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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Shepherdstown, West Virginia

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Virginia Blackwater Falls State Park, West Virginia, to Fayetteville, West

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Virginia White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, to Luray, Virginia

Luray, Virginia, to Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3 hours and 15 minutes / 241 km

1 hour and 16 minutes / 86 km

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4 hours and 20 minutes / 328 km

1 hour 23 minutes / 100 km

4 hours and 40 minutes / 327 km

2 hour and 29 minutes / 178 km

3 hours and 54 minutes / 294 km

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Welcome to **Philadelphia**, which 17th-century Englishman and province founder William Penn envisioned as an easily navigable urban utopia. Today, view over 4,000 outdoor murals that provide an incredible art trail while exploring historic places in this walkable city. Plan your own route using **Mural Arts Philadelphia's** mobile app; include stops at three of the most famous murals – “Legends,” “Philadelphia Muses” and “Common Threads.” Don't forget to pose for a photo at the **LOVE statue** before stopping for lunch at **Reading Terminal Market**, a culinary experience that is the perfect place to order a Philadelphia cheesesteak. Visiting **Independence National Historic Park** is a must to see over 20 historical sites that include the **Liberty Bell** and **Independence Hall**. “Rocky” movie fans won't want to miss the **statue of Rocky Balboa**; re-enact his run up the steps to the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**.

Accommodation:
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Muses, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Little Round Top,
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, TO SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

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Head south into **Maryland** and visit **South Mountain State Battlefield**, the site of the state's first major Civil War battle. Continue to **Antietam**, considered one of the most pristine and well-preserved Civil War battlefields. Walk on hiking trails or take the 13.5-kilometer driving tour as an easier way to explore the battlefield. The Union Army's victories over the Confederates at South Mountain and Antietam led President Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that people held as slaves in Confederate states should be freed. Continue your journey to **West Virginia**, the only state born out of the Civil War, and its oldest city, **Shepherdstown**, founded in 1762. Explore nearby **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**, home to 19th-century buildings, a **Civil War museum** and **John Brown's Fort**, a key site in an 1859 abolitionist raid. At **The Point**, where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers meet, take in gorgeous views across the states of West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia.

Accommodation: Shepherdstown, West Virginia

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, TO MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

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Leave **Shepherdstown** and follow the **Washington Heritage Trail** scenic byway to **Berkeley Springs**. In the center of town, **Berkeley Springs State Park** features **George Washington's Bathtub** with a warm water spring bubbling up through a rock tub. As a teenager, the USA's future first president bathed there in the 1700s using scooped-out pools lined with sand and rocks. The stone tub there today replicates those early conditions, and the warm mineral waters are still prized. The springs continue to be a site for spa treatments. Sample the water from two public fountains under the **Gentlemen's Spring House** and at a series of open pools along the west wall of the park. Just west of Berkeley Springs, stop at **Panorama Overlook** for spectacular views of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Nearby is the hamlet of **Great Cacapon**. Here, join **West Virginia Route 9**, one of the most scenic roads in the state, as it winds along and over the Cacapon River for nearly 32 kilometers from Great Cacapon to **Paw Paw**. On the way west, stop about 20 kilometers before reaching **Morgantown**. At **Coopers Rock State Forest**, the views of the Allegheny Mountains are astounding. Tonight, explore the vibrant culinary scene in Morgantown.

Accommodation: Morgantown, West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, TO BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK, WEST VIRGINIA

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Follow the **Old Route 7 Byway** south along **Decker's Creek**. Watch the gentle creek transform into a rapid torrent as it passes through the narrow gorge. Stop at **Arthurdale**, the USA's first **New Deal Community**, founded in 1933 and a favored project of Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the USA's 32nd president. Now a **National Historic District**,

Arthurdale features original homesteads. Continue south and drive **Cheat River Byway** for spectacular views of the rugged **Cheat Canyon**, known for its fabulous whitewater rafting. Stops along the way will include the **Buckhorn Run Waterfall** and the **Tray Run Viaduct**, one of the first iron railroad bridges in the USA. For the next few days, your

home base will be **Blackwater Falls State Park** in the heart of the **Allegheny Mountains**.

*Accommodation: Blackwater Falls State Park,
West Virginia*



*Blackwater Falls State Park,
West Virginia*

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK, WEST VIRGINIA

Go on an adventure today in **Blackwater Falls State Park**, which includes some of the most photographed spots in West Virginia. The park's namesake, **Blackwater Falls**, is an 18-meter waterfall cascading from **Canaan Valley** into **Blackwater Canyon**. Another spectacular sight is Elakala Falls, a short hike from Blackwater Lodge. Must-see places nearby include **Lindy Point** and **Pendleton Point Overlook**. Recreation here also includes mountain biking, boating and fishing in the summer. Winter snow activities include cross-country skiing and sledding. Just five minutes from the park is the quaint mountain town of **Davis**, where visitors can partake in local country fare and brews. Drive to the **Dolly Sods Wilderness** for stunning views from high above the plateau; hike on trails to secret waterfalls.

Accommodation: *Blackwater Falls State Park, West Virginia*

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK, WEST VIRGINIA, TO FAYETTEVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

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Head southwest to **Elkins**, where you will join a short but significant section of the **Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike**. Crucial in the Civil War, the National Scenic Byway is home to key Civil War sites in addition to stunning mountain landscapes and charming historic towns. One of those towns is **Beverly**, unspoiled by modern development. Visit the **Beverly Heritage Center** to learn about the role of the turnpike and the **Battle of Rich Mountain** during the Civil War. Continue south and take a short detour to **Snowshoe Mountain Resort**, which offers excellent skiing and snow activities in winter. The mountain views make it the perfect place for a scenic lunch in summer. Head back down the mountain to drive the **Highland Scenic Highway**, which provides jaw-dropping vistas through **Monongahela National Forest**. Explore **Cranberry Glades Botanical Area** by following boardwalks that provide spectacular views of the nature bogs and the area's wildlife. Another great stop along the highway, **Falls of Hills Creek**, features three waterfalls along a creek lined with rhododendrons, laurel and wildflowers – it's a beautiful spot to take photos. Tonight's destination is **Fayetteville**, near the country's newest national park. **New River Gorge National Park and Preserve** contains lush forests, flowing rivers and cascading waterfalls. Discover its beauty and adventure activities over the next few days.

Accommodation: Fayetteville, West Virginia



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Bridge Walk, West Virginia

FAYETTEVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AND NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenic mountains, breathtaking gorge views and activities at New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. Steeped in history and flush with outdoor recreation, this is a perfect place to take a break from your road trip. Set on over 28,000 hectares along the New River, it's a great place to go whitewater rafting, kayaking, or hiking to spectacular

waterfalls and other scenic places. For a memory you will never forget, take the **Bridge Walk** across the gorge 244 meters above the **New River**. The park is a year-round destination and offers activities every season.

Accommodation: Fayetteville, West Virginia

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FAYETTEVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, TO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

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Admire the spectacular scenery and lookout points driving east along the **Midland Trail** to colonial **Lewisburg**. Known for its historic landmarks, vibrant art community, and an assortment of boutiques and restaurants, this is a great stop for lunch and exploring. A short distance from Lewisburg, stop in **White Sulphur Springs** in the **Allegheny Mountains**. It is famous for its spring waters and home to the famous **Greenbrier Resort**, where you'll sleep tonight. Tour the once-secret Cold War-era bunker beneath the Greenbrier, built to house U.S. Congress members should there be a nuclear war.

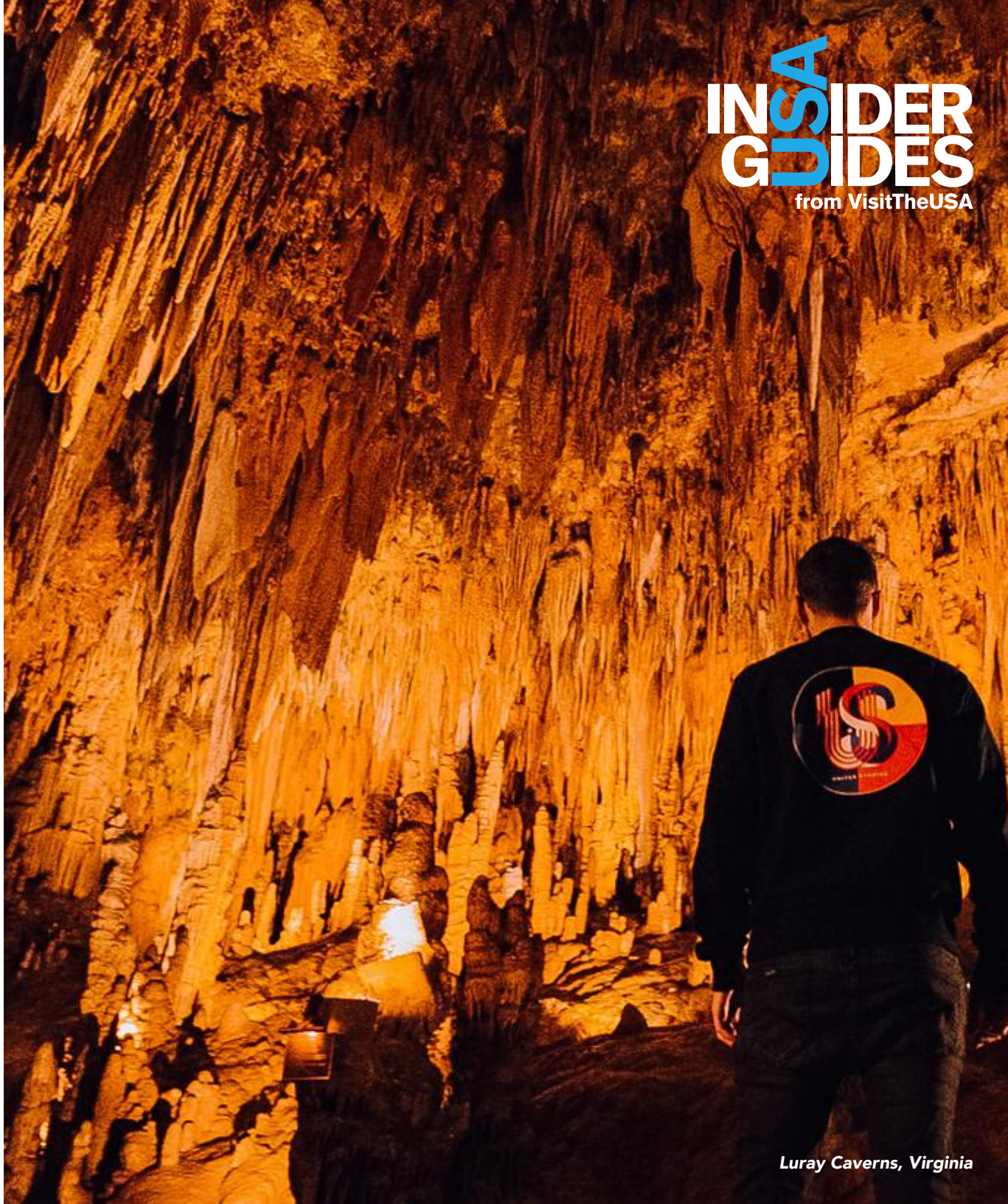
Accommodation: White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA, TO LURAY, VIRGINIA

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Today's drive will take you into **Virginia** via the **Blue Ridge Parkway** east of **Lexington**. Connecting the **Great Smoky Mountains** to **Shenandoah National Park**, the parkway is famous for its breathtaking vistas and close-up views of the **Appalachian Mountains**. The parkway meets **Skyline Drive** just east of **Waynesboro** and traverses through the central part of **Shenandoah National Park**. This unique stretch covers over 160 kilometers at a leisurely speed limit of 56 kilometers an hour. Stretch your legs by hiking in the unforgettable surroundings if time allows. Tonight, you will stay in the Shenandoah Valley in the town of **Luray**, known for the **Luray Caverns**. The underground cave system includes the Great Stalacpipe Organ, named because the lithophone prompts the stalactite mineral formations to make musical sounds.

Accommodation: Luray, Virginia



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Luray Caverns, Virginia

LURAY, VIRGINIA, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Continue north today to complete the **Skyline Drive** through **Shenandoah National Park**. Leave the park at its northernmost point in **Front Royal**. Drive east to **Manassas National Battlefield Park**, the site of two key battles in the Civil War. The first major battle of the Civil War took place here, and it's where Confederate Gen. Thomas J. Jackson received his "Stonewall" nickname. The site features ranger tours, Civil

War reenactments, Stone House battlefield hospital and the **Stonewall Jackson Monument**. As you near **Washington, D.C.**, stop at **Arlington National Cemetery**, home to several historic sites, including the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and the **gravesite of President John F. Kennedy** with its **Eternal Flame**. **Arlington House**, the former residence of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, overlooks the cemetery.

Tonight's destination is **Washington, D.C.**, the nation's capital and home of the **White House**, the official residence of the president of the United States.

Accommodation: Washington, D.C.

***Arlington National Cemetery,
Washington, D.C.***



WASHINGTON, D.C.

Explore this amazing city, which is both the capital of the USA and home to legendary museums, such as the **Smithsonian Institution** and the **National Air and Space Museum**. Its awe-inspiring sites include the **Washington Monument** and the **National Mall**. The city also is the political center of the USA, and you'll want to see the spectacular domed **U.S. Capitol building**. Venture into the city's historic

neighborhoods – lunch along the **Southwest Waterfront** is a favorite for locals and tourists. Take an evening stroll in **Georgetown** along narrow cobbled streets lined with boutiques, art galleries and unique restaurants.

Accommodation: Washington, D.C

WASHINGTON, D.C., TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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From **Washington, D.C.**, drive east to **Annapolis**, the capital of Maryland, found on the **Chesapeake Bay**. Walk through its historic district and take in the water views before crossing the bay into **Delaware**. Head west to Dover, the Delaware state capital, then take the **Delaware Bayshore Byway** north to the quaint waterside town of **New Castle**. A drive along

the coast is simply breathtaking; you'll see preserved coastal marshlands and historic river towns. Be awed by the array of wildlife as you discover natural beaches with great ocean views. At the end of this scenic byway is **New Castle**, the first capital of the first U.S. state. Admire the historic district, which includes town greens, traditional English gardens and

the well-known **Dutch and Amstel houses**. Today, you will return to Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," where your road trip began.

Accommodation: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore, Maryland

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