



Creation Museum/ARK Encounter

August 13 - 15, 2026

3 Days 2 Nights

Day #1 – Thursday, August 13th:

- 5:00 AM** Depart Peoria Charter Waiting Room, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 5:30 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart (behind Culvers)
- 6:15 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road
Take a break at the McDonalds to use their \$5 McDonalds Gift Cards before picking up at the Urbana pickup point.
- 7:45 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive headed southeast towards our destination – Kentucky! **Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter Indiana and the Eastern Time Zone.** We'll make a lunch stop along the way on your own.
- 2:00 PM** We arrive in Petersburg, KY at the **Creation Museum for a tour***. This 70,000 square foot "Walk Through History" museum is an alternative to the evolutionary natural history museums. See how its interpretation of the Bible – the "history book of the universe" – provides an account of the beginning of all things. You'll take a journey through a visual presentation of the history of the world, based on its 7 C's of History – Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation, where you'll discover an interpretation of how science confirms biblical history.
- 6:00 PM** We depart the museum for the short drive to Dayton, KY to the **Queen City Riverboats for our Private Dinner Cruise***. Have you ever heard a song that moved you to the point where you wanted to tell all of your friends about it? Well, that's the type of feeling you may experience when listening to gospel music. By its very definition, the term "gospel" means 'good news'. **6:30 PM Arrival for boarding.**
- 9:00 PM** Let's depart for the **Hampton Inn Florence***. Luggage will be taken to your rooms and the escort will pass out your room keys.




Day #2 – Friday, August 14th:

Breakfast* is included this morning at the hotel.

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- 8:25 AM** We board our coach and depart for the **ARK Encounter for a tour***. The ARK is a full-sized replica of Noah's ARK and is a massive wooden structure – largest wooden timber structure in the world. The ARK contains three levels of exhibits – “Before the Flood”, “During the Flood” and “After the Flood”. On the second level you can sit on the benches and watch a short 20-minute production of an interview with Noah. On the third level, you will sit on benches to watch another production on why the ARK was built. Also, How Do We Know the Bible is True? Exhibit is on the third level as well. This is a self-paced tour and there are benches available for resting along the way. We have included **Lunch Vouchers*** at Emzara's Kitchen Restaurant for your convenience.
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- 4:00 PM** We meet at The Answers Center where we'll be seated for a 4:00 PM Concert – a Christian Music Festival.
- 6:15 PM** After a fantastic day exploring this amazing attraction, we depart for the hotel where you can relax and enjoy **Dinner***.
- 7:15 PM** **Dinner*** is included this evening at the **Hofbrauhaus**. Here you'll visit the very first Hofbrauhaus in the United States. Everything is just like what you see in Munich, Germany – the sister city of Cincinnati. Enjoy the German ambiance and see why it fits in so well with the atmosphere of the Cincinnati area's German heritage.
- 9:00 PM** Approximate return time to the hotel.

Day #3 – Saturday, August 15th:

- Another **Breakfast*** is served at the hotel before we checkout and begin our journey towards home.
- 9:00 AM** We check out and depart for our **Guided City Driving Tour of Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky***. You'll learn how 19th-Century German immigrants influenced architecture, culture, and life in general – especially beer brewing. You'll get an up-close look at the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge from 1866, the world's first. We'll head across the Ohio River sites to downtown Cincinnati, bordered by the beautiful Smale Riverfront Park, the Cincinnati Reds' Great American Ball Park and the Cincinnati Bengals' Paycor Stadium. We'll see the 150 year old fountain on Fountain Square, historic Lytle Park, home for the 200-year-old Taft Museum of Art. Then it's up through the colorful, redeveloped German neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine including Findlay Market, Ohio's oldest public market. We'll pass Washington Park and the magnificent Cincinnati Music Hall, built in 1878. Depending on time & traffic we might visit Eden Park, verdant Krohn Conservatory and get a spectacular overlook view of the river valley. Eventually, we'll head back to Kentucky for stops in Covington, another town shaped by Germans, and Newport as well. **(9:00 – 11:30 AM)**
- 11:30 AM** It's time to enjoy lunch on your own after dropping off our guide and then we'll continue our journey towards home making necessary rest & meal stops along the

way. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour upon entering Illinois and the Central Time Zone.*

4:00 PM Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.
5:00 PM Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
5:45 PM Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
6:15 PM Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$915.00 Double: \$805.00 Triple: \$750.00 Quad: \$725.00

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

If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate to tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver & \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.

Hotel:

**Hampton Inn & Suites - Florence
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