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9/30-10/6 BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS & SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

This part of west Virginia is well known for its fall colors, the locals even have a name for the annual visitors. They call them leaf peepers. Although magnificent fall colors abound throughout Virginia, the distinctive Blue Ridge Mountains captures the state's purest natural beauty, particularly along the famed namesake Blue Ridge Parkway. The park extends some 469 miles between Shenandoah National Park and Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee. Visitors are expected to witness a cavalcade of seasonal colors and from multiple vantage points along this road in the fall. Just a few of the favorite viewing areas include James River, Peaks of Otter, the cities of Roanoke and Lexington, and Mabry Mill. As Virginia's only national park, Shenandoah National Park is equally acclaimed for encapsulating views of lush fall colors via the 105-mile long Skyline Drive, with its easy access to the Appalachian Trail and exceptional viewing of the autumnal colors at places like Little Stairs Overlook, Stony Man Overlook and Pinnacles Overlook. While Virginia has only the one National Park, West Virginia has several national forest areas that are great hiking and foliage viewing areas, including Monongahela National, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest and many others. We will be traveling to the area during the early part of the fall season when the colors are

typically more intense and not as muted to browns and golds as tends to happen later in the month. This may also give us a jump on the seasonal weekend crowd of local leaf peepers. We will keep our lodging in the heart of this West Virginia mountain country and travel out to drive and hike in the region each day. With a little luck the avid photographers can come out for a sunrise or sunset trip during our week to catch the trees and the sky in full technicolor. Provided: transit, rental cars, airfare, lodging. Dates 9/30-10/6 Cost \$1,556



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