

Laurel Highlands History

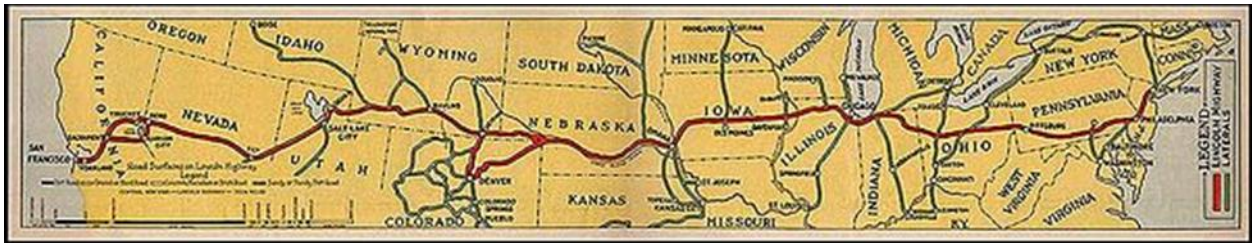
Then and Now

2-Day Westmoreland and Somerset Counties

NOTE: You may add this to the Fayette County 2-day tour for a 4-day tour (additional hotel).

WESTMORELAND COUNTY DAY

Lincoln Highway Heritage Museum: See an award-winning film on the history of this iconic highway that runs from Times Square, NY to Lincoln Park in San Francisco, CA. Interesting exhibits and a restored diner that once sat on Route 30/Lincoln Highway not far from here. Enjoy pie and coffee at the diner!



Ligonier: Lunch on own at a restaurant in this quaint little town.

Compass Inn Museum: Takes you back in time to the early 19th Century to a stagecoach stop along the Pittsburgh/Philadelphia pike. Costumed docents share the history of that time as you visit the Inn, barn, cookhouse and blacksmith shop. A demo of an early American dish includes delicious samples!



Laughlintown Pie Shop: Purchase some of the area's very best baked goods. The cinnamon rolls are made from the same recipe used on Navy ships by the original owner. Each tour member receives an individual apple pie, compliments of the Pie Shop.

Hampton Inn, Somerset: 45 minutes to check in then depart for the short drive to

Coal Miners' Diner: Dinner choices: Stuffed Chicken Breast / Roast Beef / Grilled Salmon. Meals come with side salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll, butter, tea, coffee, water and dessert.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hampton Inn, Somerset: spend night, free breakfast next morning. Check out/depart

SOMERSET COUNTY DAY

Flight 93 National Memorial: Pay your respects at the indoor Visitor Center which offers many moving exhibits, video footage, and memorabilia.



Memorial Plaza and Tower of Voices: Represents the voices of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93 as they came together and fought back the beginning of the War on Terror. Forty windchimes with 40 different tones ring out (based on wind speed, so not always audible).



Patriot Park: a moving memorial to the more than 7000 members of the Armed Forces who have given their lives in the War on Terror. A flag is flying for each hero.

Quecreek Mine Rescue Site: do you remember July 2002 when nine coal miners were trapped 240 feet beneath a farmer's field in a flooding mine? Along with lunch, you hear the miraculous account of the rescue of "all nine alive". See the actual rescue site, the rescue capsule and many artifacts relating to the rescue and mining in general.



Flight 93 Memorial Chapel: at the you see the monument honoring the Crew of Flight 93, given by the United Airlines Flight Attendants Cause Foundation. Inside the chapel are many beautiful tributes to the Heroes of Flight 93, some of which were given by family members.



Brantview Maple Farm: Learn the history of maple sugaring in Somerset County from one of the families who started the production of maple syrup in 1832. Today the great-great-great grandson of the founder operates the camp. An interesting story and delicious samples! Guide says goodbye here.

Early evening depart.