

# WVA Trains & The Greenbrier



**Enjoy this 11,000 acre luxury retreat set amid the breathtaking mountains of West Virginia.**

**Oct 18th - 21st, 2021**

**Day One: Monday, Oct. 18, 2021**

Depart for **Wild, Wonderful West Virginia**. This afternoon we will arrive in Buchannon, West Virginia and check into our hotel. Tonight we'll enjoy dinner and a show at the **Gandy Dancer Theater**, West Virginia's ONLY Branson – style dinner theater. This theater which is nestled in the heart of the WV mountains, features music from the 50's to present day, country, gospel, rock and roll as well as patriotic. **(Dinner)**

## Day Two: Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021

Enjoy a hot breakfast before our adventure begins. We will ride the **Durbin Rocket Excursion Train** which is powered by the unique Heisler No. 6 locomotive – a coal-fired steam engine with ties to West Virginia’s historic rail and logging industry. We will ride in authentic 1920-era coaches and vintage wooden cabooses behind Heisler No. 6 as she steams along the free-flowing Greenbrier River. An open car directly behind Heisler No. 6 offer ample opportunities to see coal being shoveled into the tender and watch as she takes in water at a watering hole along the way. The ride covers 10.5 miles and offers many beautiful river and mountain views in the Monongahela National Forest. An advantage on this signature steam-driven locomotive are the options of open-car views perfect for photo taking and sightseeing, plus closed-car comfort in the coaches and cabooses. This adventure is popular for anyone who has an interest in railroads and history!

Lunch will be on our own at the Station 2 Restaurant in Durbin, WV. Here we will enjoy some down home country cooking!

Then we finally head over to White Sulphur Springs, WV, where we will check into **The Greenbrier** for a *two night stay*. Located amid the breathtaking mountains of West Virginia, The Greenbrier is a National Historic Landmark and world-class resort that has been welcoming guests from around the world since 1778. The natural mineral springs that drew the first guests over 235 years ago continue to lure visitors to this 11,000 acre luxury retreat today. With a guest list that includes 27 of our country’s 45 Presidents, America’s Resort has long been a favorite destination of royalty, celebrities and business leaders. The Greenbrier is widely regarded as one of the finest luxury resorts around the world. Surrounded by the wondrous Allegheny Mountains, The Greenbrier offers exclusive services and amenities such as championship golf, fine dining, more than 55 activities, designer boutiques, a world-renowned mineral spa and a 103,000 square foot gaming and entertainment venue. Stroll the grounds, visit the shops, check out the casino, or just relax and enjoy this luxury retreat.

Tonight we’ll experience the epitome of Grand Southern Resort dining in the elegant Main Dining Room – celebrating over 100 years of service! Dazzling custom-made chandeliers, stately columns and magnificent arched windows bring the ambiance of a dignified Southern mansion to life. **MAIN DINING ROOM** Dinner: Ladies and gentlemen in their finest. Jacket and tie required for men and dresses or evening suits for women. Men’s hats and baseball caps are not permitted in any of the dining areas. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

## Day Three: Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021

We start off the day with an included breakfast buffet in the main dining room. Breakfast: Exercise attire is not permitted. Resort attire is required (collared sport shirts, sweaters, jackets, dress slacks and walking shorts). If denim is your attire preference, well-kept denim in a dark shade is fine. Hats are not allowed to be worn, but bonnets are always in style for the ladies.

Then we step inside America's Secret Agent – Era Past. Exposed in 1992 by *The Washington Post*, the Bunker at The Greenbrier was one of America's closely guarded Cold War secrets. The vast underground relocation center for the U.S. Congress and was in readiness from 1962 – 1992, complete with House and Senate Chambers, dorms, power plant, clinic, cafeteria, and even a decontamination area. This massive underground bunker was to serve as an emergency shelter during the Cold War. The bunker was code named "Project Greek Island." We will step through the 18-ton blast door to learn its secrets and how it was kept hidden for more than 30 years.

Spend the rest of your day enjoying the grounds and activities available at this luxury resort.

You might partake in the Greenbrier tradition that guests have been enjoying since the 1930's. **AFTERNOON TEA** Nibble on a delightful selection of freshly-prepared pastries and cookies in the grand Upper Lobby. Live piano music and/or dancers will provide entertainment as you savor your tea and delicacies.

A guest favorite you may enjoy is the **CULINARY DEMONSTRATION**. A Gourmet Chef prepares a step-by-step recipe featuring Greenbrier Gourmet food items and time saving gadgets. Learn fun and easy cooking techniques and recipes that will help make your meal preparation effortless. At the end of each demo, sample a delicious dish prepared by the Greenbrier's Gourmet Chef.

Perhaps you'd like to visit **The Presidents' Cottage Museum**. The Greenbrier has been host to 27 U.S. Presidents. The memorable moments from their stays are on display at The Presidents' Cottage Museum, housed in a historic two-story building overlooking the Springhouse. These archives contain documents dating back to The Greenbrier's early history.

You may choose to make use of the indoor swimming pool, the resort Fitness Center, enjoy a movie, or go hiking on many of the trails found throughout the beautiful grounds of The Greenbrier

The grandest casino experience in the world is waiting for you at **The Greenbrier Casino Club**, which was recently ranked the 18<sup>th</sup> Best Casino in America (TripAdvisor). You will receive \$20 slot Free Play to enjoy playing on one of the 320 different slot machines. Try your luck at one of the 37 gaming tables throughout the Casino Club. Games include: Blackjack, Roulette, Three Card Poker, Texas Hold 'em, Mini-Baccarat, and Craps. Dress Code: Before 7:00 PM: Resort attire is required (collared sport shirts, sweaters, jackets, dress slacks and walking shorts). If denim is your attire preference, well-kept denim in a dark shade is ours. After 7:00 PM: No denim. Business casual attire. Jackets are required for gentlemen; dresses, evening suits, dress slacks for ladies. Men's hats and baseball caps are not permitted. **(Breakfast buffet, Dinner)**

#### **Day Four: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021**

Rise and shine! We will enjoy our final breakfast at The Greenbrier. It is a refined and traditional affair featuring southern signatures, American favorites and delicious healthy options served a la carte and buffet style.

Enjoy the stunning views- vast landscapes of rolling hills, dipping valleys and awe-inspiring beauty in this mountain state, as we head home with wonderful memories of another great Warther Tour! **(Breakfast buffet)**