

The Ark Encounter & More

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Day One, Monday, May 14, 2018 (CB, Lunch, Manager's Reception)

We'll depart early morning stopping for continental breakfast about an hour and a half down the road. Our included, early lunch will be at the well-known Beef House in Covington Indiana, where you'll choose ahead of time between a Fried Pork Tenderloin, Fried or Broiled Shrimp, Beef and Noodles, Baked Chicken or Roast Beef along with two sides, salad bar, famous yeast rolls with strawberry jam, apple butter and soft drink, coffee or tea. After lunch we will lose an hour as our time changes to Eastern Standard Time.

Late this afternoon there's a visit to Weberding Carvings, established in 1942 and quite the unique business. They are involved in a variety of projects which include wood carving, custom made furniture, statue refurbishing, wood patterns, and church furnishings. They have created many pieces of artwork for organizations and celebrities throughout the United States and the World. You will be able to browse through their showroom and see some of the exquisite pieces of art they have created, as well as many pieces, crosses, and so much more for sale.

We then continue on to our hotel for the next three nights, the Holiday Inn Riverfront in Covington, KY. This hotel has recently undergone a multi-million dollar renovation and has all walk-in showers with grab bars, coffee makers, refrigerators and microwaves. Enjoy warm cookies while your luggage is being delivered to your room. It's a full service property with a restaurant, lounge area, and secluded outdoor pool.

Property is located about two blocks from the beautiful and historic MainStrasse Village where you will have some time allotted on our second day or later this evening if you wish. It's an area populated by the Germans in the mid-19th century. Check out the quaint shops, the Goose Girl Fountain and the Carroll Chimes that displays the Pied Piper of Hamelin on the hour.

Guests are welcome to take advantage of the TANK which is a local transit system that runs throughout Covington, Newport and Downtown Cincinnati. Guests have on/off privileges throughout the area for only \$1.00. Elect to stay on the tram and make a circle. Round trip takes 30 min.

A one-hour Manager's Reception will be held for you at the hotel. Enjoy adult beverages and a variety of hot and cold appetizers, compliments of the hotel staff. No formal dinner is included this evening but there are literally 40 restaurants within walking distance if you're still hungry.

Day Two, Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (Breakfast and Dinner Cruise)

Start the morning with a full, hot breakfast buffet in the restaurant area which includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits/gravy or breakfast potatoes, sliced fruit, oatmeal with variety of spices, yogurt, variety of cereal, variety breakfast bars, muffins, Danish etc.

This morning we depart early for the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY for our 5-hour visit. It is a self paced, self guided tour. The museum does require walking but there are areas for sitting and theater performances where you will be able to rest. Your ticket includes admission into the museum, gardens, petting zoo and all shows except the Planetarium which has a separate fee/ticket. The Ziplines and Camel Rides are also an additional fee. Lunch is on your own at Noah's Café where they offer a selection of sandwiches, salads, wraps, and pizza.

The museum is a 70,000 square foot "walk through history". You will 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.

Walk through the Garden of Eden. The Tree of Life stretches out its branches, laden with ripened fruit. Come face-to-face with a sauropod, a dinosaur of incredible dimensions and walk through the Cave of Sorrows and finally, see the sacrificial Lamb on the cross, and the hope of redemption.

In addition to the Stargazer's Planetarium (additional cost and NOT included in ticket price) and the dozens of informative videos throughout the Creation Museum, there are several more shows that you don't want to miss at no extra charge. Other things to see include the Six Days of Creation to view the dawn of history, the Special Effects Theater with shows—The Last Adam and Men in White.

There are also beautiful gardens to stroll through as well as a Petting Zoo featuring a Zorse, and a Zonkey along with other animals including camels, sheep, goats, Wallabys, alpacas and peacocks.

Brand new at the Creation Museum is the Christ, Cross, Consummation exhibit which clearly presents the gospel. It depicts scenes such as the nativity, Jesus walking on water, Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, and the angel rolling back the stone from Jesus' empty tomb.

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, a scaled down replica of the Cathedral Notre Dame in Paris. This recently refurbished architectural beauty features a gothic design with gargoyles and flying buttresses. Among its

82 stained glass windows, is a Rose window, larger than the one at Notre Dame, and the largest stained glass window in the world. It is one of only thirty-one Basilicas in the country, and is considered the most beautiful in the WORLD.

You'll then have an opportunity to explore MainStrasse Village or be taken back to the hotel for some rest and relaxation prior to our two-hour dinner cruise on a private boat just for our group, complete with some contemporary gospel music. You'll be clapping your hands and feet when you hear songs such as "Put Your Hand in the Hand," "How Great Thou Art", "I Believe", "You'll Never Walk Alone", "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and so many more. Our buffet menu will include fried chicken, beef tips with white and wild rice, roasted red skin potatoes, green beans with ham, tossed salad w/assorted dressings, rolls with butter, coffee, iced tea, soft drinks and cheesecake for dessert. A cash bar is also available.

Day Three, Wednesday, May 16, 2018 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Eat a hearty breakfast before we travel to The Ark, our main attraction, in Williamstown, KY where we'll spend all morning and into the early afternoon. The full sized replica of Noah's Ark is a massive wooden structure (the largest wooden timber structure in the world) at 510 feet long and more than 50 feet tall before the "fin" is added. The ARK is climate controlled and offers three floors of exhibits and dioramas. The first floor depicts before the flood, the second level is during the flood and the third level is after the flood.

The Ark has hundreds of different displays--Noah's study, living quarters, exhibits, cages, storage vessels, props, recreations of how Noah and his family may have lived, animals and even an animatronics version of Noah that will answer questions. It offers the same quality as that of Universal Studios and is a one-of-a-kind in the world structure. A petting zoo, amphitheater with shows, and additional educational productions can be found throughout, as well as a vast gift shop. The Ararat Ridge Zoo is located outdoors behind the Ark. See yaks, kangaroos, zebra, alpacas, goats and much more. The West Village offers you the opportunity to watch masters creating a wide variety of products, enjoy entertainment and pick up additional food like flatbread sandwiches. Lunch is on your own either at the West Village or Emzara's Kitchen (The Ark Restaurant) which offers a buffet or pizza.

We then head back to the hotel to meet our local guide and enjoy a 2-1/2 hour city tour of Cincinnati. Learn all about the "Queen City" and the Garden of Eden with a seven mile view, the historic areas and even where many movies have been filmed including "Rain Man". There'll be a stop at the 17 murals reflecting the area's history located on the riverfront, a stop at the World Peace Bell which at 66,000 pounds is the largest of its type in the world, the Roebling Bridge, and the Ohio River.

You will dine this evening at the Taft Ale House, an old historic church (formerly St. Paul's Evangelical Church). It was constructed in 1850 and was once the oldest protestant parish

in the Queen City. Our menu will be a duet of tri-tip steak with a grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, roasted veggies, cornbread and a beverage choice. After dinner we head back to our hotel and to a private banquet room for a make-your-own sundae with famous Grater's Ice Cream and toppings.

While eating your ice cream, enjoy a fun and light-hearted show entitled "Talk to the Animals". This performance will be told in folk stories and songs from around the world. Sing-a-long with favorites like "The Unicorn", "All of God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir", "Down by the Riverside", "Froggie Went a Courtin'", "Everything is Beautiful", and "Gonna Build a Mountain", along with lesser known songs from world cultures. Instruments will include a banjo, guitar, tin whistle and Indian flute.

Day 4, Thursday, May 17, 2018 (Breakfast, Gift card)

After our usual hot breakfast buffet and luggage pick-up, we head toward Middleton, Ohio for a tour of Beau Verre Riordan Studios, the oldest continually operating stained glass studio in the country, established in 1838. Learn the history of beveled, etched, stained and art glass windows, and about the churches and exclusive homes that are the company's clients. Watch as the team either creates or repairs some of this beautiful stained glass. They have an excellent gift shop too.

We'll stop next at Warm Glow Candle Outlet, housed in an 80,000 sq. ft. facility with the capacity of producing up to 15,000 candles per day. Shop in their 11,000 sq. ft store, where you'll find an extensive selection of candles, accessories, home décor, a gourmet foods section, gift baskets for all occasions, greeting cards, bath and body products, a pet section, a year-round Christmas section, floral and garden section, and much more! There is a Garden Store located next door as well. The Stone Hearth Café is housed inside the Outlet and offers sandwiches, subs, soups, salads, pizza and BBQ.

After this lunch stop continue on to Terra Haute, IN for a stop at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Providence. The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, is a congregation of Roman Catholic women (sisters) who minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia. See the grand architecture, and view the breathtaking Blessed Sacrament Chapel and see the canopy over the altar. The work, completed by the Deprato Company in their studios in Pietrasanta, Italy, was carved entirely from one block of flawless white Carrara marble from base to cross, and weighing 8,000 lbs. Take time to visit the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence and the Stations of the Cross and more. There are many indoor and outdoor shrines and grottos as well. You'll have a personalized tour experience with spiritual reflection while taking in all of the sacred spaces. Before departing, enjoy dessert and a beverage. We'll stop at Cracker Barrel in Morton, IL where you'll receive a \$10 gift card for food and/or merchandise. Afterward, continue back to Davenport.

DEPARTURE AND RETURN TIMES:

Monday, May 14.....	Depart Davenport.....	6:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 17.....	Return Davenport.....	9:15 p.m.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON:

Double Occupancy.....	\$ 779.00
Single Occupancy.....	\$ 899.00

NOTE: Tour prices are based on a minimum of 30 reservations to operate.

RESERVATIONS-FINAL PAYMENT:

A booking deposit of \$200 per person will be required to confirm a reservation on this tour. Final payment will be due no later than **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**. Please make checks payable to CLASSIC TRAVELS L.L.C. Sorry, no credit card payments can be accepted on this tour.

CANCELLATION FEES:

If insurance is **NOT** taken or if cancellation occurs due to **non-medical reasons**, the following cancellation fees apply:

Up to April 3, 2018	Full refund less \$25 per person handling fee plus all non-refundable deposits on meals and attractions.
April 4, 2018 and after....	No refund after final payment unless a replacement can be found. Although, there will be a \$25 processing fee per person to switch names.

POSSIBLE FUEL SURCHARGE

Fuel surcharges may be added to the motorcoach price at any time up to final payment according to our contract. The price quoted in this brochure is accurate as of August 1, 2017. An amount possibly up to \$25 per person could be added to the trip. After final payment, no increase will be levied should an increase occur.

INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES:

MOTORCOACH: A Windstar, restroom equipped motorcoach has been chartered.

ACCOMMODATIONS: 3 nights' hotel accommodations based on sharing a room with two double beds or one king bed and a private bath or shower. Luggage portage included.

MEALS: 9 meals-- (1 continental breakfast, Manager's Reception, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner/cruise, 1 dinner. and a \$10 gift card.) 1

BAGGAGE HANDLING: One normal-sized suitcase per person will be transported throughout.

TIPS AND TAXES: All gratuities and local taxes on the hotels plus taxes and gratuities on included meals.

ADMISSIONS: All admissions for included attractions set out in this itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR:

MISCELLANEOUS: Meals not mentioned above, wines, liquors and mineral waters; optional tours or services not specifically mentioned; and driver's gratuity (suggested \$8 per person).

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation insurance is available for this trip in the event of cancellation due to medical reasons, and it can cover pre-existing conditions and be paid by credit card. Let us know if you wish insurance information sent to you so you can call them directly. Insurance should be taken soon after your initial deposit is made to Classic Travels. See specific payment timing deadlines in the insurance instructions information.

The cost is \$71 per person, for double or single occupancy. If you have a pre-existing condition, you can still purchase insurance. The price is \$92 per person, for double or single occupancy for this coverage. The insurance amount paid is non-refundable.

No invoice will be sent for final payment. Your final itinerary, emergency contact telephone numbers, and other vital information will be mailed to you on or about Friday, April 27, 2018.

**Classic Travels, L.L.C.
RESERVATION COUPON**

(Please use a separate form if not living at the same address)

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Return to: Jill Kirkpatrick, Classic Travels, L.L.C
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Please reserve accommodations for ___ person(s) on the above tour. My deposit of \$200.00 per person is enclosed. Final payment is due no later than **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**. Make your check payable to CLASSIC TRAVELS, L.L.C. Sorry, no payments by credit card can be accepted for this tour. This trip requires a minimum of 30 reservations to operate.

Accommodations desired: _____ Double (\$779.00) _____ Single (\$899.00)

Number of Beds requested for hotels: _____ One _____ Two

Smoking room (request only): _____ Yes _____ No Note most hotels are now smoke free.

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Bus. or Cell) _____

Roommate: _____ email address: _____

If insurance is taken, it must be paid within a certain number of days of your initial deposit. Give us a call and we'll send you insurance information and instructions on how to secure it.

Check one: Yes, I/we will take insurance on this trip.

No, I/we will not take insurance on this trip.

You agree that Classic Travels, L.L.C., its affiliated entities and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, and agents (collectively "Classic") assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss which may be occasioned by (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized act or omission of any travel agent or agency, other goods or services provider or other third party, (2) any defect in or failure of any equipment, instrument or means of transportation owned, operated or otherwise used by any third party, (3) sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, late arrivals or departures, change of schedule or other related conditions.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE

Thank you for showing an interest in the Travel Protection Insurance available through NTA-National Tourism Association. This protects guests with (and without) pre-existing conditions and is valid for cancellation and trip interruption. The Travel Protection Insurance is a product of AON Affinity / Berkely Insurance Agency, which is solely responsible for its administration.

We strongly recommend Travel Protection.

Travel Protection Plans

For more information or to sign up, go to <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com>

Price for insurance is based upon the **entire** trip price. There are two (2) different Travel Protection Plan rates to choose from, depending on your needs:

Basic Coverage Plan - It suggested that the Basic Coverage Plan be purchased within 10 business days of your initial deposit on the trip.

Enhanced Coverage Plan – If you would like to obtain the Enhanced Coverage Plan for a pre-existing condition, you must do so within 14 business days of your initial deposit on the trip. The Enhanced Coverage Plan covers injury, sickness, or other condition affecting the traveler (a traveling companion or an immediate family member booked to travel) in the last 60 days. **Any injury, sickness, or other condition dormant over 60 days does not constitute as a Pre-existing condition under these claims.**

Claims

- If a person needs to file a claim, they should visit the following website to fill out a general request form <http://www.travelclaim.com/> or they will need to call the phone number **(1-800-388-1470)**. The Insurance Company will then forward paperwork to the client regarding the claim. All money spent on the trip will be returned **EXCEPT** for cost of the Travel Protection Plan.
- While on the trip, if a person incurs necessary Medical Expenses, they are covered by this Insurance policy (even if their own Health Insurance will not cover the costs). A claim will need to be filed with AON Affinity / Berkely Insurance Agency.
- All claims are to be sent to AON Affinity- NTA Travel Protection

Cancellations

- If tour is cancelled by the tour operator (Classic Travels LLC) or group representative, guests will receive back the full amount of money spent on the Travel Protection Plan.

To better serve you, AON Affinity NTA Travel Insurance will be taking orders for your travel insurance needs. If you would like to sign up for this, please [call 1-800-388-1470 to speak with a representative, who will guide you through the process and answer any of your questions.](tel:1-800-388-1470) OR, if you wish, you can sign up using your credit card online: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com>

Your “**location number**” (see below) identifies the membership of NTA of your tour provider. After you sign up, you will receive a confirmation letter/ID number via email or regular mail if you prefer.

TO FILE A CLAIM: Please call 1-800-388-1470 AON Affinity NTA Insurance. Your reference number is on your Confirmation of Coverage letter.

Here’s what is needed to sign up for Travel Protection Insurance:

*Give this as your - **Location #356111***

Your Name: _____

Name of Roommate(s): _____

Full price of your trip: \$_____per person Double Occupancy____ Single Occupancy____

Plan chosen cost: Basic \$_____ **OR** Enhanced \$_____

Your mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Destination of Trip: Covington, Kentucky

Departure Date: 05/14/18 Return Date: 05/17/18 (Example: month/day/year 01/02/2018)

Your email address, if any: _____

Type of Credit Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Charge Amount \$ _____

Credit Card Account #: _____

Name as appears on the credit card: _____