulated locomotives hauled heavy coal trains. Those who traveled these rails by passenger trains returned home with an appreciation of the natural beauty of this part of our country.

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Baltimore

Gather with fellow travelers for introductions, orientation, and a welcome dinner this evening in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Meals included: Dinner

DAY
2

Exploring Baltimore

On May 22, 1830, a horse-drawn Baltimore & Ohio train traveling 13 miles to Ellicott City began the first regular railroad passenger service in America. The Baltimore & Ohio collected locomotives and other artifacts of its history and in 1953 opened the B&O Museum, where our tour begins. In the afternoon we visit a few of the city's many active and former railroad stations; some of which are renowned architectural landmarks. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Amtrak's Cardinal to Clifton Forge, Virginia

At Baltimore Penn Station we board Amtrak's Cardinal for Clifton Forge, Virginia, by way of Washington and Charlottesville. The train crosses the Potomac River, passes through Virginia's rolling horse country, and crosses the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah Valley before climbing the Alleghenies. It's a short drive to our home for the next two nights at the Inn at Warm Springs, located across the street from the Jefferson Pools, the oldest spa structure in the United States dating back to 1761. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park & Bald Knob

We spend today at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, home to the largest concentration of Shay gear-driven steam locomotives anywhere. From the town of Cass, elevation 2,438 feet, our train will ascend Back Allegheny Mountain to its summit at 4,843-foot Bald Knob, third highest peak in West Virginia. Take this evening to relax a bit or walk around Warm Springs. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
5

The Durbin Rocket and the forests of West Virginia

This morning we travel beside the Greenbrier River on the "Rocket" powered by a rare Climax locomotive built in 1910. Afterward, we traverse rural highways through the scenic mountain country that makes up the north half of West Virginia, stopping along the way to see two remnant stands of trees that escaped logging— one Spruce; the other, Hemlock. They offer a glimpse into what the original forests of West Virginia were like. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

This morning's trip on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad begins at an imposing office building and station in Cumberland, Maryland, built in 1913. The building, now the centerpiece of Canal Place State Park, also houses a visitor center for Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. WMSRR's roster includes C&O 2-6+6-2 no. 1309, the largest steam locomotive operating in the eastern United States. This afternoon we visit vestiges of the Western Maryland Railway in the eastern Alleghenies on our way to Shepherdstown, WV. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
7**

The Capitol Limited to Washington, D.C.

En route to Washington, D.C., we board Amtrak's Capitol Limited. Union Station in Washington is Amtrak's second busiest station and the southern terminus for electrified operations, including Acela trains. We will have the opportunity to see the equipment used only on the Northeast Corridor, and possibly one or more of the private railroad cars for which Washington Union Station is home base. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
8**

Departures from Washington, D.C.

Depart at your leisure this morning or extend your stay in the nation's capital. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,895 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$695 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Train tickets and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional tour manager • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

Residence Inn by Marriott Baltimore Downtown - 2 nights

This modern all-suite hotel is a quick walk to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. All rooms feature full kitchens, dining tables and sitting areas with pull-out sofas, as well as free WiFi and flat-screen TVs. There is also a 24-hour fitness on site.

Inn at Warm Springs - 2 nights

Located across the street from the famed Jefferson Pools which were built in the 1760s the inn transports you back in time to the late 1800s. The individually decorated, low-key rooms are set in 3 different buildings on the property and have en suite bathrooms, satellite TV and free WiFi.

Hampton Inn, Frostburg - 1 night

This hotel provides the perfect base for discovering everything this beautiful mountain town has to offer and offers easy access to Cumberland, MD. The relaxed rooms include free WiFi and custom-designed beds, as well as flat-screen TVs with HD channels, minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers.

Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown - 1 night

The hotel is located on a quiet 12-acre site near historic Shepherdstown, WV. Rooms have a radio, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, 32" flat screen TV, bath amenities and high-speed wireless internet access. Also the hotel features a full cardio room, weight room, indoor track, full non-air-conditioned gymnasium, sauna, steam room, outdoor Jacuzzi, and seasonal pool.

The George Hotel - 1 night

This hip Capitol Hill hotel is filled with playful modern art paying homage to its namesake, George Washington. It's a 5-minute walk from Union Station and less than a mile from the United States Capitol Building. The elegant rooms feature coffeemakers, yoga equipment, DVD players, and flat-screens with cable channels.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to <http://my.travelinsure.com/bsaselect>

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsahike2022/>

DISCLAIMER

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