

## **Greater Moundsville Convention & Visitors Bureau**

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# The Ohio Valley Tour

### **DAY ONE**

4:00pm-Arrive in Moundsville, check into Sleep Inn & Suites. Welcome reception on arrival.

5:30pm-Dinner at <u>Undo's Family Restaurant</u> in Benwood.

#### **DAY TWO**

8:00am-depart after breakfast

9:00am-<u>Dickinson Cattle Company</u>, is the largest ranch of its kind in the U.S. and the largest producer of All Natural Pasture raised lean beef in Belmont Count, OH. Dickinson Cattle Co. is a family owned working Texas Longhorn cattle ranch located in the beautiful Appalachian Foothills. See and hand feed up to 1,000 Texas Longhorn, learn modern conservation ecology, and visit nearby birth place of Hopalong Cassidy.

11:15am-Depart for Wheeling

12:00pm-Return to Wheeling to explore <u>Wheeling Centre Market</u> with its many shops, eateries, and art exhibits. Lunch is up to you.

1:15pm-Depart.

1:30pm-Journey back to 1863 at <u>West Virginia Independence Hall</u> as a docent describes life when Wheeling was in Virginia, a state ripped apart by the American Civil War. WV was born in this very building on June 20, 1863. See the Civil War flags display.

2:30pm-on a driving tour, see the famous <u>Wheeling Suspension Bridge</u> on the <u>National Road</u> and <u>McCulloch's Leap</u>.

2:45pm-Arrive at Oglebay Resort and check in at visitor's center.

3:00pm-The <u>Mansion Museum</u> depicts Wheeling history from Pioneer times through the Victorian era.

4:00pm-The Glass Museum features more than 3,000 examples of Wheeling glass.

5:00pm-Browse the **shops of Oglebay Park** where you'll find antiques, glittering glass treasure and fun heritage activities.

6:00pm-Depart for dinner.

6:30pm-Dinner is at <u>Avenue Eats</u>, the home of the Diner Burger-one of the 33 best burgers in America. Get one of their decadent cupcakes to go and head right across the street for a delicious cup of coffee at the <u>Wheeling Coffee Shoppe</u>.

#### **DAY THREE**

8:00am-Depart from the hotel after breakfast.

9:00am-Overlooking the Appalachian hills and valleys, the <u>Palace of Gold</u> is reminiscent of an Indian kingdom. Award winning rose gardens (named one of the top 100 rose gardens in US) and over one hundred water fountains are just a couple of attractions that adorn these royal pleasure gardens. A guided tour of the palace, free time to roam the rose gardens, a guided tour of the temple and "how we live" food tasting is included.

11:30am-Depart.

12:15pm-It's **lunchtime** and Moundsville is full of great options! <u>Historic Alexander's on 7<sup>th</sup></u> and <u>Bob's Lunch</u> are great places to get an authentic downhome meal.

1:15pm-Tour the Former West Virginia Penitentiary, a gothic-style fortress, seeing inmate creations ranging from beautiful murals, dangerous homemade weapons, and "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!

2:50pm-Depart.

3:00pm-Go across the street to the <u>Grave Creek Mound</u>, an impressive, conical-shaped Adena Indian mound. Explore exhibits and displays about the cultural life of this prehistoric people and construction of the mound.

3:50pm-Depart.

4:00pm-Next, head north on <u>Historic Jefferson Avenue</u> and adventure toward the various shops, the <u>Archive of the Afterlife: A Paranormal Museum</u>, and the iconic <u>Official Marx Toy Museum</u>.

6:00pm-Depart, returning to the hotel to freshen up briefly before dinner.

6:30pm-Depart for dinner.

7:00pm-Dinner is at **Young's Cafeteria** in Glen Dale.

#### **DAY FOUR**

7:30am-Bags out in hallways for pickup.

8:00am-Depart after breakfast.

9:00am-Clang, clang! At the <u>Pennsylvania Trolley Museum</u>, see restored and ridable trolley cars, including the actual streetcar named "Desire." Ride the trolleys through the countryside.

10:30am-Depart for home.