

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 – BREW, COAL & STEAM ADVENTURE  
IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

- 7:15 AM - leave Kohl's, Westminster (Rt. 140 & Market Street)
- 7:45 AM - leave Royal Farms, Littlestown (Rt. 97 – Behind & Away from Store)
- 9:45-11:45 - Guided tour & tasting at **Yuengling Brewery** (Pottsville, PA), America's oldest brewery, spanning over 185 years, which has been continuously family-owned and operated since 1829. Experience nearly 200 years of American brewing history, discover the famous hand-dug caves that were used for beer fermentation before refrigeration, and see the iconic brew house with its breath-taking stained-glass ceiling on this unique tour. (NOTE: Please remember this is a working and actively running brewery. You will encounter a real manufacturing environment. All tour visitors must wear completely closed shoes - no sandals, flip flops, clogs, Crocs, or anything with openings around your foot is acceptable; sneakers are recommended. During the tour, visitors may experience sudden changes in temperature throughout the brewery & may experience elevated noise levels in various departments. Please note the tour is not wheelchair accessible, be prepared to walk stairs. Valid ID is required for anyone participating in the sampling after the tour.)
- 12:00-1:30 - Lunch on own in historic Pottsville (various eateries to choose from)
- 2:15-4:15 - **Coal Mine tour & Steam Train ride** at the **Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine** (Ashland, PA) – Pioneer Tunnel is a horizontal drift mine which runs 1800 feet straight into the side of the Mahanoy Mountain. Make the trip inside the underground anthracite coal mine in comfort, riding in open mine cars pulled by a battery-operated mine motor. Deep inside the mine, you will alight from your car and follow your miner-guide as they explain how coal is mined, will point out the numerous coal seams, and describe various configurations of passageways, some cut from solid rock in order to reach the coal. There are storyboards inside the mine depicting the mining operation.

Then, travel back through time on an old-time narrow-gauge steam locomotive, the *Henry Clay*. Built in the 1920s, the *Henry Clay* takes you on a scenic three-quarter mile ride around the side of Mahanoy Mountain to show you another kind of mining called strip mining. Visit the Mammoth Stripping, an area where an unusually thick seam of anthracite known as the Mammoth Vein outcrops to the surface of the earth. Here, in days gone by, monstrous steam shovels ripped out millions of tons of coal

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from the exposed vein and left a wall of solid rock 150 feet high extending westward as far as the eye can see. Much of the coal was pulled out by the narrow-gauge predecessors of the *Henry Clay* . . . a lot of it on the same trackbed. Learn about the Centralia mine fire as you gaze across the valley to find smoke still rising out of the ground today.

(NOTE: The temperature inside the mine averages 52 degrees, so a sweater or jacket is recommended, along with comfortable shoes.)

6:15 PM - return to Littlestown

6:45 PM - return to Westminster

PRICE PER PERSON: \$110.00

(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, guided tour & tasting, coal mine tour, & train ride)

Full payment is due by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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