

CULINARY CONCIERGE:
AMERICA'S COOLEST SMALL TOWN

LEWISBURG
HAS TASTE!

24 HOURS

► 9 AM BREAKFAST

We're into starting the day in an indulgent way, so the **Belgian waffles** (with bananas and pecans) at the **Historic General Lewis Inn** are right up our alley. As you linger over your coffee in the low beamed-ceiling dining room, you cannot help but absorb the history of this house, part of which dates to 1834. The walk back in time continues through the lobby where the walls are filled to the gills with antique trade tools—from shoemaking to saddling equipment. Note: A wonderful place to stay, the inn also serves lunch and dinner. We just happen to be partial to breakfast.
generallewisinn.com

► 12 PM LUNCH

Stella's Tea House is the perfect place to treat your mother, daughter, sister, or best gal pal to an al fresco lunch. The carefully curated patio is a lovely oasis to enjoy their signature curried chicken salad (that coconut addition was an excellent decision) using Rainbow Farm's chicken. Three cheers for pastured poultry and those who support it! For more hearty fare, Stella's grilled Reuben hits the spot, and for Sunday brunch, splurge on the **burger, Benedict, or maple cinnamon French toast**. If you see owner Tammy, ask about her mom, Alice Stella, and learn more about why this place truly is a gem.
stellasteahouse.com

► 3 PM ENERGY BOOST

The Bean," as locals affectionately call **The Wild Bean**, is a neighborhood gathering place that attracts absolutely everyone in the community. One reason is their exceptional (and responsibly sourced) coffee. Their creative



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and extensive seasonal specials make multiple visits a delight. Their food is all made on-site, sourcing locally whenever possible. While Elvis might not approve of the healthy(ish) **peanut butter and banana wrap studded with seeds** instead of drenched in butter, we sure did.
thewildbrew.com



► 7PM DINNER

Stardust Cafe is hands down one of the most adorable restaurants around. The wine list is immediately notable at this casual spot where the service and quality of ingredients are indicative of a much fancier operation. We started with the "**Trust Me**" salad, and our loyalty was forever sealed. The **capri marinara with sausage pesto, roasted red peppers, ricotta, and pesto** is so good you forget the "pasta" is **zucchini**. The **Livery Tavern** is another wonderful option for dinner: **pan-roasted duck over walnut purée, trout amandine**, and another superb wine list.
stardustcafewv.com, liverytaavern.com



FARMERS MARKET

► 10PM POST-DINNER DRINK

While Lewisburg is not a late-night town, after hours fun can be had in the form of a margarita at **Del Sol Cantina**. Make it a primo and enjoy on the patio. Then check out the live Celtic music at **The Irish Pub...** with pint in hand of course. It's straight forward fun and you won't meet a stranger and if those two qualities don't say, "authentic Irish," then what does?
delsolcantinagrille.com, irishpubonwashingtonstreet.com

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REST YOUR HEAD: If you have the opportunity to stay at the esteemed **Greenbrier Resort** in nearby **White Sulphur Springs** (about eight miles from downtown Lewisburg), you would be a fool to pass up the chance. The place can aptly be described as off the charts. It's Disney meets old world glamour, and you can fulfill every vacation fancy with their bowling alley, movie theater, candy maker, and casino...and world-class spa, tennis, golf, shopping, opportunities for falconry, and horseback riding outings. As you wander the seemingly endless hallways, the décor transports you back in time; Dorothy Draper's floral window treatments, enormous chandeliers, and vibrantly painted and papered walls frame windows looking onto curtains of flowers. Then the dining options. Good grief. Fancy an ice cream sundae, head to **Draper's**. A smart cocktail, hit **the Lobby Bar**. You will not be wanting for anything in the morning when you see the exemplary breakfast spread in the **Main Dining Room**. Have a wood-fired pizza at **The Forum**, don't miss a side of **award-winning cornbread** to go with your perfectly cooked steak at **Prime 44 West**, and end the night with **champagne, cheese, and charcuterie** at **Café Carleton**. The Greenbrier is a delight for all the senses. *greenbrier.com*