

PENNSYLVANIA POCONO MOUNTAINS

West Virginia * Maryland * Delaware

October 24th-30th, 2021

Day 1: Travel Day: Embark on an incredible journey as we travel through the beautiful states of KY and WV. The Pocono Mountains, offers 2,400 square miles of wooded peaks and valleys with numerous sparkling lakes, rushing rivers with some of the loveliest waterfalls in the east and rich in history.

Day 2: JIM THORPE • THE OLD JAIL • MAUCH CHUNK MUSEUM • ASA PACKER MANSION • ST MARK'S CHURCH:

Established in 1818 as Mauch Chunk, the town was later named Jim Thorpe after the legendary Native American athlete. Here, entrepreneurs led by Josiah White formed the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company in the 1820s, and shipped countless tons of anthracite coal and other goods to market via the Lehigh and Delaware Canals. The town grew in importance when it was named Carbon County's seat in 1843. Its steep hillsides, narrow streets, and terraced gardens earned the town its nickname "The Switzerland of America." The beauty of this region has beckoned people for almost two centuries. We step back in time to this Victorian town and hear Stories of the famous and infamous. Our first stop is the Old Jail Museum, as you hear about the ill-fated Molly Maguires. We then visit the Mauch Chunk Museum, the incredible Asa Packer Mansion and St. Mark's Church to hear stories of the town's wealthy forefathers. With this town's narrow streets & neat boutiques, you won't believe you're not in Europe! Our overnight accommodations await us for a three night stay.

Day 3: DORFLINGER GLASS • STOURBRIDGE TRAIN • BUSHKILL FALLS: The Dorflinger Glass Museum is a tribute to the life and accomplishments of Christian Dorflinger, known throughout the world as the creator of fine crystal and exquisite cut glass. The museum gift shop is stocked with an assortment of glass souvenirs, gifts and collectibles; everything from colorful paperweights and miniatures to jewelry, American Studio Glass and lovely hand-crafted ornaments. Today we enjoy more of the beautiful Poconos aboard the Stourbridge Train for a scenic ride along the Lackawaxen River Gorge. Next, Bushkill Falls, known as "The Niagara of Pennsylvania," has been open since 1904 and encompasses about 300 acres with eight waterfalls and more than two miles of trails, bridges and walkways. The drop of the Main Falls is approximately 100 feet. From the top of the first falls to the bottom of the lower gorge, the drop is about 300 feet. Bushkill Falls is among the Keystone State's most famous scenic attractions. We'll want to hike the trails to view the towering 100-foot Main Falls, affording fabulous views of the falls and the forest.

Day 4: DELAWARE WATER GAP GUIDED TOUR • LUNCH & SHOW AT PENN'S PEAK • NUMBER 9 MINE: For 40 miles the Middle Delaware River passes between low forested mountains with barely a house in sight. Then the river cuts through the mountain ridge to form the famed "Water Gap." Our driving tour includes the Delaware Water Gap and Shawnee on the Delaware, discovering the spectacular beauty. The Water Gap has been designated as the "Eighth Scenic Wonder of the World." We're in for a treat today at Penn's Peak, showplace of the Poconos. We enjoy a wonderful lunch and show at Penn's Peak. Our day continues with a tour of the Number 9 Mine, the world's oldest continuously operated anthracite coal mine. We'll be led on a walking tour filled with amazing sights and fascinating stories! See the underground mule-way, miner's hospital, and the 900-foot deep original elevator shaft, which once hauled loaded coal cars to the surface! We return to our hotel for the evening.

Day 5: MARTIN GUITAR • NEMOURS ESTATE: This morning we visit Martin & Company, featuring more than 200 rare, vintage instruments, from the Stauffer and Ditson models to the D-45 Pre-War and sustainable wood models. The museum honors the artists who created music history, from Gene Autry and Johnny Cash to Elvis & John Mayer. On the factory tour we witness the detail and craftsmanship that goes into each and every guitar. This afternoon we visit Nemours Estate. The 77-room mansion, owned and developed by founder Alfred I. DuPont, is exquisite. The gardens and grounds are beautiful at this time of year.



Day 6: Baltimore * Fort McHenry: It is best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy from the Chesapeake Bay on September 13-14, 1814. The valiant defense of the fort inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." : O! say can you see,...by the dawn's early light, a large red, white and blue banner? Whose broad stripes and bright stars . . . were so gallantly streaming. We will visit the Inner Harbor and have lunch before we depart the city.

Day 7: HOME: Sit back and relax as we make our way home. We've seen so many beautiful and interesting sights we never even knew existed until this week. **Tour Cost: \$1450 Double Occupancy. Single Supplement: \$380 Includes: Transportation Deluxe Motor-Coach, breakfast @ hotels, 5 group meals, admissions & attractions listed, Koinonia Tour manager and those Koinonia extra's.**

