



PEORIA CHARTER
TRAVEL

Rushville State Bank

Presents

Creation Museum & ARK Encounter



July 22 – 25, 2019

4 Days / 3 Nights

Day #1 – Monday, July 22nd:

- 7:45 AM** Depart Rushville from the Schuyler County Fairgrounds headed to Kentucky! We'll make lunch & rest stops along the way as needed. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as you enter the Eastern Time Zone.*
- 5:00 PM** We arrive in Covington at our home for the next 3 nights – the **Holiday Inn Riverfront***. We'll get checked in and have time to freshen up before we set out for our evening dinner cruise.
- 6:15 PM** We board our awaiting coach and depart for Bellevue, Kentucky – home to **Queen City Riverboats**. Upon arrival we'll board the boat and find our seats for an evening **Contemporary Gospel Music Dinner Cruise***. Have you ever heard a song that moved you to the point where you wanted to tell all your friends about it? Well, that's the type of feeling you might get when listening to Gospel music. By its very definition, the term "gospel" means "good news". Tonight you'll hear songs like "Put Your Hand in the Hand", "How Great Thou Art", "I Believe", "You Will Never Walk Alone", "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and many more. **(Cruise is from 7:00 – 9:00 PM)**
- 9:15 PM** We dis-embark the boat and depart for the hotel. Relax and get a good night's sleep!

Day #2 – Tuesday, July 23rd:

- Full Hot Breakfast Buffet*** is served at the hotel before we depart for the Creation Museum.
- 9:00 AM** We travel the short distance to Petersburg, KY, where we'll visit the **Creation Museum for a tour***.

9:30 AM Arriving at the museum, you'll have about 4 hours to explore this magnificent museum. Be prepared to experience history in a completely unprecedented way. The state-of-the-art 65,000 square foot museum brings the pages of the Bible to life, casting its characters and animals in dynamic form and placing them in familiar settings. Adam & Eve live in the Garden of Eden. Children play and dinosaurs roam near Eden's Rivers. The serpent coils cunningly in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. Majestic murals, great masterpieces brimming with pulsating colors and details, provide a backdrop for many of the settings. All shows are included with admission EXCEPT the Planetarium. There are many exhibits to see and learn about. Lunch is on your own today in Noah's Café. *Scooters and wheelchairs are available for rent upon arrival.*



1:45 PM Depart the Creation Museum and head back to Covington.

3:00 PM Next we'll enjoy a **City Tour with a local Guide***. During this tour learn why Cincinnati is known as the "Queen City" and you'll also learn about the Garden of Eden with a 7-mile view, the historic areas and even where many movies were filmed including Rain Man. We'll make a stop at the World Peace Bell. This 66,000 pound bell is the largest of its type in the world. In 1999, it was shipped to New Orleans, then barged up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to its current location, where it was rung for the first time at Midnight on New Year's Eve. We'll also make a stop at the 17-murals which beautifully reflect the history of the area. Our guide will give us the background and history.

5:30 PM We drop our guide here at the hotel and have time to freshen up prior to dinner.

6:30 PM **All Things Kentucky Dinner*** is served here at the hotel this evening in the ballroom. Your taste buds will have your mouth watering as you are served Burgoo, Kentucky Baked Ham, Hot Browns, Country Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Biscuits, Chef's Choice of seasonal cobbler OR chess pie, soft drinks, coffee, tea, iced tea and a "Mint Julep" for everyone (be sure you tell the servers if you need non-alcoholic)

7:30 PM The remainder of the evening is free to relax in your room or walk over to the Main Strasse Village located right next to the hotel. There are lots of shops located here as well as various restaurants.

Day #3 – Wednesday, July 24th:

Full Hot Breakfast Buffet* is served at the hotel before we depart for The ARK Encounter.

8:15 AM Let's board our coach and depart for Williamstown, KY – **home to The ARK Encounter.**

9:00 AM Arriving at the ARK, you'll have 6 hours to enjoy this fantastic museum. The ARK is the largest timber frame structure in the world, built from standing dead timber, in part by skilled Amish craftsmen. The ARK is an architectural and

engineering wonder containing 3 decks of world-class exhibits. Scores of exhibits about the flood, Noah, and the animals are designed to answer your questions about the Biblical account of Noah's Ark. Many of the animals that lived during Noah's lifetime didn't look much like the animals we see today. Be prepared to have your expectations challenged by a host of incredibly lifelike sculpted animals, along with exotic live animals from around the world in Ararat Ridge Zoo. Plus you'll learn how Noah could have cared for all



the animals and how the ARK was big enough to fit them all on board. Be transported back in time to meet Noah and his 7 other family members who lived aboard the ARK and cared for all the animals during the flood. Learn about what happened to Noah, the animals, and the Earth after the flood. **Lunch*** is included today at Emzara's Kitchen (buffet).

3:00 PM It's time to depart for the hotel where upon arrival you'll enjoy a **Manager's Reception*** consisting of light appetizers and 2 adult beverages per guest. (Reception begins at 4:00 PM)

5:00 PM Feel free to visit the Main Strasse Village this evening and enjoy dinner on your own. There are over 40 restaurants located within walking distance of the hotel. Waffle House, Skyline Chili, White Castles, Wendy's, Subway and McDonalds to name a few. You might also want to take the TANK through Covington, Newport and Downtown Cincinnati every 30 minutes. This tram stops at Jack Casino in downtown Cincinnati if you're feeling a little lucky tonight.

Day #4 – Thursday, July 25th:

Full Hot Breakfast Buffet* is served at the hotel before we check out and depart for home.

9:00 AM We board our coach and depart towards home making a break stop along the way.

12:00 PM We make a stop in Casey, Illinois – home to several Guinness World Record constructions – “Big Things in a Small Town”. We've included **Lunch* at Richards Farm Restaurant** and then you'll have time to tour the city on foot. View the world's largest Rocking Chair, Knitting Needle, Crochet Hook, Yardstick, Wooden Token, Mailbox, Pencil and Birdcage plus more items.

3:00 PM It's time to complete our journey home making a break stop along the way.

7:00 PM Approximate arrival time back in Rushville.

Cost Per Person

Members: Single: \$965.00 Double: \$775.00 Triple: \$700.00 Quad: \$665.00
Non Members: Single: \$970.00 Double: \$780.00 Triple: \$705.00 Quad: \$670.00

A deposit of \$100.00 due at signup & final payment due June 3rd

Tour Includes: Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver, Hotel Accommodations, Luggage Handling, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*