

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRAINS

7 Day Rail/Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 5-11

\$1659 Double
\$1629 Triple
\$1989 Single

Lookout Mountain
Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel
Dollywood Harvest Festival
7 Excursion Train Rides:
Hiwassee River Train, Lookout Mt. Incline
Railway, Tennessee Valley Railroad, Smoky Mt.
Railroad, *Dollywood Express*, *My Old Kentucky
Dinner Train*, Kentucky Railway Museum
14 Meals, Earn \$35 "Trav checks"

Day 1: Smyrna, TN. This tour to seven trains in seven days begins with transfer from your home to our motorcoach. With lunch along the way we cross Indiana to the foothills of Kentucky and Tennessee. Tonight our lodging is at the Holiday Inn Express, at Smyrna, TN. A welcome dinner is included. (L,D)



Day 2: Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga Choo Choo. After reaching Chattanooga this morning, we ride the world's steepest funicular, the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway for the panoramic view from Lookout Mountain. This afternoon, we ride six miles behind a steam locomotive on the Tennessee Valley Railroad. Dinner and lodging are at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn, the former railway station. (CB,D)

Day 3: Dollywood Harvest Celebration. After chewing a Choo Choo breakfast we depart for the Dollywood theme park at Pigeon Forge, TN. The Dollywood Harvest Festival is in full swing with over 40 shows in its eight theaters plus mountain arts and crafts. Ride the *Dollywood Express* behind a steam locomotive on a five-mile journey. Our lodging for the next two evenings is at the Fairfield Inn at Five Oaks in Pigeon Forge. Dinner is included tonight. (B,D)

Day 4: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Smoky Mountain Railroad. A continental breakfast begins our day in Smokies. First is a guided motorcoach tour through the national park. After lunch we board the Smoky Mountain Railroad at Bryson City, NC, for the ride into spectacular fall foliage of Nantahala Gorge. (CB,L)

Day 5: Hiwassee River Train. Enjoy a little free time after breakfast, then depart for Etowah, TN, and the Hiwassee River train. Now in its third year, this excursion travels 50 miles along the Hiwassee River through the Cherokee National Forest. Highlight of the three-hour trip is the Great Hiwassee Loop. Dinner and the night are in Athens, TN. (CB,D)

Day 6: My Old Kentucky Dinner Train. This morning we and travel back north into Kentucky. At Bardstown, KY, we check into the Hampton Inn. This evening we return to the era of vintage American railroad dining with our farewell banquet aboard *My Old Kentucky Dinner Train*. (CB,D)

Day 7: Kentucky Railway Museum. After breakfast we ride to New Haven, KY, and the Kentucky Railway Museum for a shop tour and 22-mile train ride through the Rolling Fork River Valley. Lunch is included at the historic Sherwood Inn in New Haven. Return home early this evening by transfers from the motorcoach. (CB,L)

WEST VIRGINIA FALL RAILROADING

7 Day Rail/Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 6-12

\$1399 Double
\$1369 Triple
\$1659 Single

Amtrak Coach Seat* Chicago-White Sulphur Springs, Cumberland-Chicago
National Radio Astronomy Observatory
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation in West Virginia
5 Excursion Train Rides: *Durbin Rocket*, *Salamander II*, Cass Scenic Railroad, *Potomac Eagle*, Western Maryland Scenic Railroad
10 Meals, Earn \$35 "Trav checks"

\$100 per person deposit due at booking. Final payment due Aug. 21 after which cancellation fees apply.

Day 1: Cardinal. Home pickups take us to Chicago Union Station for the late afternoon departure of Amtrak's eastbound *Cardinal*. Your reclining coach seat* has a leg rest, foot rest and folding tray table. The cafe car is open for supper on your own.

Day 2: New River Gorge. As the train rolls through the Appalachians, the cafe sells breakfast and snacks. Scenic highlight is the ride through the New River Gorge. On arrival at White Sulphur Springs, WV, we board our motorcoach to the Inn at Snowshoe, WV, for two nights' lodging and a get-acquainted dinner. (D)

Day 3: Cheat Mountain Salamander II, Durbin Rocket. This morning we ride the *Salamander II* antique railcar south from Elkins, WV. It goes through Cheat Mountain Tunnel then follows the river valley. After lunch at the Durbin Depot, we ride the *Durbin Rocket* behind its 96-year-old steam engine. (B,L)



Day 4: Cass Scenic Railroad, NARO. After breakfast we visit the National Radio Astronomy Observatory before reaching the Cass Railroad State Park. Restored to its early 1900's appearance, the park is a working museum of lumber railroading. Board the open air Cass Scenic Railroad

for the ride behind a Shay steam locomotive. Our lodging for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Cumberland, MD, by the busy CSX train tracks. Dinner tonight is at a Cumberland restaurant. (B,D)

Day 5: Potomac Eagle. Enjoy breakfast before heading to Romney, WV, to board the *Potomac Eagle*. This diesel-powered, three-hour excursion train runs through the wilderness along the Potomac River South Branch. The Penn Alps Restaurant hosts our farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. After breakfast we see the C&O Canal Museum in Cumberland's restored Western Maryland Railway Station. From that station, catch the Western Maryland Scenic Railway up into the Allegheny Mountains. At the end of the line in Frostburg, MD, enjoy lunch in a restored dining car. Back aboard the motorcoach, we return to Ridgeley, MD, for a tour of the Western Maryland's maintenance shops. This evening at Cumberland, we board Amtrak's westbound *Capitol Limited* Superliner for the overnight ride to Chicago. (B,L)

Day 7: Capitol Home. The *Capitol* has a dining car available for breakfast on your own before a mid-morning Union Station arrival and transfers home.

**Private sleeping car rooms are offered at additional cost and includes meals on Amtrak. Call Mid-America for details.*