

American Heritage featuring The Greenbrier Resort

This grand historic tour features a two-night stay at the Greenbrier, a classic American resort in the mountains of West Virginia. Relax and unwind on the iconic property while enjoying fabulous dining and traditional pastimes and exploring the storied past of this luxury escape. Be ushered through America's eras: enjoy a tavern dinner colonial-style, visit Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, step back in time at Colonial Williamsburg, explore a Smithsonian, and more. Experience the grandeur of the Greenbrier amid the West Virginia mountains and explore American history throughout Washington, D.C., and Virginia on a fascinating journey.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Smithsonian Museums, Twilight Monument Tour, Arlington National Cemetery, Greenbrier Bunker Tour, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Tavern Dinner

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Day 1: Sept 12, 2025 — Washington, D.C.

Set forth on a grand historical tour featuring the timeless elegance and heritage of The Greenbrier. Experience this jewel of classic American resorts and understand its draw of over 200 years. A journey brimming with the history of America begins in Washington, D.C.

Day 2: Sept 13, 2025 — Washington, D.C.

A picture-perfect day in D.C. starts at the White House Visitor Center, where artifacts from the White House collection are seen. Take a tour of D.C.'s world-famous memorials and monuments, including the National World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Uncover treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with free time to visit any museums surrounding the National Mall – perhaps you'll take one small step into space exploration at the National Air and Space Museum or explore facets of the nation's story at the National Museum of American History. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a twilight tour to see more of the capital's iconic marble and granite monuments.

Meal included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3: Sept. 14, 2025 — Washington, D.C. — Arlington, Va. — White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

This morning, visit Arlington National Cemetery. A narrated tour takes you to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Kennedy gravesites. This afternoon, make a stop at historical Front Royal for some free time before traveling through the beautiful mountains of West Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, arriving at The Greenbrier, the world-class resort that's been welcoming guests since 1778. This evening, dine amid the grandeur of this historic resort.

Meal included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Sept. 15, 2025 — The Greenbrier Resort

With a storied past to explore and every resort luxury available to you, it's time to enjoy all The Greenbrier has to offer. This is a place steeped in history, from its earliest days when its natural mineral springs drew guests to "take the waters," to its long-established status as an elite retreat, where five sitting presidents had already stayed before the Civil War. Imagine these same grounds, repurposed by the U.S. government as well as the army during periods of war over the centuries. Take an introductory tour of the vast property before continuing on a guided tour of the formerly classified government bunker built under the West Virginia Wing in the 1950s. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you please throughout the resort. Fill it with relaxing pastimes such as croquet, horseback riding, swimming, or shopping, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea, or try your luck at the Greenbrier Casino Club. Enjoy dining at the resort once again this evening.

Meal included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5: Sept. 16, 2025 — White Sulphur Springs — Charlottesville — Williamsburg, Va.

Feeling restored, bid farewell to The Greenbrier. Today, visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence. Tour the main house and take time to explore the area. Continue on to Williamsburg, then settle into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure with rich historical surroundings and local dining to explore nearby.

Meal included: Breakfast

Day 6: Sept. 17, 2025 — Williamsburg

Start your day with a step back in time. Explore Colonial Williamsburg, where historical reenactors and artisans populate the streets and buildings, bringing 1770 to life. Enjoy time touring this iconic site independently: wander the cobblestone streets, explore the historic buildings, and enjoy lunch on your own on the grounds and near Merchant's Square. Then, gather for a Colonial-style farewell dinner at a historic tavern.

Meal included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: Sept. 18, 2025 — Williamsburg — Washington D.C.

Depart Williamsburg today, heading toward Washington, D.C. Stop in Old Town Alexandria for some free time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. Then, visit Mount Vernon,** the beloved home of George Washington. After a tour of the house, spend time wandering through the gardens and grounds before visiting the tomb of General Washington and his wife, Martha. Continue to your hotel for the evening and join a final toast to this historic journey.

Meal included: Breakfast

Day 8: Sept. 19, 2025 — Washington, D.C. — Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning.

Meal included: Breakfast

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & WHAT TO PACK

Average Temperature

In Washington, D.C., the average daily high temperature in September is 81°F and the average daily low is 63°F. Humidity also decreases during this month. Some say that September is one of the best times to visit D.C. because of the near-perfect temperatures and the endless sunshine.

Clothing & Packing Tips

When dining in the Main Dining Room at The Greenbrier Resort, ladies and gentlemen are required to dress in their finest attire. Jackets are required for men, and dresses or evening suits are required for women. Jeans are not permitted in this dining room during dinnertime. During breakfast in the Main Dining Room, resort attire is required, such as collared sports shirts, sweaters, jackets, dress slacks, walking shorts, and dark denim. Hats are not permitted.

When deciding what to bring on your trip, we have a few suggestions for you.

In regards to clothing, think layers. It's much easier to maintain a level of comfort if you can add or remove a layer at a time, especially if you're traveling to a destination where the temperature can vary widely. So always bring a light jacket or sweater. Fleece or wool is best. We recommend avoiding cotton sweaters or jackets as they won't keep you warm if wet.

Comfortable footwear is crucial. Make sure you bring a pair of shoes that fit well and give you the necessary support. If you decide to purchase new shoes for your trip, we suggest you wear them a number of times before you leave to break them in. Your feet will thank you.

Be prepared for all types of weather. For warm, sunny weather, pack sunscreen, a hat, or a bandana/scarf to protect your neck from sunburn. For cool, rainy weather, pack a light raincoat, travel umbrella, waterproof shoes, and a thin pair of gloves.

Pack anything that could leak in plastic bags or a waterproof case for your toiletries. In addition, you might want to bring a washcloth or two. Not all hotels provide them.

If you take prescription medication, make sure to bring enough for your entire tour plus a few additional days in the original prescription containers.

Medication should be packed in your carry-on bag, never your checked luggage, in case your luggage is delayed. You don't want to be without your medication. You could also bring extra medication in a separate bag in case anything gets lost.

In general, we recommend not packing anything of value in your checked bag.

You'll want to take pictures of everything, so make sure to bring a camera and extra memory cards and batteries for your entire trip. If you decide to bring a video camera, don't forget an extra battery plus a charger. Be sure to pack chargers and cords for all your electronic equipment.

It's also a good idea to bring a travel alarm clock, a travel sewing kit, a portable scale to weigh luggage, and some hand sanitizer for when soap and water aren't readily available.

If you are travelling with a companion, we suggest dividing the contents of your suitcase with them, that way if one bag is delayed, some of your belongings are still available to you both.

If that is not an option for you, you could put a change of clothing in your carry-on if there's room. That will give you something to wear if your checked luggage is delayed as well.

Last but certainly not least, leave room! You'll need it to fit all the souvenirs you'll want to bring home.

TRIP DETAILS

- Sept. 12-19, 2025 — 8 Days — 11 Meals
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