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# GROUP TOUR PLANNER

## LOCAL RECEPTIVE OPERATOR

- West Virginia
- Western Maryland
- Southwestern Pennsylvania

Booking a tour with Mountaineer Country Tours is easy. We pride ourselves in our attention to details, carefully planning the best tour for your group—a custom, creative, comprehensive tour with the perfect mix of accommodations, meals, sightseeing and activities for your group.

Included in this Group Tour Planner are One Day and Multi-Day Tours which can be customized. Many One Day tours can be combined to create unique Multi-Day tours. You pick and choose what you want in your special tour.

- **CIVIL WAR** - Antietam, Philippi, Harpers Ferry, Beverly, Stonewall
- **DINE-AROUNDS** - Appalachian Vittles, Grand Victorian, Choo Chew Chow Chow, Victorian Treasures, Food and Faith Ethnic Churches, Eat Till You Pop
- **ENTERTAINMENT** - Theater, Murder Mysteries, Branson-style Shows, Barbershop, Appalachian Music, Titanic Adventure
- **LIVING HISTORY** - Step-on Guides & First Person Actors
- **SCENIC TRAINS** - Potomac Eagle, Cass, Western Maryland, New Tygart Flyer, Salamander, Durbin Rocket, Walkersville
- **STARS OF YESTERYEAR** - Perry Como, Bobby Vinton, Don Knotts, The Four Coins, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Lou Retton
- **FAITH-BASED** - Mountains of Faith, Food and Faith Ethnic Church Dine-Around, Southern Gospel Music at American Mountain Theater

# CUSTOMIZABLE WEST VIRGINIA ITINERARIES

## MOUNTAIN MUSIC, RAILS AND TRAILS

### 3 trains and 2 shows

#### Day One

Our train adventure begins in Durbin, WV a railroad company town in its heyday, where we'll visit the depot store before boarding the **Durbin Rocket**, powered by steam locomotive. You might want to enjoy an ice cream cone before boarding the train for a two-hour excursion that follows the Greenbrier River, a remote stream between two mountains with many scenic and wildlife viewing opportunities. Lodging will be at **the Inn at Snowshoe** at the beautiful Snowshoe Ski Resort.



#### Day Two

After breakfast at Brandi's, we'll travel a short distance on scenic mountain roads to Cass State Park where we'll board the **Cass Scenic Railroad**. The train is pulled by a Shay locomotive to Whittaker Station located four miles up the track from Cass through a series of switchbacks, which allows the train to gain quick altitude, up to 11% grade! At Whittaker Station, you will have the opportunity to leave the train and enjoy a breathtaking view of a vast wilderness area, and tour the logging camp. Make sure you bring a jacket as the train is windowless, so there's nothing between you and the great views. Back at the depot, you'll have free time to visit the exhibits, the state park which includes some of the railroad company houses, and get lunch on your own.



Traveling through the mountainous terrain, we'll stop at

**National Radio Astronomy Observatory**, one of the world's premier research facilities for radio astronomy. NRAO operates powerful, advanced radio telescopes "listening" for life in outer space! The Observatory is home to the largest fully steerable dish in the world. Bring your binoculars to see if you



can sight any of the daring rock climbers at **Seneca Rocks**, where you'll view the majestic rocky cliffs. After a wonderful dinner at the **1863 Tavern**, you'll be treated to a Branson-style show at **American Mountain Theater**. The cast includes three RCA recording artists and is one of the hottest new shows for motorcoach groups. Check into the **Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn Express** in Elkins.



#### Day Three

Start the day off right with a morning breakfast show at the ALL NEW **Gandy Dancer**

**Dinner Theater featuring a variety show of bluegrass, gospel, rock, and pop music.**

It's all aboard the **New Tygart Flyer!** This climate-controlled passenger train offers one of the most exciting mountain wilderness excursions. The 4 hour, 46 mile round trip features two separate mountain grades, an "S" curve tunnel, passage into a 1,500' deep canyon with steep densely forested slopes, and the crossing of a high bridge over the rushing Shavers Fork of the Cheat River before reaching your destination at "High Falls of Cheat," an 18' high, 150' wide waterfall in one of the most remote and pristine settings in the eastern United States. Lunch is included on the train. Depart for home after returning to the Elkins depot .



## NEW TYGART FLYER AND MOUNTAIN MUSIC

### Train and Music Tour

**Day One** - Be amazed at the **Mountaineer Wind Energy Center** turbines which we'll see en route to Elkins. The first wind farm in West Virginia and the largest wind energy facility east of the Mississippi when it was built in 2002. In historic Thomas, WV, once a booming community built upon the prosperity of the timber, coal and railroad industries in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains, visit **Mountain Made Studio** which features fine West Virginia products, arts, music and handicrafts. Have lunch en route at historic **Cornish Manor** or **Pleasant Valley Amish Community Center**, or **Blackwater Falls State Park** where you'll see one of the most photographed falls in the state. Then, check into the **Hampton Inn** or **Holiday Inn Express** in Elkins, WV. After a wonderful dinner at **1863 Tavern** or **Graceland Inn**, you'll be entertained at the **American Mountain Theater**, the freshest sound in the mountains. The fun begins the moment the

band hits the stage. You will truly love the variety of music featuring contemporary and classic Country, Bluegrass, Cajun, Western Swing, Pop, and Gospel. These talented entertainers include RCA recording artists, and seasoned Branson and Nashville performers who will give you a great evening of entertainment, laughter, and fun. What more could you want for a great evening of fun you won't forget!



### Day Two

Enjoy a breakfast show at **THE ALL NEW Gandy Dancer Theatre**. The show features the Mountain Memories Show Band - classic country, modern country, classic rock, blue grass and southern-style gospel music. The band members have 15 -30 years of actual show experience each and have performed in Branson, Myrtle Beach, Washington D.C., and in large venues throughout the East. All aboard the **New Tygart Flyer!** This climate-controlled

passenger train offers one of the most exciting mountain wilderness excursions in the US. The 4 hour, 46 mile round trip features two separate mountain grades, an "S" curve tunnel, passage into a 1,500' deep canyon with steep densely forested slopes, and the crossing of a high bridge over the rushing Shavers Fork of the Cheat River before reaching your destination at "High Falls of Cheat," an 18' high, 150' wide waterfall in one of the most remote & pristine settings in the eastern United States. A box lunch is provided on board the train. On your way home, stop for dinner at Amish **Pleasant Valley Community Center**, Mennonite **Casselman Inn Restaurant**, **Adaland Mansion**, **Hen House**, or historic **Cornish Manor**.

Do you like **Southern Gospel Music**? On select dates, a gospel show is being held at American Mountain Theater on Sundays. Ride the train and see the show.

### AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER 2012 Southern Gospel Schedule

April 15	Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
May 6	Triumphant Quartet
June 3	The Perrys
July 8	The Booth Brothers
July 29	The Hoppers
August 26	Talley Trio & The Whisnats
Sept. 23	The Isaacs
Oct. 28	Jeff & Sheri Easter



## LOVE YOU, MOM AND DAD!



**Anna Jarvis** (first person Living History), the founder of Mother's Day invites you to the **International Mother's Day Shrine**, the site of the first Mother's Day church service in the US. Tour **Anna Jarvis' birthplace** and childhood home which was used by Gen. George McClellan as his headquarters during the Civil War. Enjoy a wonderful lunch or tea at beautiful **Adaland Mansion**. Visit the beautiful gardens and gift shop. Shop at wholesale rates and take home a wooden spoon or coffee scoop, a gift any mother would appreciate. At the **Father's Day Church**, you'll see artifacts from the first Father's Day church service and hear about how the observation came to be. Other Options:

- You'll watch as a piece of wood is handcrafted into a one-of-a-kind kitchen utensil from start to finish at **Allegheny Treenware**.
- Learn what the ladies of the era wore in a **Victorian fashion show**.
- A **vocal or pipe organ concert** at the church can be added for your enjoyment.
- See the **Philippi Covered Bridge**, site of the first land battle of the Civil War.



# APPALACHIAN VITTLES

Dine-Around

On this eat-your-way-through-the-day tour, you'll travel along the Cheat River Scenic Byway watching for rafters and fishermen on the beautiful river valley. Chow down at a WWII museum, in historic homes and buildings, and the first New Deal Homestead, Arthurdale. By day's end, you'll be groaning with pleasure.

## Courses may include:

Sweet breads and pastries, Buckwheat cakes and sausage, baked steak, apple bread pudding, country soup and salad, apple cider, and pepperoni rolls (first made in Fairmont, WV for coal miners).

## Stops may include:

- Historic **Arthurdale**, a pet project of Eleanor Roosevelt and the first New Deal Homestead. Tour the Administration Building, Esso Station, forge, and original homestead house.
- **Allegheny Treenware**. Watch wooden spoons and kitchen utensils being made at following their progress, looking over the shoulders of the craftspeople in this small mom-and-pop factory. Take home a wooden coffee scoop or small flipper and purchase items at wholesale prices.
- The **Greatest Generation Museum**. Features WWII and B&O Railroad bridge exhibits.



Meet a WWII hero, Charlie Brown, who was a POW in a Japanese camp. Travel along the spectacular **Cheat River Scenic Byway**. See the rapids dash over the boulders in the river valley and maybe a kayaker. **Preston County Inn**, a historic home built during the Civil War as a wedding present.

- **McGrew House**. Persis McGrew (living history) welcomes you to the home she and her husband, James, built in 1841. During the Civil War, Persis, McGrew was said to have stood at her door as the Confederate soldiers passed by and prevented them from entering her home. McGrew was one of the founding fathers of the State of West Virginia.
- **Bishop House Carriage House**. Tour the beautiful and elegant mansion built in 1868 and restored to its original splendor.
- **Preston Community Arts Center**, featuring the gallery of the Preston County Arts Council juried artisans. Listen to **Appalachian music, Broadway showtunes, living history presentation or other entertainment**, while enjoying apple bread pudding. Nap on your way home with pleasantly full bellies.



## HIDDEN MOUNTAIN TREASURES

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS** - *Uncover sparkling gems on your adventure through the gorgeous mountains of West Virginia from its majestic heights to its coal laden depths. Find out how Deputy Barney Fife came to be in Don Knotts' hometown.*

**What lies above and beneath them thar hills is a wonder to behold – from an exhibition coal mine, to majestic mountains a Cold War Bunker and grand resort, and a breathtaking gorge. Come and explore wild, wonderful West Virginia from its heights to its depths.**

### Day One

Your gem-of-a-tour begins in Lewisburg, WV, named one of a dozen distinctive destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recognized as a Top Southern Mountain Town in America and most recently, voted America's Coolest Small Town by Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine. Your first stop is a tour and afternoon tea at **North House**, built in 1820. The museum contains many of the finest examples of early Virginia furnishings. Visitors to the North House are treated to a special view of two hundred years of the lives of everyday Americans from the Revolutionary War to World War II. Have some free time for shopping in downtown Lewisburg, a picture-perfect main street offering the finest in southern hospitality, unique shopping and eateries in a historic setting. Discover a surprising selection of art galleries, award-winning restaurants, sidewalk cafes, antique shops and trendy clothing boutiques. Dinner is at **Food & Friends**, featured on the Food Network's "Best Of..." series in 2004. At **Theatre West Virginia**, see a historical outdoor drama in a dramatic



amphitheatre. The performances for 2012 includes brand new "Rocket Boys", based on the book by WV native Homer Hickem that was turned into the movie "October Sky". Other shows are "Hatfields and McCoys", "Honey in the Rock" and "The Wizard of Oz". Be sure to take in the view overlooking the gorge before the show. Lodging is at **Country Inn & Suites** in Beckley, WV or **Fairfield Inn & Suites**, Lewisburg.

### Day Two

After breakfast, travel to **Hawk's Nest State Park** to ride the **aerial scenic tram** to the bottom of the New River Gorge



Canyon. Climb aboard "Miss M. Rocks", a 21-foot covered **Jetboat**, where a combination of speed and power will conquer the currents of the New River. See the New River Gorge Bridge, the world's second longest single arch steel bridge. From the river, the bridge towers 876 feet above you, giving you an advantage for great photographs. The New River, ironically considered to be one of the oldest rivers in the world, is one of the area's main draws. Lunch will be at the **Historic White Horse B&B**. Then, see the **New River Gorge Bridge** up close at **Canyon Rim Visitor's Center**. You'll see a stunning view of the New River Gorge and the world's second longest single-arch steel bridge spanning it. Each October, as many as 100,000

people celebrate the elegant bridge at a festival that features food, crafts and entertainment including parachuted BASE jumpers who fling themselves over the edge and float 876 feet to the river below. A Ranger will tell us more about the river, the bridge, and the event. The visitor's center offers a video, museum, book store, viewing area, and overlooks. Visit the **Canyon Rim Gift Shop** for that special West Virginia souvenir. Learn about the life of a coal miner at this authentic **Whipple Company Store**, where according to the song, "I owe my soul". Dinner is at **Pasqualles** Italian restaurant or **Delightfully Yours**. Immerse yourself in the story of a rugged, coal miner's wife in **Coal Camp Memories**, from her childhood to her elderly years, in a one-woman show starring actor/storyteller Karen Vuranch who was awarded the Spirit of West Virginia Award by the West Virginia Tourism Commission for her work performing West Virginia, the Celebrate Women Award from the Women's Commission of the West Virginia Legislature, and was named the 2000 Performing Artist of the Year Award by Tamarack, the West Virginia State Artisan Center.

### Day Three

Following breakfast, see **Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine**. Get a realistic look at coal mining as it was at the turn of the century. Travel 1500 feet underground in authentic mining cars. Tour the historic coal camp with veteran miners as guides. Karen Vuranch entertains you once again with **Julia Child Culinary Event**. The program includes a demonstration by a Greenbrier-trained chef and a plated gourmet lunch at **Tamarack**. Free time will be given to shop for mountain arts and crafts at the nationally known arts center where you'll find more than 1,200 artisans and businesses are represented in this cornucopia of West Virginia handcrafts, fine art, live entertainment and good food. Inside you'll find juried crafts, artworks, food products, recordings, clothing and souvenir items from all 55 West Virginia counties. From glass to silk, from wood to ceramics,



West Virginia's finest is gathered here. Visit the fine arts gallery or stroll the 1.2-mile nature trail, inner courtyard, sculpture garden and herb gardens. Enjoy a wine tasting at **Daniel's Vineyard**, West Virginia's most unique boutique winery. At over 2,500 feet above sea level, the vineyard is home to cold hardy, relatively disease-free vines. At present, 14 varieties are producing grapes. The wines consistently win awards and medals at state, national, and international wine competitions. Best sellers are blackberry and port with several others of the reds and whites. Arrive at the 5-Star **Greenbrier Resort** in time for afternoon tea. Dine in splendor at the resort. The evening is your to relish the ambiance. Browse the shops, take a dip in



the indoor pool, or visit the casino.

### Day Four

After breakfast, see the legendary **Greenbrier Bunker** underneath the Greenbrier Resort, formerly the top-secret Government Relocation Facility. Construction began in 1958 during the Cold War on the 112,544-square-foot bunker, which was built 720 feet into the hillside under The Greenbrier's West Virginia Wing. Completed in 1961, the facility was maintained in a constant state of readiness for over 30 years with decontamination chambers, dormitories, a hospital clinic, a power plant, laboratory, pharmacy, cafeteria and more. The location of the facility remained a secret for more than three decades. Free time affords you a chance to enjoy the resort before departing for home.



## KEEP IT CIVIL (WAR, THAT IS)

*From John Brown's uprising, to the bloody Antietam battle, and antebellum homes, you'll be immersed in the Civil War. But, we'll also sample fine chocolate and eat sumptuous cuisine and ride a train.*

### Day One

The morning can begin in either Berkeley Springs or Shepherdstown. See where Native Americans and even George Washington took his mineral baths at **Berkeley Springs State Park** or learn about the first steamboat invented by **James Rumsey** in Shepherdstown. Both towns offer unique shops and eateries. Then, we'll take a **driving tour Charles Town, WV**. The town was founded in 1786 on land provided by Charles Washington, youngest brother of the first President of the United States. We'll see the **Jefferson County Courthouse** where John Brown was tried for treason in 1859 before visiting **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**. We'll learn about John Brown's raid on the *U.S. Arsenal*, setting off a chain of events that resulted in the Civil War. Dinner will be at the award-winning **Anvil Inn**.



### Day Two

The bloodiest single day in American history took place in Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862, at **Antietam National Battlefield**, our first stop. Then, we'll visit **Pry House Field Hospital Museum**. This historical house served as a field hospital, was also Gen. McClelland's Headquarters. Gen. Hooker, Abraham Lincoln, and George Custer were visitors. After a wonderful lunch at the **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown, which overlooks the Potomac River, we'll visit the **B & O Roundhouse Martinsburg**, from where soldiers ran to protect the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry from John Brown. The original roundhouse was destroyed by Gen. Jackson. We'll see the childhood home of Confederate spy, **Belle Boyd**, and end our tour with a wonderful candy shop tour at **DeFluri's Fine Chocolates**. Dinner tonight will be at the **Bavarian Inn** or **Charles Town Race Track**.

### Day Three

Be sure to bring your binoculars so you won't miss any bald eagle sightings as we travel on the **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad**. The train follows the trough of the South Branch of the Potomac River, traveling along picturesque fields, grazing cattle and deer, and canoers. During the three to three and one-half hour train excursion, you'll have a delicious lunch in your table car. On a driving tour of Romney, West Virginia, the oldest town in the state, which is said to have changed hands 56 times during the Civil War, we'll see **Stonewall Jackson's HQ**, the **first monument to the Confederacy**, and more. A stop may be made at a roadside fruit stand (in season).

## THE PLOT THICKENS

### Blennerhassett Island

Our first stop in the Parkersburg area is at **Fenton Glass Gift Shop**. Connoisseurs, collectors and the curious have made the Fenton Gift Shop one of the most popular stops in the state of West Virginia. Then you make a delicious stop at **Holl's Swiss Chocolatier** where you'll learn the history of the company, sample delicious chocolates and coffee! It's on to **Blennerhassett Island** for a sternwheeler ride, tour of the historic mansion, wagon ride, and lunch (on your own). Blennerhassett Island was an Indian rendezvous and is the site of Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park. At Blennerhassett House mansion, Aaron Burr and Harman Blennerhassett were alleged to have plotted treason against the United States, the so-called Burr Conspiracy. Before returning home, we stop at **Crafts 2000** for shopping and demonstration at the craft outlet.



Other Options for this tour or for an overnight tour:

- **Oil and Gas Museum** – Intriguing stories of the original and development of the nation's oil and gas industry in WV and southeastern Ohio await you. More than 20,000 square feet of exhibits tell the captivating tales from the 1850s to the present. Historic photos, equipment, early artifacts. B&O RR, WWI, Civil War, timber, Little Kanawha River displays.



- **Levee House** - Marietta's only riverfront cafe that combines history, fine cuisine and a romantic, relaxing atmosphere. Dine outdoors on the banks of the beautiful Ohio River or in the restored dining rooms of the oldest riverfront building. Rated as one of Ohio Magazine's favorite ten restaurants.
- Free time to visit **the shops of Marietta** – arts, crafts, antiques, eateries and more
- **Lafayette Hotel** - Opened In 1918, this triangular-shaped hotel is one of the last remaining Riverboat Era hotels. It overlooks the Muskingum and Ohio rivers.
- **Henderson Hall** - a former slave owning plantation that is preserved to its near original condition
- Enjoy a visit with **Mrs. Margaret Blennerhassett** (historical impersonation)
- **Smoot Theater Tour and Dessert** - Originally built as a vaudeville house, the Smoot was purchased by Warner Brothers in 1930, and was used primarily for movies. The Smoot's stage has provided performance for many including, Guy Lombardo and his orchestra.
- **Julia-Ann Square District** - Built by many prominent West Virginians. The district is the largest and oldest historic district in West Virginia. Julia-Ann Square is a community of approximately 126 homes surrounded by the city of Parkersburg, and includes some of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in the state.



## WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT OGLEBAY PARK

*Oglebay Park Winter Festival of Lights is one of the nation's largest Christmas light displays, covering more than three hundred acres over a six-mile drive. The festival has been listed on the American Bus Association's Top International Events and was recently listed as one of the top 200 events in the country by Discover America. The tour includes:*



**Christmas at the Mansion** - Don't miss a chance to warm up and tour the elegant holiday decorations at the Mansion Museum. With a different theme each year, the Mansion sparkles with original designs courtesy of local volunteer decorators. Browse through the nostalgic Wymer General Store exhibit, filled with thousands of items from the past.

**Festival of Lights Guided Tour** - Certified step-on Tour Guides will board your motorcoach and offer detailed information about the illuminated displays scattered throughout the park. Also, learn about Oglebay's history...from the original land grant to today's family resort.

**Winter Fantasy** - Located at Oglebay's Good Zoo, is sure to delight all ages with Christmas lights galore. Special features include an exciting animated music and light show that fills the entire zoo patio.



The popular **Model Train Exhibit** is also located at the zoo, with a special snow-covered section only featured during the holiday season. The Benedum Planetarium will feature a **Laser Light Show** with colorful laser images choreographed to your favorite holiday music. With displays of over 3,000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939, the **Oglebay Institute Glass Museum** features cut lead crystal, Victorian art glass, Wheeling Peachblow; a variety of pattern glass, pieces of Northwood's carnival glass, plus the Sweeney Punch Bowl the largest piece of cut lead crystal ever made.

**Christmas dinner with Santa Claus** and sing along of your favorite Christmas carols. Don't forget to tell Santa what you want for Christmas!

## BAD, BASS, AND BEYOND with Wheeling Jamboree



### Day One

Start your tour off at **Cabela's sportsmen's paradise**. Explore 175,000 square feet of camping, hunting and fishing gear and apparel, deer museum, laser shooting gallery and a 55,000 gallon aquarium filled with trophy fish. Enjoy delicious wild game or traditional fare at

the Powderhorn Grill Restaurant (on your own). Visit the **Museums and shops of Oglebay Park** where you'll find antiques, glittering glass treasures and fun heritage activities. The Mansion and Carriage House Glass Museums depict Wheeling history from Pioneer times through the Victorian era and feature more than 3,000 examples of Wheeling glass. Spend some time browsing in the gift shops or seeing the animals at Good Zoo. Lodging will be at the **McLure Hotel** where you'll enjoy **dinner and evening entertainment by Ron Retzer**. Since 1983, Ron has been a member of WWVA Jamboree in Wheeling, WV, former music director for Jamboree and the pianist and vocalist for the WWVA Jamboree Staff band.



### Day Two

Visit **Delf Norona Museum** and the **Grave Creek Mound**, an impressive, conical-shaped Adena Indian mound. Explore exhibits and displays about the cultural life of this prehistoric people and construction of the mound. Tour the **former West Virginia Penitentiary**, a gothic-style fortress see inmate creations ranging from beautiful murals to dangerous homemade weapons; and view "Old Sparky," the electric chair that was built by an inmate. Charles Manson, who grew up nearby tried to get into the prison so his relatives could visit! Eat a catered lunch **INSIDE THE PRISON**, but, don't worry. It won't be bread and water. Then, See Johnny West, Big Wheel, Gunsmoke characters, and a 1950's soda shop with ice cream at the **Official Marx Toy Museum** where you'll relive happy memories from your youth. The museum is a treasure trove of Marx toys manufactured between 1930's-1980's. Return to the hotel and enjoy dinner the **River City Restaurant** at the **Wheeling Artisan Center**. Get your toes ready to tap at the **Wheeling Jamboree**, country music at its best.



### Day Three

After breakfast, journey back in history to 1863 at **West Virginia Independence Hall** as a costumed first person docent describes life when Wheeling was in Virginia, a state ripped apart by the American Civil War. WV was born in this building. See the new Civil War flags display. Then, enjoy a **Victorian Home Tour and Morning Tea** before lunch on your own at **Centre Market**. There was once a time when every city had a market house bustling with activity and color. Quaint shops and art exhibits can be found here, as well as a great fish market!

## SOARING EAGLES AND MORE

Travel through the Valley of the Trough of the Potomac River on the **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad**. Make sure you bring your binoculars to spot the eagles soaring overhead. A hot lunch will be served on the train.

You have two choice for the rest of the day:

- Take a **driving tour of historic Romney, WV**, the oldest city in West Virginia which was said to have changed hands 56 times during the Civil War, with a stop at the **Indian Mound Cemetery** where you'll find the *first monument to the Confederacy* and see an actual *Indian Mound*. Also, see *Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters* and other historic buildings. Visit a **roadside stand** where you can buy fresh apples, pumpkins, gourds, ciders, potatoes, turnips, beets, mums, and cornstalks.
- Travel to Cumberland, MD, for a driving tour where you'll see the **Gordon-Roberts House** which belonged to the president of the C&O Canal, **Emmanuel Church**, built on the site of Fort Cumberland, and the **Western Maryland Station**. Stops can be made at **Candyland** to fill up your sweet tooth (home of over 900 kinds of candy), **Merling Blanket Outlet** for great bargains, **C&O Canal Museum** to learn about life on the canal, **Allegany Museum** where you'll see exhibits from Native American Indians, through the transportation and industrial eras to the present
- **or Queen City Creamery** for award winning ice cream. A tour and tea can be arranged at **Gordon-Roberts House** and a tour of the **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** with three sets of *Tiffany windows* and tunnels under the church constructed during the *French and Indian War* and used as part of the *Underground Railroad* can also be made.



# FABULOUS AND FAMOUS WEST VIRGINIANS

MARY LOU RETTON, DON KNOTTS, ANNA JARVIS, AND JOHNNIE (B. GOODE) JOHNSON

## Day One

Check into beautiful **Lakeview Golf Resort, Hotel Morgan, or other hotel**. Have dinner with evening entertainment or a get acquainted pizza party.

## Day Two

**Don Knotts Hometown Tour** - During this memorable driving tour, you'll see and stop at sites where that funny man, Don Knotts, got his humble beginnings. We'll visit Cooper's Rock scenic overlook, Don's alma mater, West Virginia University, Metropolitan Theater, and have **apple dumplings**, just like Aunt Bee would have made (reminiscent of the Apple Dumpling movies). After lunch we'll take a ride on the **PRT – Personal Rapid Transit System**, a proto-type people mover. Next, we travel down the beautiful **Cheat River Valley** to Rowlesburg, a scenic byway where we'll tour the **Greatest Generation (WWII) Museum** and enjoy a catered dinner in the gym of the old Rowlesburg High School. After dinner entertainment can be a murder mystery, barbershop quartet, musical revue (Broadway, standards, oldies, etc.), Appalachian music or bluegrass.



## Day Three

Meet **Anna Jarvis** (living history actor) the founder of Mother's Day at the **International Mother's Day Shrine** where the first Mother's Day service was held in the United States. See wooden spoons being made and take one home with you at **Allegheny Treenware**.

At **Prickett's Fort**, **make a craft** and see the reconstructed frontier fort, blacksmith and early craft demonstrations, guided tour with a catered lunch. Learn about the first Father's Day Service at the **Father's Day Church** where the first Father's Day service in the United States was held. On our **driving tour of historic Fairmont**, the home of **Mary Lou Retton**, the first American woman to win a gold medal in gymnastics in the Olympics. Hear about hometown boy, **Johnnie Johnson**

(Father of Rock and Roll Music), truly one of the unsung heroes of rock and roll. When his guitar player had a stroke, he hired a virtual unknown, Chuck Barry to play in his band. Over the years, they collaborated on writing many songs and is the inspiration for Barry's song, Johnny B. Goode. Johnson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. Take home a **Pepperoni Roll** (a unique WV food) from the bakery where it got its start.

Hear about the **Monongah Mine Explosion**, the worst mining disaster in United States history, and **Farmington mine disaster**. Have a delicious dinner at **Muriale's Restaurant** or the **Women's Club** followed by a **murder mystery or other entertainment**.



## DON KNOTTS' HOMETOWN - All Tied Up in Knotts

*Everyone remembers Don Knotts, beloved by millions as Deputy Sheriff Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith Show". See where his entertainment career began and hear tales of his adventures in his hometown, Morgantown, West Virginia.*

## Day One



Meet your guide who'll take you to a small downtown diner for hot roast beef, turkey, or meatloaf sandwich and pie ala mode at the **Princess Restaurant** in Frostburg, MD. See the overlook and hear the tale of Don's escapade at **Cooper's Rock State Forest**. Stop at the gorgeously renovated **Metropolitan Theater** where Don worked and performed. Don's star is on the sidewalk outside of the theater. On a **driving tour**, you'll see the site where Don Knotts grew up, his high school, his alma mater West Virginia University, Fife Street, and hear tales about his days in Morgantown. See the Don Knotts exhibit at **Morgantown History Museum**. Time will be given to shop for Don Knotts memorabilia. Enjoy dinner at **Spruce Street United Methodist Church**,

where Don's mother, Elsie and his uncle were members. After dinner entertainment is Don's favorite music, **barbershop**. Stay at the **Clarion Hotel Morgan**, Don's lodging choice when back in his hometown. His widow, Francey Yarborough and daughter, Karen Knotts, have also stayed here, as well as Eleanor Roosevelt.

## Day Two

Don and Andy Griffith connected because they shared the common experience of growing up in Appalachia. Experience some Appalachian traditions and uniquely West Virginia heritage and foods today on an Appalachian dine-around.



Visit the **Greatest Generation WWII Museum (Appalachian soup & salad)**. At 19, Don joined the Army, where his duties consisted primarily of entertaining the troops in traveling GI variety shows called "Stars and Gripes". This gem of a museum situated along the scenic Cheat River Valley will knock your socks off! Next stop is at the **Preston County Inn (buckwheat**



**cakes, sausage, baked steak**), a historic home built during the Civil War as a wedding present. Kingwood has hosted the Buckwheat Festival since the Great Depression. It's time for an Appalachian specialty dessert at the **Preston Community Arts Center (apple bread pudding)**, featuring a gallery of juried artisans and quilts for sale. The arts center was transformed a nearly century old hardware store into an active community center. Just up the street is **Westbrook's Esso station** with Mae West pumps. You can just about hear Gomer singing while he washes a windshield and fills your tank.

## ALL TIED UP IN KNOTTS with West Virginia Public Theatre Day Trip

During this memorable day you'll hear tales about Morgantown's favorite hometown boy, Don Knotts, and visit sites where that funny man, remembered by millions as Deputy Barney Fife, got his humble beginnings. Discover what made him the wonderful comedian that he became and how Barney got his name. Have a delicious lunch or brunch, ride what one tour operator called "a geriatric Disney ride", then take in a fantastic show at West Virginia Public Theatre, the only equity theater in the state!

### Driving Tour to include stops at

- **Metropolitan Theatre** - Don performed on the theater's stage. We'll also view Don's bronze star placed on the sidewalk in his honor.
- **Warner Theatre** - Don had trouble keeping his eyes off the screen and seating people when he worked here as an usher.
- **A Warm, Yummy Apple Dumpling** - Remember the good old movie with Don - the "Apple Dumpling Gang"? We'll enjoy a good ole hometown dessert just like Aunt Bee would have made.



### Afternoon Option One - West Virginia Public Theatre

Have lunch or brunch at **Lakeview Resort, Waterfront Place Hotel, Madeleine's, The Chop House, Oliverio's, or Glasshouse Grille**. Then, ride the **PRT (Personal Rapid Transit)**, one of only five automated urban "people mover" systems built in the US since the late 1970s. Fully-automated, single line, 3.6 miles long, with five stations connecting the WVU's two campuses. Our day is rounded out by a professional theatrical production.



### West Virginia Public Theatre 2012 Schedule

June 27 - July 1	9 to 5
July 4 - 8	Godspell
July 11 - 15	Anything Goes
July 18 - July 22	The Marvelous Wonderettes
July 25 - July 29	All Shook Up
Aug. 1 - 5	Ring of Fire



### Afternoon Option Two - Living History - Titanic or Civil War Tea

Meet the irascible Molly Brown, the most famous survivor of the Titanic disaster on April 15, 1912. Hear her life story while partaking of an afternoon tea like one that would have been served in the Palm Court on the Titanic.

Or enjoy an afternoon Civil War tea with Mary Todd Lincoln, known for her gracious hospitality. Learn of how she was instrumental in Abraham Lincoln's becoming President and of her life.



# FARMS, FUN, AND FANTASTIC FINDS!

## Day One

Arrive in early afternoon in Martinsburg, WV, and meet your friendly guide. Our first stop is at the **B & O Round House and Train Depot**. Hear the call to all able-bodied men to run and protect the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry from John Brown, and imagine the men yelling and the flames raging as General Jackson's troops destroyed this vital complex during the Civil War. The round house was rebuilt only a few years later. The railroads, necessary to the North, became one of the reasons that a new state, West Virginia, was carved from the Confederate state of Virginia. The area became host to more controversy in 1877 when the first major labor strike in the nation occurred here. Next, visit the childhood home of **Belle Boyd**, Confederate spy, a stalwart young woman who crossed military lines several times to pass information to General T.J. (Stonewall) Jackson during the Civil War. Just a short distance away is **DeFluri's Fine Chocolates** – Ummm-ummm-ummm. Smell and see fine chocolates being made. And of course, you'll want to indulge and take some home with you! (\$5 voucher for each person). Dinner will be at **Lyle C. Tabb & Sons** farm, a traditional beef and soybean operation that practices innovative alternative uses for hardwoods, recycling used hay and manure. Jane Tabb will prepare a fresh feast (farm to table meal) from all the produce growing at the farm. Lodging during your stay will be at **Holiday Inn Express, Ranson**, with a shuttle that runs to Charles Town Races.



## Day Two

Your day starts at **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park** where John Brown staged a raid that ignited the Civil War.



Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is a collection of many small museums created within original buildings and is part of the Civil War Discovery. Visit shops which feature Civil War items and collectibles. Next, it's all aboard the **Walkersville Southern Scenic Railroad**. Established in 1991 on the Frederick branch of the old Pennsylvania Railroad, the turn-of-the-century train runs past a 100-year-old lime kiln, across the Monocacy River and out into the picturesque Maryland farm country. Ride in vintage 1920s passenger cars. Lunch will be either on the train or at the town park. Add on a train robbery for some extra excitement! This afternoon finds you at the **Frederick**



**County Farm Museum and Rose Hill Manor** where you'll see exhibits of late 19th century and early 20th century agricultural practices and farm family life. Then, it's on to **South Mountain Creamery**, Maryland's only on-farm processing plant. They milk the cows and then make all the dairy products. The dairy delivers glass bottled milk to over 4000 homes in MD, DC, VA, and WV in a 70 mile radius. They also sell cheese products including high quality premium cheese, and beef, pork, chicken, and lamb. Everyone gets to cool down with a delicious **ice cream cone!!** Dinner will be at the **Old South Mountain Inn**, poised atop scenic, historic Turner's Gap. The inn built in 1832, uniquely served as a wagon stand as well as a stagecoach stop for the heavy traffic passing on the National Road after it was surfaced in the 1820s. In the years that followed, the inn was visited by many Washington leaders, including Daniel Webster and Henry Clay, and several Presidents.



## Day Three

Hop on another hay wagon for a tour of **Green Horizons**, a turf farm. The sod is used for residential, commercial, sport field or golf course projects. Watch the sod being cut and lifted on an amazing piece of machinery. Then, we're off to Shepherdstown. First stop, **O'Hurley's General Store** where you'll think you stepped back a century when you walk into this old time store which features items from the past – pottery, tin ware, fabric, basketry, wrought iron, wooden ware and general merchandise. Visit the **shops of Historic Downtown Shepherdstown**. Browse the quaint town visiting eclectic, cosmopolitan shops. Enjoy a delicious lunch on your own at one of the eateries, such as the Beaux Arts-style Yellow Brick Bank, with its bank-vault-turned-wine-cellar, or the Old Pharmacy Cafe, complete with the original 1911 marble soda fountain. This afternoon, hear the tales of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War at **Antietam Battlefield** or see the thoroughbred horses at **Coleswood Farm**. Tonight, have a wonderful buffet (prime rib and seafood on Friday's) in the Skyline Terrace at **Charles Town Races** overlooking the tracks or at another area restaurant.

## Day Four

Before heading home, stop at **Orr's Farm**. Ride the hay wagon to see the fruit trees, small herd of Longhorn steer and buffalo. Tour the packing shed, visit the farm market and store with bakery, and enjoy fresh peach pie. Yum, yum! If you would like to pick berries, that can be added to the tour (in season).

# FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES CHRISTMAS TOUR

Fairmont, WV

Second Saturday of December



Step back in time at **Prickett's Fort State Park**. Purchase handmade items from local artisans who will demonstrate their crafts in the fort's Visitor Center at the *Christmas Bazaar*. Listen to the live music; visit the fort buildings and tour Job Prickett House which will be decorated for the season. Enjoy a **Christmas high tea at Woman's Club of Fairmont**, the home of Annie and Thomas W.

Fleming, built in 1901. The house, a combined Neo-Colonial and French Beau design is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house will be decorated for the season. Visit the **Feast of the Seven Fishes Festival** where vendors will sell ornaments, Italian pottery, West Virginia glassware, fresh pine and holly wreaths, garland and more.).



## AN APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS



Take in a Branson-style Christmas shows in the mountains at American Mountain Theater, have a high Christmas tea, and ride the Polar Express or see a second show at Gandy Dancer Theatre and a third show at the Orange Blossom Trail Music Hall! Only on select weekends in November and December.

Enjoy a **Christmas lunch and tour of beautiful Adaland mansion**, built in 1870 and restored with great attention to authenticity. Every room will be decorated with sparkling ornaments and twinkling lights that combine holiday traditions with special themes including the angel tree, the feather tree in the Victorian Parlor, the grand tree in the double parlors, Edwardian decorations in the main dining room and the traditional hospitality pineapple over the outside entrance. Get ready to be entertained at the **American**

**Mountain Theater's Christmas Spectacular Show**, a little taste of Branson in the Appalachian Mountains. Then ride the **Polar Express** on the **New Tygart Flyer**. Take a round trip to the North Pole (well, actually it's Belington) to see Santa and receive a special gift. Kids get to wear their pajamas! Take home your Polar Express hot cocoa mug and bell. OR continue the musical Christmas journey at **Gandy Dancer** dinner theatre, another wonderful Branson-style variety show.



### Day Two

Enjoy a morning tea at beautiful **Graceland** or **Hallehurst Mansion**, which will be decorated in holiday splendor. Watch glass being blown at **Appalachian Glass**. Everyone gets to take a special gift glass ball home with them! Have another wonderful show at **Orange Blossom Trail Music Hall**, starring legendary Johnny Cochran, winner of the 2010 West Virginia State Fiddling contest. Show members have previously performed at the American Mountain Theatre, Wheeling Jamboree, in Branson, and on cruise ships. Lunch will be at the historic **Woman's Club of Fairmont**, a Victorian home that will be decorated in holiday splendor.

## PLAY ME SOME MOUNTAIN MUSIC

Enjoy **THREE** wonderful country and Branson-style shows in the mountains of West Virginia at American Mountain Theater, Gandy Dancer Theatre and the Orange Blossom Trail Music Hall!

### Day One

Enjoy a **lunch and tour** of beautiful **Adaland mansion**, built in 1870. Be sure you check out the moonshine still in the barn and visit the gift shop. Get ready to be entertained at the **American Mountain Theater's History of American Music Show**, a little taste of Branson in the Appalachian Mountains. Continue the Mountain Music journey at **Gandy Dancer** dinner theatre, another wonderful Branson-style variety show.

## Day Two

Watch glass being blown at **Appalachian Glass**, a rare treat! Enjoy another wonderful show at **Orange Blossom Trail Music Hall**, starring legendary Johnny Cochran, winner of the 2010 West Virginia State Fiddling contest. Show members have previously performed at the American Mountain Theatre, Wheeling Jamboree, in Branson, and on cruise ships. Lunch will be at the historic **Woman's Club of Fairmont**, a Victorian home.

## STARS OF YESTERYEAR Morgantown, WV and Canonsburg, PA



Visit the **hometown of Perry Como, Bobby Vinton, and The Four Coins**, who grew up in small town of Canonsburg, PA, the musical birthplace of more than 190 worldwide Top 10 recordings and the rich Italian, Polish, and Greek heritage of the area. See the **Como, Vinton, and Four Coins exhibits**, and the **Perry Como statue**. Make a yummy stop at **Sarris Candies** where you'll find delectable candies and enjoy an old fashioned **ice cream cone** in the parlor. Hear the songs of Bobby Vinton and Perry Como at a **lunchtime show in the Eagles Club** where Bobby Vinton got his start. The **buffet lunch features the tastes of Canonsburg - Italian, Greek, and Polish cuisine**. Then, it's on to Morgantown, West Virginia, for a **Don Knotts hometown tour**. You'll see sites where that funny man, Don Knotts, most well-known as Deputy Barney Fife, got



his humble beginning, including Don's alma mater, West Virginia University, Metropolitan Theater, high school and have **apple dumplings**, just like Aunt Bee would have made, remembering Don's Apple Dumpling Gang movies.

Don Knotts star in front of Metropolitan Theater

## MOUNTAINS OF FAITH

*See faith in action in the Mountain state.*

### Day One



Arrive in Morgantown, WV, to meet your guide who will regale you with stories about a local boy who had a dream on your **Don Knotts Hometown tour**. Everyone remembers Don Knotts, beloved by millions as Deputy Barney Fife. See where his entertainment career began and hear tales of his adventures in his hometown. Take a ride on the **Personal Rapid Transit System**, a proto-type people mover called a geriatric Disney ride by one tour operator (PRT schedule has not been released for June, but typically runs on this

day) See Don's star outside of the **Metropolitan Theater** where Don worked and performed and see Don Knotts memorabilia at the **Morgantown History Museum**. Meet **Steve Finn** and the folks at **Chestnut Mountain Ranch** for lunch and to hear his incredible story. Chestnut Mountain Ranch provides a Christ-centered school and home for boys in crisis and in need of hope and healing. Partnering with their families, they pursue family restoration and reunification. Hear how God is changing lives and have lunch with your Christian brothers and sisters at the ranch. At **Cooper's Rock State Forest**, marvel in the wonder of God's creation at the overlook and hear another tale about Don Knotts' adventure there. Check into your hotel, **Lakeview Resort** which overlooks beautiful Cheat Lake or historic **Hotel Morgan**. Enjoy **dinner** with entertainment by **The Men of Accord Barbershop Quartet** who performed for Red Skelton's 82nd Birthday Party.



### Day Two - progressive dine-around



Eat a light breakfast at your hotel preparing yourself for a day of food and fun! At the **Greatest Generation Museum (soup & salad)** see WWII and B&O Railroad bridge exhibits. Travel along the spectacular Cheat River Scenic Byway. See the rapids dash over the boulders in the river valley and maybe a kayaker. Next stop is at the **Preston County Inn (buckwheat cakes, sausage, baked steak)**, a historic home built during the Civil War as a wedding present. Kingwood has hosted the Buckwheat Festival since the Great Depression. At **Allegheny Treenware (pepperoni rolls)**, watch wooden spoons and kitchen utensils being made at following their progress, looking over the shoulders of the craftspeople in this small mom-and-pop factory founded by out of work coal miners. Purchase items at wholesale prices. Pepperoni rolls were first made in Fairmont, WV, for the coal miners to take underground with them. Learn about the life of **Anna Jarvis**, the founder of Mother's Day and her remarkable mother who inspired her

at the **International Mother's Day Shrine**, the site of the first Mother's Day church service in the US. Let the sounds of **pipe organ music** fill and soothe your soul. Vocalist **JoAnn Peterson** will lift up your spirits with a **gospel songs**. **(cookies)** Depart for Elkins, passing the **Philippi Covered Bridge**, the site of the first land battle of the Civil War. Enjoy a wonderful show and dinner at **Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater**. The show features the Mountain Memories Show Band - classic country, modern country, classic rock, blue grass and southern-style gospel music. The band members have 15 - 30 years of actual show experience each and have performed in Branson, Myrtle Beach, Washington D.C., and in large venues throughout the East. Following the show, meet **Ralph Bennett and his cast**. Ralph will share with you how called cured him of a life threatening disease and how he has blessed the cast. Ralph penned the song, "Miracle", about his experience of God's healing power. Lodging is at **Hampton Inn** or **Holiday Inn Express** in Elkins.

### Day Three

Visit the birthplace of **Pearl Buck**, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The Good Earth". In 1938, she became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, "for her rich and truly epic descriptions of peasant life in China and for her biographical masterpieces." Her parents, who were Southern Presbyterian missionaries to China, returned to their family home for her birth in Hillsboro, WV. Buck also served on the mission field in China.



Spend some **free time shopping** and having lunch on your own in **downtown Lewisburg**, a picture-perfect main street offering the finest in southern hospitality, unique shopping and eateries in a historic setting. Discover a surprising selection of art galleries, award-winning restaurants, sidewalk cafes, antique shops and trendy clothing boutiques. Lewisburg has been named one of a dozen distinctive destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recognized as a Top Southern Mountain Town in America and most recently, voted America's Coolest Small Town by Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine. At the **Greenbrier Bunker**, see the legendary bunker underneath the 5-Star Greenbrier Resort that was formerly the top-secret Government Relocation Facility.



Construction began in 1958 during the Cold War on the 112,544-square-foot bunker, which was built 720 feet into the hillside under The Greenbrier's West Virginia Wing. Completed in 1961, the facility was maintained in a constant state of readiness for over 30 years with decontamination chambers, dormitories, a hospital clinic, a power plant, laboratory, pharmacy, cafeteria and more. The location of the facility remained a secret for more than three decades. Spend some time exploring the resort. Casual dining at its best is at the **Food and Friends**, featured on the Food Network's "Best Of..." series in 2004, where you'll have a delicious dinner. Check in to the **Fairfield Inn & Suites, Lewisburg**.

### Day Four

Enjoy a tour at **North House**, built in 1820. The museum contains many of the finest examples of early Virginia furnishings. Visitors to the North House are treated to a special view of two hundred years of the lives of everyday Americans from the Revolutionary War to World War II. (tea optional). Lunch at **Smokey's on the Gorge** featured on the Food Network's "Best of" list! Built right on the edge of the New River Gorge, Smokey's is a showcase timber frame pavilion offering a deli buffet, friendly service and breathtaking views. Visit **Canyon Rim Visitor's Center**, Lansing - near the New River Gorge Bridge, you'll see a stunning view of the New River Gorge and the world's second longest single-arch steel bridge spanning it. Each October, as many as 100,000 people celebrate the elegant bridge at a festival that features food, crafts and entertainment including parachuted BASE jumpers who fling themselves over the edge and float 876 feet to the river below. The visitor's center offers a video, museum, book store, viewing area, and overlooks. In Fairmont, WV, hear about Mary Lou Retton of Olympic fame and Johnnie Johnson, the Father of Rock and Roll's, hometown. After a brief driving tour, arrive at the **Women's Club**, a historic home once owned by the Fleming family who made their fortune in the coal business. After dinner, meet **Fanny Crosby (first person living history portrayal)**, an American Methodist rescue mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer of hymns including "Blessed Assurance", "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour", "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home", "Praise Him, Praise Him", "Rescue the Perishing", and "To God Be the Glory". **OR** Learn of the life of **Jenny Lind (first person living history portrayal)**, called the Swedish Nightingale. She was a world renowned opera singer who toured the United States from 1850-1852 leaving a legacy of her faith in action where ever she traveled. Jenny, who was motivated by her faith, contributed over a 1/2 million dollars to various charities (\$13 millions in today's dollars) and was the first woman memorialized at Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner. Her plaque there reads, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from the song she was so famous for singing from Handel's Messiah.



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# CIVIL WAR TRAILS and MOUNTAIN RAILS

West Virginia, the only state born of the Civil War

## Day One

Your Civil War tour begins in **Wheeling, WV**. Journey back in history to 1863 at West Virginia **Independence Hall** as a costumed first person docent describes life when Wheeling was in Virginia, a state ripped apart by the American Civil War. WV was born in this building. See the new Civil War flags display. In **Morgantown**, learn about the life of **Waitman**



**Willey**, an activist at the First Wheeling Convention for West Virginia statehood. The "Restored Government of Virginia" elected him to the U.S. Senate. He was later elected to serve as one of the first two U. S. Senators from West Virginia. On May 29, 1862, Willey presented the petition to Congress for the creation of West Virginia and personally witnessed Abraham Lincoln sign the proclamation making West Virginia a state. Lunch is on your own in Morgantown. Traveling on to Fairmont, see where **The Battle Of Fairmont** took place on May 4, 1863 pitting 300 Union soldiers against 6,000 Rebels

during the Jones-Imboden Raid. Meet **Francis and Julia Pierpont (Living History)** who lived in Fairmont, at the **Women's Club** for an **afternoon tea**. Francis Pierpont, called the "Father of West Virginia," was governor of the Union-controlled parts of Virginia during the Civil War. After the war, he was the Governor of all of Virginia. Learn about the life of legendary **Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson in Clarksburg, WV**, his birthplace. Lodging is in Bridgeport.



## Day Two

Your morning begins in **Grafton**. The military significance of Grafton, was readily apparent to both the North and the South. Grafton controlled the main junction of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and thus commanded access to the great coal fields and steel mills of Pittsburgh and Wheeling. Just days after Fort Sumter, both sides began operations to secure control of Grafton and the railroad. The **first Union casualty** of the Civil War occurred on May 22, 1861 when **T. Bailey Brown** was shot dead. He is buried in the National Cemetery in Grafton. The **Anna Jarvis House**, birthplace of the founder of Mother's Day, was used as a field headquarters by Gen. George McClelland and Union commanders in the summer of 1861.



Situated on the Wheeling-Staunton Pike, which provided access to the strategic Northwestern Virginia Railroad here, this was a strategic supply depot throughout the war. Lunch is at Adaland Mansion. Tour the beautiful home and be sure to see the moonshine still in the barn. Visit the **Philippi Covered Bridge**, site of the **first land battle of the Civil War**, fought on June 3, 1861. It also was the site of the **first amputation of the war**, performed on James Hanger. Built in 1852, the bridge was

heavily utilized by both armies during the Civil War. During the battle, Union troops took control of the bridge and used it as a barracks. See a drum from the surrender at Appomattox in the **Barbour County Museum**. Dinner is at the **1863 Tavern** in Elkins, named for the year West Virginia became a state with entertainment - Civil War songs, a West Virginia storyteller, or a show at American Mountain Theater. Lodging is at **Hampton Inn** or **Holiday Inn Express**, Elkins.

## Day Three

**The Battle of Rich Mountain**, took place on July 1861 for control of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike. This early union victory catapulted Gen. George McClellan to leadership of the Union army and gave the North control of western Virginia leading it to eventual statehood. The **Beverly Heritage Center** (located on Main St., Beverly) serves as the interpretive center for the site with "The 1st Campaign of the Civil War" exhibit. Lemuel Chenoweth, builder of the Philippi Covered Bridge lived in Beverly as well as Stonewall Jackson's sister, Laura Arnold, who was a Union sympathizer. In Weston, tour **Jackson's Mill**, the boyhood home of **Stonewall Jackson (Living History)** who will join you today and where you'll have lunch. See the **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum**, the second largest hand-cut stone building in the world was used as Union Fort Tyler, an important military post vital to the control of the well-traveled roads in the area. The completed southern wing of the asylum provided barracks and the main foundation served as a stable. The tour



continues to the **Weston Branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia**, which held almost \$30,000.00 in gold deposited by the state government of Virginia to provide wages for those laboring on the new asylum. The gold was seized before it could be returned to Richmond and used to support the rebellion. The money was taken to Wheeling, where it would help fund the new State of Virginia which, in 1863, became West Virginia. Dinner is

at **Stonewall Resort** with a boat ride on **Little Sorrel**, named for Stonewall's horse. Lodging is at **Stonewall Resort** or **Holiday Inn Express** in Weston.

#### Day Four

Visit **Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park** the site of the Sept. 10, 1861 battle in which Confederates failed to regain control of the Kanawha Valley. At **Canyon Rim State Park**, see the **New River Gorge and Bridge** before lunch at Smokey's on the Gorge or the Historic White Horse Inn. The Indirect Artillery Firing method, later used around the world, was first used by Confederate Sergeant Milton W. Humphreys on May 19–20, 1863 in **Fayetteville**. This afternoon, tour the **North House Museum** in **Lewisburg**, which offers Civil War enthusiasts artifacts and documents, including a packsaddle used to break Robert E. Lee's famous horse, Traveler. Dating from the 18th Century, this quaint town was the site of a Civil War battle on May 23, 1862, when Union forces attempted to sever railroad communications between Virginia and Tennessee. There is a Confederate cemetery in town, a library that was used as a hospital with Confederate graffiti on the walls, a church with a cannonball hole and a monument to the Confederate dead. Next stop is the **Organ Cave** where 1100 men worked in 3-month rotations to process saltpeter, used in making gunpowder, from the cave's soil. It is said that 75% of Confederate gunpowder came from the saltpeter of Organ Cave. Thirty-seven of the original fifty-two Saltpeter Hoppers, used for leaching the saltpeter from the soil, remain in the cave. Dinner tonight is at **Food and Friends**, featured on the Food Network's "Best Of..." series in 2004. Or you may choose to dine at **General Lewis Inn**, filled with antiques and gourmet food. Lodging is at the **Fairfield Inn** of Lewisburg. *Entertainment suggestion* - **Theatre West Virginia** - a historical outdoor drama in a dramatic amphitheatre. The performance schedule for 2012 has not been set. Performance may be "Hatfields and McCoys"; "Honey in the Rock", the story of how West Virginia became a state in the midst of the Civil War; or a Broadway show (summers only).



#### Day Five

After breakfast, travel to **Droop Mountain**. A peaceful park with a panoramic view now marks the spot where one of West Virginia's largest and last important battles was fought on November 6, 1863. The decisive victory of Union forces under General William W. Averell over the Confederate army under General John Echols ended serious efforts by the Confederacy to control West Virginia. Your next stop is at **National Radio Astronomy Observatory**, one of the world's premier research facilities for radio astronomy. NRAO operates powerful, advanced radio telescopes to "listen" for extraterrestrials! The Observatory is home of Green Bank Telescope, the largest fully steerable satellite dish in the world. Lunch will be on your own in the Starlight Cafe. See beautiful **Seneca Rocks** and learn about the encampment and **Battle of Allegheny Mountain**. In December of 1861, Confederate forces under Col. Edward Johnson occupied the summit of Allegheny Mountain to defend the Staunton-Parkersburg Pike. A Union force under Brig. Gen. Robert H. Milroy attacked Johnson and defeated on December 13. In a piercing winter wind, each side maneuvered on the hillside fields and woods to gain the advantage in the rugged terrain. Shop for your West Virginia souvenir at **Smoke Hole Caverns Gift Shop** followed by dinner at **Smoke Hole Caverns Resort**. Lodging is at **South Branch Inn, Moorefield**.



#### Day Six



This morning finds you learning about the **Battle of Moorefield**, a cavalry battle which took place on August 7, 1864, as part of the Valley Campaigns. Brig. Gen. William W. Averell led Union troops to a victory over Brig. Gen. John McCausland and his Confederate troops. Travel to **Romney**, the oldest incorporated town in the state of West Virginia. Romney reputedly changed hands 56 times during that war. On a driving tour of historic Romney, see Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters, the first monument to the Confederacy, and West Virginia School for the Blind. Hop on board **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad** (available only on select Saturdays, May-Sept., and daily in October) which travels along the South Branch of the Potomac River. While dining onboard, watch for eagles swooping into the river. Dinner is at the **Battletown Inn** in Berryville, VA. During the Civil War, wounded soldiers were cared for within the building while it served as a military hospital. Tales are still told about the distraught Union soldier who hung himself in what is now the Gray Ghost Tavern after learning his love had married a Confederate. Lodging is in Charles Town, WV. Optional - meet **Bob O'Connor**, award winning author of "A House Divided Against Itself", "The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln", "The Perfect Steel Trap: Harpers Ferry 1859", and other historical novels and non-fiction books.

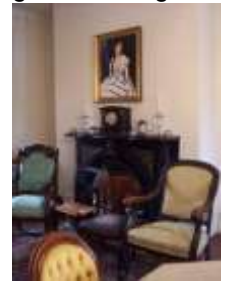
### Day Seven

Take a **driving tour Charles Town, WV**, founded in 1786 on land provided by Charles Washington, youngest brother of the first President of the United States. You'll see the **Jefferson County Courthouse** where John Brown was tried for treason in 1859 and where John Brown was hung, before visiting **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**. Learn about John Brown's raid on the *U.S. Arsenal*, setting off a chain of events that resulted in the Civil War. Lunch is on your own at Harper's Ferry. The bloodiest single day in American history took place in Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862, at **Antietam National Battlefield**, your next stop. Visit **Pry House Field Hospital Museum**. This historical house served as a field hospital, was also Gen. McClelland's Headquarters. Gen. Hooker, Abraham Lincoln, and George Custer were visitors. After a wonderful dinner at the **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown which overlooks the Potomac River, return to your hotel in Charles Town



### Day Eight

See the **B & O Roundhouse Martinsburg**, from where soldiers ran to protect the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry from John Brown. The original roundhouse was destroyed by Gen. Jackson. Tour the childhood home of Confederate spy, **Belle Boyd**, and treat your sweet tooth at **DeFluri's Fine Chocolates**. Lunch is at **Puccini's** in Cumberland, MD, formerly an inn that served as a Union hospital following the **Battle of Folck's Mill**, when Union forces under the command of Gen. Benjamin Kelley repelled an attack by Confederate Gens. John McCausland and Bradley Johnson on Cumberland, a Union stronghold on Aug. 1, 1864, in an attempt to disrupt traffic on the B&O Railroad. Tour **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** with its three sets of Tiffany windows and trenches built when Fort Cumberland was on the same site during the French and Indian War. The trenches were used as part of the Underground Railroad. On a driving tour of Cumberland see the Spriggs House, Confederate sympathizers whose home was taken over and used as a Union headquarters, First Baptist Church that was used as a Union hospital, and hear the story of how McNeil's Rangers captured generals Kelley and Benjamin Crook without a shot being fired. The generals were held for ransom of Confederate soldiers. Dinner is at **Gehauf's or Warner's German Restaurant** with lodging at the **Braddock Inn** in LaVale, MD.



### Day Nine

In Oakland, MD, visit the historic **B&O Railroad Depot**, the **Church of the Presidents**, the **Transportation Museum**, **Garrett County Historical Museum**. The county is named for John W. Garrett, president of the B&O Railroad who aided the North by utilizing the railroad to move Union troops and supplies for his friend, Abraham Lincoln. Jefferson Davis vacationed in Oakland with his family prior to the war. When the Civil War broke out, Maryland became primarily a Confederate state, but Garrett County wanted to be part of the Union. When West Virginia broke away from Virginia, Garrett County asked to become part of the new state, but the Maryland government declined the proposal. A minor battle of the Civil War occurred in Oakland during the Jones-Imboden Raid. Hear a humorous tale about how supplies kept coming up missing from the train depot. Travel along the beautiful Cheat River to **Rowlesburg, WV** where lunch awaits you. Hear about the **Battle of Cannon Hill**, when residents assisted Union soldiers to haul cannons up the hill to protect the B&O Railroad **Tray Run Bridge** which is pictured on the reverse side of the West Virginia State Seal. Had the Confederates won, the tide of the war may have turned with the South gaining control of the B&O. See the **Tray Run Viaduct** (1907) which replaced the original steel truss bridge. Visit the **WWII Greatest Generation Museum**. In Kingwood, see a **cannon last fired at Fort Sumter** during the first naval battle of the Civil War and the **Preston County Inn**, a Civil War era home built by James Brown for his bride, Isabel. Visit the **McGrew House**, where Persis McGrew (Living History) welcomes you to the home she and her husband, James, built in 1841. During the Civil War, **Persis McGrew** was said to have stood at her door as the Confederate soldiers passed by and prevented them from entering her home. Mr. McGrew was one of the founding fathers of the State of West Virginia.



## JOURNEY THROUGH THE COAL FIELDS

Experience coal field culture and cuisine as you travel through the scenic coal country of Southern West Virginia

Coal mining has been an important part of the culture of West Virginia for many years. In the early part of the century, coal miners and their families lived in coal camps, communities isolated in the mountains where coal was king. Coal mining has changed today, but its rich legacy lives on in Southern West Virginia. As you Journey Through the Coal Fields, you will experience the culture, the cuisine and community of the early days of Appalachia.



Visit **Canyon Rim Visitor Center** of the **New River Gorge National Park**. Ride on a the **Coal Heritage Trail**, a National Scenic Byway, and tour historic coal towns. Tour the **Whipple Company Store**. Eat a **coal miner's lunch** prepared by **Gourmet on the Gorge**. Hear a concert of **Appalachian gospel music**. Learn about the **Paint Creek/Cabin Creek Mine War**. Go underground in an actual coal mine at the **Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine** and tour their Superintendent's House, coal miner's house and coal camp church. Shop for mountain arts and crafts at the nationally known arts center, **Tamarack** and dine their Food Court on food prepared by Greenbrier trained chefs. Immerse yourself in the story of a coal camp woman as you watch the play **Coal Camp Memories**.



## WHERE BUCKWHEAT IS KING Friday-Sunday, Sept. 28-30, 2012

### Day One

2:30 p.m. Arrive at **Lakeview Resort**, **Alpine Lake Resort**, or **Wisp Resort** and check-in. After a brief rest, depart for Kingwood to visit the arts and crafts and for a special county music concert. Before the show, enjoy a **BBQ chicken dinner** of a 1/2 chicken, baked beans, roll and applesauce. Pulled pork BBQ sandwiches are also available. This evening, you'll enjoy the "**headliner**" **country artist** at the **Preston County Buckwheat Festival**. Last year's artist was Darryl Worley who has sold nearly two million albums, earned nominations for five major ACM and CMA awards, including "Song of the Year" and "Single of the Year," and has written songs for other major artists, including George Jones. The previous year's performer was Grammy award winner, Kathy Mattea. After the show, return to Lakeview Resort.



### Day Two

Start your day in Morgantown, WV, with a **Don Knotts Hometown Tour**. See where this funny man got his start, stopping at the elegantly resorted Metropolitan Theater, where Don performed. His bronze star, a replica of the one in Hollywood is on the sidewalk just outside of the theater. See many other sites associated with Don, including his alma maters, West Virginia University and Morgantown High School. Take a photo of the **Jerry West statue**, just like the NBA logo, for which he posed. Ride on the **Personal Rapid Transit System** (PRT), a prototype people mover called a "geriatric Disney ride" by one tour operator. The PRT connects the campuses of West Virginia University. Each computerized car holds around 10 people and travels along the Monongahela River for a beautiful view. Back in Kingwood, have the traditional Buckwheat Festival lunch - **buckwheat cakes and sausages**, of course, at the Kingwood Community Building.



The Buckwheat Festival has been going on since the 1930s. Visit the arts and crafts fair. Last year over 50 artisans sold their wares at the Preston County Buckwheat Festival. What you might find-candies, honey, nuts, candles, woven, sewn, or quilted items, soaps, embossing tools, books, jewelry, pottery, baskets, floral arrangements, country crafts, wooden toys and bowls, pillows, and much, much more. Some craftsmen even demonstrate their skills and products! You will also find local juried artists at the Preston Community Arts Center. Try your luck at bingo, listen to the music, watch lumberjacks roll logs, see the 4-H and FFA exhibits, ride the Ferris wheel, and eat cotton candy. Next, travel down the beautiful Cheat River Valley to Rowlesburg, a scenic byway where you'll tour the **Greatest Generation (WWII) Museum**, a hidden gem of a museum. Return to the resort for **dinner and evening entertainment**. You may choose a barbershop quartet, Appalachian music, or Broadway/standards music.

### Day Three

See the scenic view from **Cooper's Rock** where you can see three states. Hear a tale about how Don Knotts climbed to the top of the cliff...at night!



# HARVEST MOON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL/A TASTE OF PARKERSBURG

Sept. 14-16, 2012

## Day One

Arrive in Parkersburg, WV and check into **Blennerhassett Hotel** or other hotel. Dinner is on your own at **A Taste of Parkersburg Festival**, next to the Blennerhassett Hotel or at a local restaurant. Savor



the flavor of Parkersburg with food, wine, entertainment and artisans. Taste selections from more than a dozen local restaurants and over 40 different wines. **Optional** - Save room for dessert which you'll have at the **Smoot Theater**, originally built as a vaudeville house, the Smoot was purchased by Warner Brothers in 1930, and for the next 56 years, was used primarily for movies. The Smoot's stage has provided performance for many - Vaudeville acts, the Hilton Sisters and their saxophones, Guy Lombardo and his orchestra, dancing girls, elephants, Arthur Lake (Dagwood in the movies), and even Miss West Virginia.



## Day Two

After breakfast, it's off to **Blennerhassett Museum and Island**. Visit the museum which showcases three floors of priceless historical relics and objects of art from the Ohio Valley's past. Exhibits range from prehistoric Indian tools, jewelry, weapons and household items, ca. 9000 B.C., to oil paintings, old clothing, guns and military paraphernalia, furniture belonging to West Virginia's first governor, automobiles of the 19teens, farm implements, 19th-century jewelry and glassware ranging in age from 60 to 200 years old. Native American artifacts and other exhibits. Ride the sternwheeler to the **Blennerhassett Island**, tour the historic mansion, take a horse-drawn wagon ride, and have a hot box lunch (2 pieces of fried chicken or baked ham, 2 vegetables, side, roll, banana and beverage). Blennerhassett Island was an Indian rendezvous and is the site of



Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park. At Blennerhassett House mansion, Aaron Burr and Harman Blennerhassett were alleged to have plotted treason against the United States, the so-called Burr Conspiracy. Returning to the mainland, spend the afternoon at the **Harvest Moon Arts and Crafts Festival**, where you'll find 200 vendors including juried artisans and craft demonstrations. Enjoy the entertainment, festival food, and crafts.

**Dinner** is at the Blennerhassett Hotel or a restaurant with **first person portrayal** which may be Margaret Blennerhassett, Confederate spy Belle Boyd, Betsy Ross, Eleanor Roosevelt, or other historic character.



## Day Three

After breakfast, tour **Henderson Hall**, a former slave owning plantation that is preserved to its near original condition before departing for home.

# CUSTOMIZABLE MARYLAND ITINERARIES

## VICTORIAN TREASURES

### Dine-Around with a Twist

*Cumberland, Maryland is a city steeped in the Victorian history and culture of the Gilded Age. Throughout the day, you will receive little "treasures" and hear stories from the Queen City's past, including tales of George Washington's exploits, Braddock's Lost Gold, and historic Fort Cumberland.*

Begin your tour at the **C&O Canal Museum** in Cumberland, the western most terminus of the canal, where you will meet your guide. A National Park ranger will tell you the history of the canal and you'll have free time to explore the interactive museum and Western Maryland train station. (*Little fish crackers or candy*) \* Enjoy your main course at the **Princess Restaurant** in Frostburg, **Puccini's Restaurant** in Cumberland, **Gehauf's** in LaVale, or **Warner's German Restaurant** in



Cresaptown. Take a driving tour of the beautiful homes on Washington Street, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. (*Victorian snowglobe.*) At the **Gordon-Roberts House**, see and hear about the life of a well-to-do family from the turn of the 20th Century. The home was built by Josiah Hanse Gordon, an attorney and president of the C&O Canal. A delightful tea will be a special treat. Be sure to visit the gift shop! (*Specialty teas*) See Lover's Leap and find treasures galore at **Candyland**, home of over 900 kinds of



candies, fruit, jams, jellies, and fresh vegetables where you're sure to find something to please your sweet tooth. (*Candy gold coins*) Hear tales of Chief Will as you travel the **National Road** to the **Toll Gate House**, the only remaining toll gate house in State of Maryland on the National Road. 2011 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the National Road. (*toll house cookie*) At the **Thrasher Carriage Museum** see a fine collection of carriages, wagons, and sleighs, or at the **Allegany Museum**, learn of the early life of the area where the National Road began, the C&O Canal ended, and several train systems converged, making it a transportation hub in the Victorian age. (*trail mix*)

\* **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**, built on the site of Fort Cumberland, featuring Tiffany stained glass windows and tunnels built during the French and Indian War that became part of the Underground Railroad may be substituted.

## FAITH AND FOOD - ETHNIC CHURCH DINE-AROUND

*While traveling around Historic Cumberland, you will enjoy rich colonial and religious history and delicious foods from the ethnic roots of the churches visited.*

*Stops may include:*



- **St. Peters and Paul's Catholic Church** (circa 1849) - **German strudel.**
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** - **German sausages.** This congregation dates back 200 years in our community.
- **Centre Street United Methodist** - **English soup and salad.** One of the oldest Methodist congregations in Western Maryland. OR
- **First Baptist Church** - **American soup and salad.** Used as a Civil War hospital.
- **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** - **English main course, Shepherd's pie.**

The church is built on the site of Fort Cumberland. Tour the church that displays beautiful Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass windows, be inspired by a song of faith by a vocalist, and explore tunnels under the church that George Washington's soldiers built for protection from Indian attack and were later used as part of the Underground Railroad. One hour church tour. Vocal concert optional.

- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church** - **Irish dessert.** The church began in a log cabin in 1791 on the same site as the present day church, built in 1851. OR
- **B'er Chayim Temple** - **Jewish dessert.** This temple is the one of the oldest continuously operating temple in Maryland (early 1800's).



# EAT TILL YOU POP

## Historic Dine-around

*Um-um-um good! Eat your way across Allegany County, Maryland, and visit some wonderful historic buildings. Learn about the history of the area while filling your tummy with delicious cuisine!*

**(Pastries & Teas, Soup & Salad, or Dessert)** The **Town Hill B & B** was a motor inn on the National Road when automobiles first began traveling its pavement.

Tour the inn and take in the gorgeous view where you can see three states.

**(Main Course, Soup and Salad, or Dessert)** Check out the Harry Truman booth at the **Princess Restaurant**, where Harry and Bess dined on Father's Day.

**(Soup and Salad)** The home owned now by the **Women's Civic Club** and called the **Magruder House** is on the National Register. The elegant home is on historic Washington Street lined with spectacular homes from the Victorian era.



**(Main Course, Soup and Salad)** **Faillinger's Hotel Gunter**, built in 1897 was a grand hotel for National Road travelers. It housed a speakeasy during Prohibition, has a beautiful sweeping staircase, ballroom, jail, former gamecock fighting ring, mini-museum, and coalmine exhibit.

**(Main Course, Soup and Salad)** **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** - Tiffany windows, Underground RR, Fort Cumberland French and Indian War history

**(Dessert & Teas, Pastries & Teas)** **The Gordon-Roberts House**, built in 1867, was the home of Josiah Hanse Gordon, president of the C & O Canal. It is a splendid example of Victorian living, illustrating the lifestyle of an upper-middle class in late 1800's with period furnishings. Be sure to visit the servants' quarters in the basement.

**You may also want to add these stops:**

**Candyland**, where you'll find over 900 kinds of candies, including "Penny Candy" you buy by the pound! Also, purchase nuts, fruits, vegetables, jellies, and candy making supplies

**(Ice Cream Cone)** **Queen City Creamery**, homemade ice cream is at its finest at this award-winning creamery.

**(Tollhouse Cookie)** The **LaVale Toll gate House**, the only remaining tollhouse on the National Road in the state of Maryland.



## CHOO CHEW CHOW CHOW

Combine a ride on the **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad** (one way) with a **dine-around!** Enjoy cheese and crackers, trail mix, or hard tack (jerky) and biscuits on the train ride.

Tour may include Women's Civic Club, Hotel Gunter, Princess Restaurant, Candyland, Gordon-Roberts House, Queen City Transportation Museum, Tollgate House, or Queen City Creamery; and the Western MD Scenic Railroad,

## BROADWAY BOUND

Ride the **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad** (one way) and see a show at the **New Embassy Theatre** (Sunday matinees), **Cumberland Theatre** (Sat. & Sun. matinees), or have a **Broadway Show Revue** at the Hotel Gunter or Women's Civic Club (any afternoon). (See theater schedules on following pages.)



## RIDING THE RAILS

### Two Trains in Two Days

#### Day One

Arrive in Cumberland, Maryland, to visit the **C & O Canal Museum** which chronicles the history of canal and life on a canal boat, interactive museum, at the western terminus of the C & O Canal. All aboard the **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad!** Travel through the Narrows, a natural cut in the mountains, past Lover's Leap, through Brush Tunnel, around Helmstetter's Curve, and into Woodcock Hollow,

through mountain scenery from Cumberland to Frostburg, pulled by Mountain Thunder, a 1916 Baldwin 2–8–0 steam engine. This ride, rich transportation history is both entertaining and educational. Lunch will be on your own in downtown Cumberland, an arts community with several eateries, at the **Hotel Gunter** or **Princess Restaurant**. Then, enjoy desserts and teas at **Gordon-Roberts House**, served by an elegantly costumed docent, as you embark on a memorable journey back in time. Learn about the life in the 1800s as you walk the halls of this lovely 1867 Victorian home, owned by Josiah Hanse Gordon, president of the C & O Canal. Dinner will be at historic **Failinger's Hotel Gunter** with its sweeping staircase, jail for prisoners traveling on the National Road, ballroom and museum, or at the hotel. Evening entertainment will be at the **New Embassy Theater, Cumberland Theatre, Men of Accord Barbershop Quartet, a murder mystery, Broadway revue, or Tom and Johnny Duo, or Jason Boone, Mentalist**.

### Day Two

We start our day at **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**, built in 1849 on site of Fort Cumberland where George Washington had his first military command and where he ended his military career. Become church mice as you explore trenches beneath the church that were constructed in 1750s when the fort was a famous frontier outpost during the French and Indian War. The trenches were later used as part of the Underground Railroad. See beautiful stained glass windows, including three sets of windows by **Louis C. Tiffany**. Mr. Tiffany also hand-carved the high altar. Back on the coach, we travel to Romney, WV to hop on board the **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad** which travels along the Valley of the Trough of the South Branch of the Potomac River. Make sure you bring your binoculars to spy eagles flying overhead. Lunch will be served on your train excursion. After the four-hour train ride, return to the station and depart for home.



## A DOGGONE GOOD TIME



*Ride the rails, visit historic homes, churches, and hotels, see artisans and dogs at work!*

### Day One

Check-in to **Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort** which sits in a beautiful forested area on a 243-acre lake at the foothills of Rocky Gap State Park, in the heart of historic Cumberland Valley. Amongst its many honors is the distinction of having Maryland's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. Rocky Gap Lodge provides a wealth of amenities and activities for visitors of all ages including 215 handsomely designed guest rooms featuring Shaker furniture, AAA Four Diamond award winning service and amenities, Rocky Gap Garden Spa, tennis courts, hiking trails, and indoor pool. Dinner will be on your own at one of the on-site restaurants with time to explore the resort. Or lodge at **Holiday Inn, Cumberland Fairfield Inn or Braddock Inn**.



### Day Two

Travel this morning to **Deep Creek Lake**, the largest freshwater lake in Maryland. You don't have to go to Alaska to see dogsledding. Your first stop is at **Husky Power Dog Sledding** where you'll see the kennels and learn about the dog sledding sport and training. See the historic **B&O Railroad Depot**, the **Church of the Presidents**, the façade of the **Deer Park Inn**, the antiques and old-time lunch counter at **Englanders**, and elegant homes on a driving tour of downtown Oakland. A delicious lunch awaits you at historic **Cornish Manor**, built in 1868. The restaurant welcomes guests with its classic elegance and unique mix of Victorian and modern decor. Watch glass blowing and visit the gift shop at **Simon Pearce Glass Plant**. In Grantsville, MD, browse the shops of local artisans at **Spruce Forest Artisan Village** which is comprised of cabins that have been moved to the site from area farms and homesteads. The oldest building, Markley House, dates back to 1775. Each building has a unique history. While at the village, visit **Stanton's Mill**, originally built in 1797 and the **Casselman River Bridge**. The mill operated continuously until 1994 and was recently restored, operating much as it did in the 1850s. At the time of its construction in 1831, Casselman River Bridge the 80-foot span was the largest stone arch bridge in America. Chow down to a BBQ dinner at **Hen House Restaurant**, known far and wide for its excellent food.

### Day Three

Cumberland, called the Queen City, because at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, it was the second largest city in the state of Maryland. Cumberland was a transportation hub of the National Road, C&O Canal, and several railroads. At **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**, built in 1849 on site of Fort Cumberland where George Washington had his first command and ended his military career, become church mice as you explore trenches beneath the church that were constructed in 1750s when the fort was a famous frontier outpost during the French and Indian War. The trenches were later used as part of the Underground Railroad. See beautiful stained glass windows, including three sets of windows by **Louis C. Tiffany**. Mr. Tiffany also hand-carved the high altar. Visit the **C & O Canal Museum** which chronicles the history of canal and life on a canal boat, interactive museum, at the western terminus of the C & O Canal. All aboard the **Western Maryland Scenic**



**Railroad!** Travel through the Narrows, a natural cut in the mountains, past Lover's Leap, through Brush Tunnel, around Helmstetter's Curve, and into Woodcock Hollow, through mountain scenery from Cumberland to Frostburg, pulled by Mountain Thunder, a 1916 Baldwin 2-8-0 steam engine. This ride, rich transportation history is both entertaining and educational. Lunch will be on your own in downtown Cumberland, an arts community with several eateries. Then, enjoy desserts and teas at **Gordon-Roberts House**, served by an elegantly costumed docent, as you embark on a memorable journey back in time. Learn about the life in the 1800s as you walk the halls of this lovely 1867 Victorian home, owned by Josiah Hanse Gordon, president of the C & O Canal Dinner will be at historic **Falingers Hotel Gunter** with its sweeping staircase, jail for prisoners traveling on the National Road, ballroom and museum. Then, we return to Cumberland for a performance at the **New Embassy Theater, Cumberland Theatre, or stay at the Hotel Gunter for entertainment.** The New Embassy Theater was founded and is managed by Tony nominee Mark Baker.

### Day Four

Today finds you at **Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater**, one of Wright's most acclaimed works built over the falls. It is the only Wright house open to the public with its setting, original furnishings, and art work intact. Lunch is on your own in the café or at **Firefly Grille** along the whitewaters of Ohiopyle before touring **Kentuck Knob**, your next Frank Lloyd Wright home. Owned by Lord and Lady Palumbo, the grounds feature works of art, and was built for the Hagen family of ice cream fame. Learn about George Washington's action at **Fort Necessity**, the first major event in his military career and the only time he ever surrendered to an enemy. See the reconstructed fort before traveling on the **National Road**, the first federally-funded highway to the **Christian W. Klay Winery**, where you'll enjoy a wine tasting. Dinner will be at the **Historic Stone House Restaurant**, built in 1822, an original wayside inn along the **National Road**, at the **Summit Inn**, where Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and Thomas Edison stayed and dined, or return to the resort for dinner on your own.

## MOUNTAIN THUNDER AND HUSKY DOGS

### Day One



Arrive in Cumberland. Your first stop is at **Gordon-Roberts House** where you'll enjoy a **tour and tea**, served by an elegantly costumed docent, as you embark on a memorable journey back in time. Learn about the life in the 1800s as you walk the halls of this lovely 1867 Victorian home, owned by Josiah Hanse Gordon, president of the C & O Canal. At **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**, built in 1849 on site of Fort Cumberland where George Washington had his first command and ended his military career. Become church mice as you explore trenches beneath the church that were constructed in 1750s when the fort was a famous frontier outpost during the French and Indian War. The trenches were later used as part of the Underground Railroad. See beautiful stained glass windows, including three sets of windows by **Louis C. Tiffany**. Mr. Tiffany also hand-carved the high altar. A home-cooked dinner awaits you at the

**Women's Civic Club**, in the historic house that was the childhood home of Mrs. Lloyd Lowndes, wife of the only Maryland governor from Allegany County, Maryland. **Entertainment\*** follows dinner. Lodging for the next two nights is at the **Braddock Inn, Rocky Gap Resort or Holiday Inn**. *\*Entertainment choices – Men of Accord barbershop quartet, Broadway tunes, Jenny Lind, Molly Brown or Mary Todd Lincoln Living History presentation, Tom and Johnny (oldies and requests – keyboard and trumpet), or Jason Boone, mentalist.*

### Day Two

You don't have to go to Alaska to experience dog sledding. At **Husky Power Dog Sledding** you'll see the kennels and learn about the dog sledding sport and training. Our next stop is at **Cove Run Farm**, a 160 acre dairy farm nestled in a beautiful cove right outside of Accident, Maryland. With 140 registered Holstein cows, 155 heifers and calves, horses,

dogs, cats, sheep, a goat, and the Bender family. If you'd like and the weather cooperates, you may be able to try finding your out of a 7 acre corn maze! Fun for all! Lunch is delicious and family-style at Amish/Mennonite **Casselman Inn Restaurant** or **Penn Alps**. Browse the shops of local artisans at **Spruce Forest Artisan Village** which is comprised of cabins that have been moved to the site from area farms and homesteads. The oldest building, Markley House, dates back to 1775. Each building has a unique history. While at the village, visit Stanton's Mill, originally built in 1797 and the Casselman River Bridge. The mill operated continuously until 1994 and was recently restored, operating much as it did in the 1850s. At the time of its construction in 1831, **Casselman River Bridge** the 80-foot span was the largest stone arch bridge in America. Stock up for your chocolate and candy cravings at **Candyland**, home of over 900 kinds of candies, fruit, jams, jellies, and fresh vegetables, an indoor farmer's market. Chow down to a delicious dinner at **Hen House Restaurant**, known far and wide for its excellent food. **\*Entertainment** follows dinner at the restaurant. OR return to your hotel for dinner on your own.



### Day Three

You have a choice this morning; the group can either go to the Queen City Transportation Museum, Merling Blanket, or C&O Canal Museum (pick two of the three).

- o The **Queen City Transportation Museum** is located in the 1925 romantic castle-design armory and exhibits vehicles that would have traveled the National Road in its heyday, ranging from an 1840 Conestoga wagon to a 1913 Ford Model T.
- o Find bargains at the **Merling Blanket Factory Outlet Store** that has over 50,000 name brand blankets in stock.
- o **C & O Canal Museum** chronicles the history of canal and life on a canal boat, interactive museum, at the western terminus of the C & O Canal.



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*If you select regular seating which does not include a meal, then you will travel one way to Frostburg on the train with the motorcoach meeting you in Frostburg. Lunch will be at Princess Restaurant or Hotel Gunter which features a grand staircase and exhibits. Stops will be at Helmstetter's Barn (seen from the scenic RR) and Henry*



*Maier's horse farm. If you do not want to do either farm, there are many unique shops, including antiques and a wooden toy store in downtown Cumberland or you can tour **the Tollhouse**, the last remaining tollhouse in the state of Maryland.*

The **Princess Restaurant** has been serving fine meals at reasonable prices for four generations. Whether you are a political junkie or not, you will be interested to know that on June 21, 1953 (Father's Day) President Harry Truman and his wife Bess enjoyed dining here. He was passing through Frostburg on his first trip back to Washington DC since leaving the White House in 1952. Be sure to check out the Truman Booth and the candy counter! The **Helmstetter Farm**, a Civil War grant farm, which is still in the same family, is not a large farm with 50 beef cattle and a freezer/beef operation, but it features a unique barn and manure pit put together by Soil Conservation, with a bank barn built over top of heavy feed area. The new barn, raised by the Amish in 6 hours and 47 minutes, was constructed in 2009 after an arson fire destroyed the old barn built in 1909 along with the cattle, bull, and border collie inside. Our next stop is at the horse farm of **Henry Maier** where he not only logs wood with his draft horses and oxen, he also will tell you about the economic viability of alternative forms of energy he used on his farm (windmill, wood gasification stove, and solar power).

# TREAT YOURSELF

## Culinary Tour

### Day One

Two options:

#### Culinary Delight:

Arrive at **Town Hill B & B**, located in scenic Western Maryland. Don your Town Hill apron and begin by **making your own muffins** at the muffin bar. Taste coffee flavors that will delight you.

While waiting for your muffins to bake, learn about the history of the inn and surrounding area.

After enjoying your muffins, participate in **Napkin Folding 101**. Learn how to set up a buffet table fit for a king! Chef Patti will demonstrate **pastry techniques, easy appetizers and garnishes** that will make all of your get-togethers a hit.

**Prepare chicken salad and tempting soup** for lunch. OR

#### Tea Time, a traditional English Tea:

Enjoy soothing music, home-made pastries, and elegant table settings for a relaxing morning of casual elegance. Decorate your own hat to wear to the tea party! What fun! Don your Town Hill apron and join Chef Patti while she guides you through the basics of "Tea Party Fare". Take home goodies, apron, and recipes. Soup/salad/sandwich can be added to the menu or a lunch can be planned at an alternate site.

Dinner is at the **Hotel Gunter** or **Women's Civic Club**, followed by with evening entertainment.

- o **JoAnn Peterson**. - a professional actor and singer who performed the role of Mother Abbess in West Virginia Public Theatre's "The Sound of Music". Select a **Musical Concert** (show tunes, standards from the '40s-'60s, or contemporary Christian) or **Living History Performance** (Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale; Mary Todd Lincoln, Molly Brown, Mark Twain, Nellie Bly, or Stonewall Jackson)
- o **The Men of Accord Barbershop Quartet**— The fun loving quartet is best known for their performance at Red Skelton's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday party in Lake Tahoe where Jamie Farr and Charo were also on the night's bill! (weekends only)
- o **Tommy and Johnny** - performing your favorites and requests from Sinatra to Elvis.
- o **Murder Mystery Play** - Fun, comedy shows! In some of the shows, audience members get to become part of the cast! (weekends only)
- o **Cumberland Theatre** - The theatre presents some of the finest productions from Broadway. This is Western Maryland's only professional theatre. (Evening shows Thursday-Saturday. Saturday and Sunday matinees.)

#### Cumberland Theatre 2012 Schedule (additional shows will be added)

Feb. 9-26

Boeing, Boeing

Apr. 12-20

Romeo and Juliet



### Day Two

Your group will love the **Merling Blanket Factory Outlet Store** that has over 50,000

name brand blankets in stock and **Candyland**, Remember "penny candy"? You can still find it at Candyland with over 900 kinds of individually wrapped hard to find candy that's weighed by the pound; jams, jellies, fruits, nuts, and more. All

aboard the **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad**—Travel through Brush Tunnel, around Helmstetter's Curve, from Cumberland to Frostburg pulled by a Baldwin steam engine. Lunch will be at the **Princess Restaurant** or **Failing's Hotel Gunter**, historic hotel on the National Road with a jail, coal mine exhibit, and small museum. The sweeping staircase makes a wonderful photo op for your group.

# TAKE ME AWAY!!

## Culinary, Spa, and Shopping Getaway

### Day One

Pamper yourself! It's all about YOU! Shop at the unique stores of **Berkeley Springs**, take a dip in the mineral bath and have a relaxing massage at the **Berkeley Spring Spa** this morning. The original warm mineral springs are centerpiece of various treatments offered to the public in two facilities operated by the state of West Virginia. The main bathhouse provides steams, baths and female massagers for women on one side and



male massagers for men on the other. The park is located in the heart of town and has a public tap for free spring water and open pools of springs run-off. Bring your own jugs to fill and take home. In the afternoon or evening (depending on arrival time) take in a wonderful overlook at **Town Hill B&B** and tour the historic inn on the Old National Road. Then relax surrounded by soothing music. Your Victorian tea features home-made pastries, a variety of teas, scones, and tea sandwiches. Learn about teas, and how to make appetizers, fold napkins, and set an elegant table. Dinner may be at the inn or at another restaurant with entertainment by **Tom Skidmore/Johnny Moore Duo** playing and singing Sinatra, at the **New Embassy Theatre** or **Cumberland Theatre**.

### Day Two

Enjoy desserts and teas at **Gordon-Roberts House**, served by an elegantly costumed docent, as you embark on a memorable journey back in time. Learn about the life in the 1800s as you walk the halls of this lovely 1867 Victorian home, owned by Josiah Hanse Gordon, president of the C & O Canal. Find bargains at **Merling Blanket Factory Outlet** and satisfy your sweet tooth at Candyland, home to over 900 kinds of candies. Stroll downtown Cumberland pedestrian mall, shopping at antique stores, a wooden toy store, and gift shops with lunch on your own. Before departing for home, let the cool sensation of award-winning ice cream tantalize your taste buds at **Queen City Creamery**.



## BARN QUILTS AND HUSKY DOGS

### Day One

Arriving in Garrett County, you'll see the first of several **Barn Quilts** (quilts painted on the sides of barns), called the **Circle of Life**. Browse the shops and watch artists at work at **Spruce Forest Artisan Village**, followed by lunch at **Penn Alps** or **Casselman Inn**. Snap photos of **Double Pinwheel Barn Quilt** on the **National Road**, **Garden Maze Barn Quilt** at **Cove Run Farm** (corn maze in the fall), and **Lemoyne Star Barn Quilt**. You don't have to go to Alaska to see dog sledding, because your next stop is at **Husky Power Dog Sledding**. Cool down with a homemade ice cream cone at **Lakeside Creamery** or opt for a uniquely tasting popcorn at the **Popcorn Factory**. Check into the beautiful **Wisp Ski Resort** on the shores of **Deep Creek Lake**, Maryland's largest freshwater lake, where you'll have dinner and **evening entertainment**, such as the **Men of Accord Barbershop Quartet**, who sang at Red Skelton's 82nd birthday party.

### Day Two

After breakfast, fill up your sweet teeth at **Candyland**, with over 900 kinds of candy. In historic Oakland, where large Victorian homes grace the tree-lined streets. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the area hosted many famous and distinguished visitors who traveled by rail to this cool, green mountain oasis. Visit the **Church of the Presidents** where Grant, Garfield, Cleveland, and Harrison worshiped; the **B&O Train Depot**, one of the few remaining Queen Anne style railroad stations left, built in 1884; **Garrett County Historical Society Museum** where you'll see the Deer Park Hotel facade and gazebo; **Englander's Antiques** and soda fountain; the new **Transportation Museum**; and the **murals** depicting the history of the county, including a visit by Albert Einstein. Travel into the Amish region of Garrett County to learn to milk a cow or bottle feed a calf at **Pleasant Valley Dream Farm** (hayrides are optional) and see a new **Barn Quilt**. Enjoy an Amish lunch at **Pleasant Valley Community Center** or at **Cornish Manor**, a beautiful Victorian home built in 1868. At **Simon Pearce**, watch the master glass blowers and visit the gift shop. Keep those cameras ready for the **Variation Star** and **Ohio Star Barn Quilts** as you travel on the rolling hills of Garrett County on your way home.



## LASSOES AND LUMINARIES

### A Cowboy Christmas and Antietam Grand Illumination

Your wonderful holiday will be even merrier when you celebrate the season with a visit to **City Park** and the **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**. This amazing collection contains pieces ranging from Old Masters to works by contemporary artists. There's even a Picasso! Experience the priceless treasures of one of the finest regional art museums in the United States. Also in City Park, visit the **Jonathan Hager House**, the original home of Hagerstown's



founder, Jonathan Hager. The home is maintained with authentic pieces of the 1740's frontier era. Hear about authentic German Christmas traditions as they were celebrated during frontier times before lunch at German **Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant** or lunch can be on your own. Step back in time at the **Rural Heritage Museum** to the late 1700's/early 1800's. Visit their cabins and see an authentic hearth cooking demonstration. Exhibits include an early Conestoga wagon, a country store, and Victorian era farm house furnishings, and more! OR shop for Christmas gifts at **Prime Outlets**. Depart for **Antietam Recreation** for the **Cowboy Christmas Show**. Fun pre-show activities include an old-fashioned hayride (watch out for outlaws!), roast

marshmallows, a live nativity and petting zoo, and get a picture taken in the western photo area. Guests are then seated for dinner and the costumed cast will serve you. After dinner, it's SHOWTIME! The Cowboy Christmas show will amaze you with exciting action, amusing comedy, and a heartwarming Christian message that brings home the true meaning of Christmas. Don't miss World Champion Roper, whip cracker, knife thrower, gun spinner Andy Rotz and his trick horse Idja. Depart for **Antietam Battlefield** for the annual **Memorial Illumination**. Both beautiful and somber, along the 5 mile tour road where you will view 23,110 candles set in the fields. Each candle represents a casualty on that single day at the battle of Antietam. Cowboy Christmas Show is offered from mid-November through the end of the year on select dates, mostly weekends. The Memorial Illumination is only held on the first Saturday of December.



Other shows at **Antietam Recreation**:

**Valentine's Day Special** - February 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 17, & 18. The perfect romantic evening filled with beautiful decorations, elegant dining, and captivating performers. The spectacular variety show will kick off with talented singers and dancers as they take you back in time with the classics of Sinatra, Country, Gospel, Broadway, an electrifying appearance by Elvis, and much more.



**A Century of Song** - March 17, 23,24, 30, & 31. Return to the good old days o. Travel through the last century, hearing your favorites from classical to modern. A fun-filled evening for all music lover.

**God & Country** - Sept. 7, 8, & 9. Take a trip in American History from the Pilgrim's landing through the events of 9/11. Pre-show activities - canoeing, horse-back riding, petty zoo.

## SPORTING A RED HATTITUDE

A Special Itinerary for Red Hatters or Ladies of All Ages!

Begin the day with a tour of the **Miller House & Gardens**, an early 19th century brick townhouse with period furnishings. It is the headquarters of the **Washington County Historical Society**. In addition to C&O Canal and Civil War, their collections include local pottery, dolls & toys, quilts and country store items. Next, visit **City Park's Jonathan Hager House**, home of Hagerstown's founder, Jonathan Hager. The home is maintained with authentic pieces of the 1740's frontier era. Also in the park, tour the **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**. Their collection ranges from works of the Old Masters to 20th century paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. Next, lunch is at **South Mountain Inn** or on own in Hagerstown. Then, it's down the mountain to Boonsboro, for a stop at **Turn The Page Bookstore**, owned by New York Times Bestselling author **Nora Roberts**! You can purchase autographed copies of her books while there. Then stroll next door to her boutique, **Gifts Inn Boonsboro** to purchase items created by local artisans.

- **Not interested in history?** Then substitute shopping time at **Prime Outlets** for the Miller House or Jonathan Hager House. Hagerstown Premium Outlets has over 100 famous brand name stores, with savings of up to 25%-65% every day. A food court is sure to please everyone.
- **Fans of the Titanic?** At the Discovery Station, see a 1/60th scale model of the famed ship as well as other Titanic memorabilia and information. The museum also contains exhibits about the Tuskegee Airmen, C&O Canal and Hagerstown's role in WWII aviation. 2012 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on April 15.



# CUSTOMIZABLE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITINERARIES



## SMALL TOWN USA MUSIC CAPITAL

### Bobby Vinton~Perry Como~Four Coins Hometown Canonsburg, PA

**Day One** - Tour **Canonsburg**, the hometown of **Perry Como**, **Bobby Vinton**, and **The Four Coins**, learning about the famous sons of the musical birthplace of more than 190 worldwide Top 10 recordings and the rich Italian, Polish, and Greek heritage of the area. See the **Como, Vinton, and Four Coins exhibits** before a **matinee dinner show** featuring a **performance of** Bobby Vinton and Perry Como hits by **recording**

**artist, Bobby Shawn** in the **Eagles Club** where Bobby Vinton got his start. Lunch will be a buffet featuring the tastes of Canonsburg - Italian, Greek, and Polish cuisine. Then, make a yummy stop at **Sarris Candies** where you'll find delectable candies and enjoy an old fashioned **ice cream cone** in the parlor. Check into your hotel and have free time to enjoy the evening on your own. A shuttle can take you to the **Tanger Outlets** or to the **Meadows Racetrack** (fine dining, bowling, live harness racing).



### Day Two

Return to yesteryear when trolley bells clanged, clanged, clanged. See restored and rideable trolley cars, including the actual streetcar named "Desire" at the **Pennsylvania Trolley Museum**. Ride the trolleys through the countryside. Options:



- Visit the **Shoppes at Quail Acres** before lunch at **Pilazzo 1837 Ristorante** and free time in the afternoon
- Have a country buffet lunch at **The Spring House** where you can see a working dairy farm, and pet and bottle feed the calves OR
- See the amazing view and have lunch at **Breezy Heights**. Visit the earliest known human campsite in North America, **Meadowcroft Rockshelter and**

**Museum of Rural Life** which will transport you from a true prehistoric camp to a hands-on, 1890's settlers village.

**Dinner** is at elegant **George Washington Hotel** with a **live polka band**.



### Day Three

In Washington, tour the **Bradford House**, a key site of the Whiskey Rebellion – the first challenge to our new nation's existence. Young America is on the balance at the 1788 site (on the National Register of Historic Places); and the **LeMoyne House**, Pennsylvania's first National Historic Landmark of the **Underground Railroad**. This stately 1812 home, busy medical practice and apothecary was also a safe stop for escaping slaves along freedom's path.

## PENNSYLVANIA BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST

Sept. 14-16, 2012

Canonsburg, PA



Who doesn't love a polka and oom-pah music? Lift your stein of ale at the 14th Annual festival with beer, bands, and bratwurst. There will be two stages of live entertainment, vendors, and amusements. Combine this tour with Small Town USA Music Capital, Perry Como/Bobby Vinton/4 Coins tour or make it a day trip all of its own!



## A WRIGHT MOUNTAIN GETAWAY



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS** – Tour 2 Frank Lloyd Wright homes, hear the tales of the heroes of Sept. 11, 2001 at Flight 93 Memorial and at Quecreek Mine Rescue Site, and George Washington's first military battle and loss.

### Day One

Our Laurel Highlands tour begins at **Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater**, one of Wright's most acclaimed works built over the falls. It is the only Wright house open to the public with its setting, original furnishings, and art work intact. Lunch is in the café or at the Historic **Stone House Restaurant**, built in 1822, an original wayside inn along the National Road or the **Summit Inn**, where Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and Thomas Edison stayed and dined. At the **Christian W. Klay Winery**, we'll take a hayride and enjoy a wine tasting. Learn about George Washington's only defeat at **Fort Necessity**. Check into **Seven Springs Resort** for dinner and evening entertainment.



### Day Two

We travel to Shanksville, PA, where on that tragic day, Sept. 11, 2001, the brave souls of Flight 93 gave their lives to save others. We'll pay tribute to their heroic sacrifice at the **Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel**, before having a delicious lunch at **Oakhurst Tea Room**. Then, we visit **Glades Pike Winery** for a wine tasting. Next, hear about the triumphal rescue of the miners trapped in **Quecreek Mine** at the rescue site where all nine miners were saved. At the **Somerset Historical Center**, a 150-acre rural history museum, you'll see exhibits about farm life in rural Pennsylvania. Have dinner at **Green Gables Restaurant** and see a Broadway-style show at **Mountain Playhouse**, Pennsylvania's oldest professional stock theater and one of only twelve professional summer stock theaters remaining in the U.S. The theater is housed in a restored 1805 gristmill.

#### Mountain Playhouse 2012 Tentative Schedule

June 26 - July 1	Ring of Fire – Musical
July 10 - 22	I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change- Musical
July 24- August 5	Fox on the Fairway – Comedy
August 7- 19	25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – Musical
September 18-30	The 39 Steps – Mystery/Comedy
October 2 - 14	Nunsense 3 – Sister Mary Amnesia's Country Western Jamboree – Musical

### Day Three

Visit **Nemacolin Woodlands Resort** to tour the art collection and have a driving tour of this beautiful resort, which is one of only 21 hotels and resorts in the world with a AAA Five-Diamond rating. Owned by the Hardy family (84 Lumber), the golf course has been played by the likes of Tiger Woods himself. The day will be filled with beautiful sights, including **Ohiopyle** with its whitewater rapids and **Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob**. The home was built for the Hagan family of ice cream fame and has many unique, truly Wright features. The home is now owned by Lord and Lady Palumbo of England who have amassed a large art collection, displayed throughout grounds. Then it's on to lunch at **Firefly Grille** or **Rockwood Mills Shoppes and Opera House** for shopping, lunch, and a show.

## HEROES AMONG US

### Triumphs and Tragedies of the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania

*Man's triumphs and tragedies will be experienced - Flight 93 Memorial, dedicated to the heroes of Sept. 11, 2001; Quecreek Mine Memorial where nine miners were miraculously rescued; Fort Necessity, George Washington's first battle (and defeat); and Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous home, Fallingwater.*

### Day One

Shanksville, PA, will forever be remembered as a sacred burial ground when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a field there on September 11, 2001. Our first stop is at the **Flight 93 Impact Site** where you will hear stories about what happened on that fateful day in this rural town, stories of lives sacrificed and heroes made. Just a short distance away is the **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel** where we'll hear stories of faith and belief in America and about the building of this remarkable chapel. At **Oakhurst Tea Room**, we'll have a delicious luncheon buffet. Your next stop, **Quecreek Mine Rescue Memorial** commemorates the successful and heroic rescue of nine miners which brought cries of joy to a region and a nation in need of this uplifting event which occurred just ten months after the Flight 93 crash. At the **Somerset Historical Center**, a



150-acre rural history museum, you'll see exhibits about farm life in rural Pennsylvania. Back on the coach, we travel to **Seven Springs Resort**, our home for the next few nights. Dinner can either be on your own, included at the resort with optional entertainment, or at **Our Coal Miner's Cafe**. The restaurant contains coal mining memorabilia from the area including a "9 for 9" Rescue at Quecreek display.

### Day Two

Our Laurel Highlands tour continues at **Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater** (not available on Wednesdays), one of Wright's most acclaimed works built over the falls. It is the only Wright house open to the public with its setting, original furnishings, and art work intact. See the rapids at **Ohiopyle** before heading to lunch at the Historic **Stone House Restaurant**, built in 1822, an original wayside inn along the **National Road**, the first federally funded highway, or the **Firefly Grille** (can be on own).



Learn about George Washington's only defeat at **Fort Necessity**. At the **Christian W. Klay Winery**, we'll enjoy a wine tasting. Dinner is at **Summit Inn**, where Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and Thomas Edison stayed and dined. Enjoy entertainment - a murder mystery, Tom and Johnny Songs of Yore (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin) and Your Requests, Men of

Accord Barbershop Quartet.

### Day Three

This morning, you're off to Morgantown, WV, the **hometown of Don Knotts** who was best known as Deputy Barney Fife of the Andy Griffith Show. You will see and hear about Don's beginnings, stopping at several sites associated with Don Knotts, including the newly renovated **Metropolitan Theater** and **Morgantown Historical Museum**. Lunch will be on your own or at **Cafe Bacchus, Clarion Hotel Morgan**, or another **Morgantown restaurant**. Don Knotts often stayed in this elegant hotel when he returned for visits. The Hotel Morgan "Threw Open Its Doors" in 1925 as one of the premier hotels in the country. The **Unsinkable Molly Brown** (first person portrayal) will be the honored guest at today's lunch. She has come to call on the widow of Lucian Smith at his home, which is now **Cafe Bacchus**. Mr. Smith perished on the Titanic on April 15, 1912, but his young, pregnant bride who was riding in Lifeboat 6 with Margaret (Molly) Brown, survived to return to their home, which is near the Hotel Morgan. 2012 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on April 15.



## WHET YOUR APPETITE AND EXPAND YOUR...MIND Bedford County Covered Bridge Dine-around

As you begin your journey toward downtown Bedford, see the **Claycomb Covered Bridge** which spans the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. The best way to start out a morning of touring is with a piping hot cup of coffee and pastry from **Hot Buns Bakery** in historic downtown Bedford, where George Washington made his headquarters during the Whiskey Rebellion. On a driving tour, you will see and hear about the **Bedford Springs Hotel** (Summer White House of President James Buchanan), one of the oldest operating courthouses in the Commonwealth, a Civil War monument, pre-American Revolutionary cemetery, an art deco service station, and the Coffee Pot. Journeying west you will learn about



early transportation on the Old Forbes Trail. A stop at the **Jean Bonnet Tavern** may scare you into an eating frenzy. While munching on a tasty salad and rolls, you will hear about "skirts that rustle in the night"; bodies uncovered in the basement; and a card game that turned into a tragedy. A short motor coach ride will take you to the longest covered bridge in Bedford County - the **Herline Covered Bridge**. Then, it's on to the **1806 Schellsburg Log Church** and its graveyard with famous epitaphs. Now, it's time for a bowl of steaming hot soup and crackers served at the **Apple Bin Restaurant** in Fishertown, PA. After soup, see the third covered bridge of this tour which features glistening white boarded sides and native stone abutment. The **Snook's Covered Bridge**, which crosses Dunning's Creek, is sure to provide calendar worthy photo shots. Have your "meat and potatoes" at **Slick's Ivy Stone Restaurant** near Osterburg, PA. You will be served the main course by waitresses dressed in colonial costumes while enjoying the beautiful collectibles and antiques that decorate the entire building. Visit one more covered bridge - the **Bowser Covered Bridge**, which crosses Bob's Creek, and then travel to **Fisher's Country Store** near Cessna. You will have time to shop in this Mennonite owned facility that features a large array of bulk foods and candies. We always save the best for last --- dessert at **Clara's Place** at the Best Western. Choose between warm apple crisp or cherry pie ala mode when you arrive. Yum, yum! Hope they don't decide to weigh the bus when you leave after a wonderful day of eating and touring in Bedford County!