

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

CASS W.V. & DINNER TRAIN

SAT-SUN JUNE 1-2, 2019

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, Broadview Heights.

SATURDAY – This year we are offering a new weekend tour introduced last year to both Elkins and Cass, West Virginia . . . a great tour for rail enthusiasts and their guests. Three meals are included in this package, plus all admissions.



As we travel to West Virginia we will be visiting the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, seeing historic trolleys and exhibits, and taking a 4-mile scenic trolley ride. After a luncheon on our own, we will continue on to West Virginia.

After checking into our hotel in Elkins to “freshen up”, we will board the Mountain Express Dinner train. We will be dining on

a four-course dinner as we travel through the Monongahela National Forest during this four-hour evening excursion, with a stop at the Cheat waterfall.

SUNDAY – After breakfast we will depart the hotel and travel to Cass, West Virginia, about 50 miles from Elkins. Here we will be touring the locomotive shops of the Cass Scenic Railroad, something that not everyone gets to see. Logs were brought by rail to the town, where they were processed for use by paper and hardwood-flooring companies throughout the United States. Cass began as a company town for those who worked for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, logging the nearby Cheat Mountain. Cass's laborers, who worked in the mill or the locomotive repair shop, lived with their families in 52 white-fenced houses, built in orderly rows on a hill south of the general store. In 1960 the mill closed and, in 1963, the state bought the logging railroad and converted it into a tourist attraction, carrying passengers into the vast Monongahela National



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Forest. During our 4-1/2 hour trip aboard one of the railroad's trains pulled by a Shay Locomotive, we will be traveling to an elevation of almost 5,000 feet to Bald Knob, the highest point of the country east of the Mississippi River. A box lunch will be included as we travel along. Three meals are included this year.



A note for the train buffs -- The need to transport heavy loads of logs through the mountains required a lot of power. Invented by Ephram Shay, the Shay loco-motive was the most widely used geared steam locomotive. The Cass Railroad has the largest roster of Shay locomotives in the world.

After the train returns to the Cass Station, we will depart for home with a rest stop along the way.

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**\$424 per person in a double
\$419 per person in a triple
\$414 per person in a quad
\$488 per person in a single**



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