

Friday, September 25, 2026

- **7:45 AM – Meetup & Information:** Chili's Grill & Bar (4133 Belden Village Mall, Canton, OH).
- **8:00 AM – Wheels Up:** Prompt departure. We will stop at the West Virginia Welcome Center for a quick stretch break.
- **11:30 – Lunch:** Heading south on I-77 to US-60 East for a scenic drive to the **Historic Glen Ferris Inn** for lunch. <https://www.glenferrisinn.com/restaurant>.
- **Afternoon – The Cruise to Virginia:** After lunch, we'll take US-60, US 16 and US 19 to I 64/77 at Beckley WV. Then onto 81 West, and ending the day in historic **Abingdon, Virginia**. <https://visitabingdonvirginia.com/>. There will be a stop at Marathon Gas Station for fuel on US-60.
- **6:30 PM: We will be joining Wilderness Trail Region PCA for dinner at Tennessee Hills Distillery, (90 Tennessee Hills Way, Bristol TN 37620).** Enjoy live music, good food, meeting new PCA members, and a lineup of Porsches to view. Super casual and fun filled evening. <https://tennesseehills.com/pages/food>
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Saturday, September 26, 2026

- **9:00 AM – Morning Briefing:** Meet at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Abingdon, 923 E Main St, Abingdon, VA, 24210. **Leaving at 9:15 to go to Marion.**
- **9:45 AM – Regroup:** A quick stop behind the Citgo station, 1121 N Main St., Marion, VA to line up before getting on the dragon.
- **10:00 AM Depart to the Dragon Back of the Dragon:** We will tackle the legendary 32-mile stretch of Route 16 to the Tazewell Welcome Center.
- **Approximately 11:00 AM – Lunch & Shopping:** Food and beverages at the Welcome Center, with time to browse the official gift shop. <https://backofthedragon.com/the-road/>
- **1:00 PM Departure – "God's Thumbprint":** A scenic 30-minute drive into **Burke's Garden**, Virginia's highest mountain valley. We will spend a few hours exploring the area and making a few unique stops.
- **Mid Afternoon – The Return Run:** Head back out via the Dragon, driving southbound back toward Abingdon. This is a good time to fill up the gas tank for the drive on Sunday.
- **Evening – Dinner:** We can decide to dine together or individually at a local restaurant. Group discussion throughout the day about dining.

Sunday, September 27, 2026. For those interested in driving back together, we are currently finalizing a scenic return route. Since sections of our planned route along the Blue Ridge Parkway are under construction, final details and departure timing will be shared soon.

Lodging Information

Everyone is responsible for booking their own accommodations. Because September is peak autumn touring season, **it is highly recommended that you book your room as soon as possible.**

Suggested Hotels in Abingdon, VA (Right off I-81):

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott** (*Mike & Susan are staying here and have already booked!*)
 - **Comfort Suites Abingdon**
 - **Country Inn & Suites by Radisson**
 - **Hampton Inn Abingdon**
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🔊 Important Details & RSVP

- **Updates:** As the date gets closer, we will be sending out emails with further updates and finalized details.
- **Communication:** Two-way handheld radios are **HIGHLY** recommended to maintain contact, call out road hazards, and coordinate changes throughout the caravan.
- **RSVP Deadline:** Please let us know if you are coming by **September 20, 2026**. RSVP to Susan, 330-714-8873.
- **Questions?** If you have any questions regarding the route, lodging, or radio channels, please text **Mike Hill at 330-714-4235**.

Important Extras to Keep in Mind

Cell Service: Because of the dense mountain terrain and the remote, sheltered basin of Burke's Garden, **cell phone coverage is spotty.**

Rain: Mountain runoff can sometimes wash loose gravel onto the outer edges of the tighter curves, especially near logging pull-offs. If there has been a recent heavy rain, dial back the speed on the blind switchbacks.

