

# 5-Day West Virginia's Rails

## The Greenbrier Resort

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### 1 TAMARACK /BABCOCK STATE PARK / NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE / CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

We depart Knoxville this morning traveling through Virginia and into West Virginia stopping for lunch in Beckley at Tamarack—the nation's first statewide collection of handmade craft, art and cuisine showcasing The Best of West Virginia. Their Taste of West Virginia food court, managed by The Greenbrier, serves delectable meals and desserts. From glass, or pottery to furniture and Appalachian quilts, Tamarack features West Virginia's best handicrafts, regional specialty foods, live performances and craft demonstrations. We leave Tamarack traveling through Babcock State Park, located 20 miles south of the New River Gorge Bridge, the park is known for the Glade Creek Grist Mill. Our next stop is the New River Gorge Bridge, one of West Virginia's best-known road features. The bridge spans 3,030 feet in length, is the second highest bridge in the US, at 876 feet, and the arch length of 1700 feet makes it the longest steel single arch span in the world. Our destination for two nights is Davis, West Virginia and the recently remodeled Canaan Valley Resort. Dinner is included this evening at the resort. **D**

### 2 THE TYGART FLYER RAIL ADVENTURE

This morning we travel to Elkins and board the Tygart Flyer—a classic streamlined passenger train. The 23-mile trip features breathtaking mountain scenery and an 1,800 foot long tunnel built on an "S" curve tunnel deep in the wild heart of West Virginia. Highlights include high bridges, waterfalls and remote canyons, and miles of unspoiled mountain views. Vintage diesel-powered locomotives climb along the cascading Shavers Fork of the Cheat River to the High Falls of Cheat pulling comfortable climate-controlled passenger coaches. Trip includes a 30-45 minute stop-over at the Falls and an on-board cold sandwich buffet. We return to Canaan Valley for our last night. **L D**



### 3 THE GREENBRIER RESORT & CASINO

Our tour continues today south through West Virginia to the magnificent Greenbrier Resort with their newly opened Casino for a two night stay. The Greenbrier's 6,500 acre estate is located in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia at White Sulphur Springs, with a natural beauty no other resort can match. There are formal gardens, refreshing streams, rolling hills and priceless paintings and art treasures you would expect to see in a museum. Dinner is included this evening in the main dining room. **D**

### 4 TOURING THE BUNKERS

This morning you will enjoy a leisurely breakfast, with time to relax and enjoy the many facilities available at the Greenbrier, including golf, Spa and Mineral Baths, gift shops, indoor pool and much more. We will also tour the Bunkers of the Greenbrier which were formerly the Government Relocation Facility built to house the leadership of the United States under the Eisenhower Administration between 1958 and 1961 in the event of nuclear war. The secrecy of its location was maintained for more than 30 years until May 31, 1992 when the Washington Post published a story effectively exposing it. The bunkers are a protected substructure buried 720 feet into the hillside under the West Virginia Wing of the hotel. It is surrounded by ceiling and walls that are three-to-five-foot thick reinforced concrete. In addition, there is 20 to 60 feet of dirt cover between the substructure and the West Virginia Wing. The facility has four entrances, each protected by a large steel and concrete door designed to withstand a modest nuclear blast approximately 15-30 miles away. Included within the facility are 44 separate locations with 153 rooms making up a total of 112,544 square feet of space on two levels. The facility was equipped with its own power plant, cafeteria and kitchen to feed 400 people at one seating, 18 dormitories on two levels with each dormitory to sleep 60 persons, one 12-bed ward, medical and dental operating rooms, x-ray area, laboratory, intensive care unit, examining rooms and pharmacy, vaulted records storage room, lounges, exhibit hall, laundry and two conference rooms. Dinner included again this evening in the dining room. **B D**

### 5 HOMEWARD BOUND

This has been a truly wonderful tour to the fabulous Greenbrier Resort made possible by Knoxville Tours. We thank you for traveling with Knoxville Tours. **B**

### 7 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

### Price Per Person:

Single \$1950

Twin \$1325

Triple \$1270

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