

Staycationing in West Virginia

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What is a Staycation?

Staycations are typically defined as a time when individuals or families stay home and participate in leisure or vacation activities within driving distance, but often sleep in their own beds at night. Trips spent away from home for the night are normally still pretty close, but people often choose things that can be done in a day trip to save the cost of lodging. With staycations taking less time than a traditional vacation and being more affordable, it has increased in popularity in recent years. Even though a staycation is close to home, it doesn't mean it's any less fun than a faraway vacation!

Why Staycation?

There are many reasons to take a staycation this year.

- You'll save money.
- It's fun for the whole family.
- It's less stress than a traditional vacation.
- It's an opportunity to enjoy your surroundings.
- You'll discover new places in your area.
- You can support local economies. Staying within West Virginia means you're keeping your money in West Virginia, too.
- There's less to worry about getting everyone packed and ready to go.



Arts and Crafts

West Virginia has a long history of creating unique handmade crafts. Early pioneers had to rely on ingenuity because of the terrain in West Virginia. Local shops, galleries, arts and crafts shows, and fairs and festivals are all places to find one-of-a-kind creations.

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Fairs and Festivals

West Virginians love to celebrate! We celebrate our history, culture, heritage, agriculture, important figures and even our bridges! Many festivals offer something for every member of the family from music to games, food, and entertainment, festivals are a great way to enjoy time with friends and family.

Historical and Educational

West Virginia's past crosses many historical markers in our nation's history. From Native American heritage to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and beyond, we have played a key role in many important times. Museums, events and communities across West Virginia celebrate these historical markers.

National Parks and Forests

The National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service are preserving many areas in West Virginia to protect important ecological, cultural and historical



resources. Some of these places are remote, others are easily accessible and all have something to offer a family looking for a visit close to home.

Oddities in West Virginia

Do you crave seeing or doing something completely different? Set a day or two aside and do a tour of unusual offerings that only West Virginia has to offer. Did you know West Virginia has the World's Largest Teapot located in Chester or an Apple Time Capsule in Martinsburg? There is even a town named Odd!

Outdoor Adventures

If you enjoy being outside, West Virginia has plenty to keep you busy for all seasons. Whitewater rafting, biking, rock climbing, hiking, camping, ATV riding and winter sports are just some of the outdoor activities in West Virginia.

Relaxing Retreats

If you're looking for something relaxing and an opportunity to unwind, West Virginia offers many high quality spas throughout the state.

Sports and Amusement Parks

If your family is into sports, West Virginia has plenty of attractions. From minor league baseball to college and high school sports, supporting a local sports team is a great way to spend time with family and friends. For an amusement park adventure, visit Camden Park for rides, kiddie land and other attractions.

State Parks

State parks in West Virginia conserve the beauty, culture and history of our state. State parks provide free or inexpensive activities and lodging is also often very reasonable, especially if you enjoy camping.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for travel right in West Virginia. Save yourself time and money by visiting some of these locations. Just look around – vacation is closer than you think!

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