

Itinerary for Trip to The Ark / Creation Museum Sept. 5-7, 2024

Dear everyone, (Sorry about the form letter).

We are so excited about the upcoming bus trip to see the Ark / Creation Museum Thursday, September 5 - returning late Saturday, September 7, 2024. We will be leaving approximately 7:05 A.M. Moline, and 8:30 A.M. Galesburg. You may leave your car in the church parking lot at no charge. Please lock it, though.

We have reserved a Burlington Trailways chartered bus with a bathroom on board. Tipping our bus driver is appreciated. Normal tipping for the whole time would be \$10 per person.

What is included in your paid fees?

* The chartered bus and driver will drive us to and from Kentucky, to the hotel, to the sites, and to the restaurant location. We pay for his hotel fees for 2 nights. He will remain available at the Ark / Creation Museum, for emergency purposes only.

* 2 nights stay at the Quality Inn hotel, including free breakfast. Our reduced cost is \$60.00 per person per night.

*Tickets to both the Ark and The Creation Museum

*Tickets for the buffet lunches at each location.

*** Dinner is NOT included in your prepaid fees ***

I will have snacks available (like popcorn, pretzels, nuts, crackers and cheese, etc. for the evenings' free time gatherings

The tentative itinerary is:

Thursday, September 5, Travel from Moline 1525 48 Street Place, Moline, to Galesburg, IL 405 N Pleasant Avenue, approximately 7:05 A.M.

Leave Galesburg approximately 8:30 A.M.

Travel to Indianapolis, IN for a scheduled lunch stop. You may bring a sack lunch and drink or go to Seak N Shake, McDonalds, or Pizza Hut on your own.

*** Travel to Covington, KY. Our travel agent organized a possible stop at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, if it is available (donation / tip is appreciated)

Arrive at our hotel by supper time.

Get settled in your room... Room assignments will be furnished later)

Dinner (on your own) Bus will drop off and return. approximately 1 hour to eat.

Dinner locations available i.e. Cracker Barrel, IHOP, other sandwich shops

Free time in the evening. (Bring cards, or games to play)

Friday, September 6, 2024

Travel to The Ark, (departure time to be announced. It opens at 9:00 A.M.)

Enjoy the day there. Go at your own speed. Stop when you like, and we will meet up for lunch. Our travel agent said, the normal amount of time spent there is up to 6 hours plus lunch.

The Ark is air conditioned, with many places to rest along the way including theaters to enter, and watch videos pertaining to the Ark. Zoo is also available to walk through.

Lunch at the buffet there at the Ark. The buffet location is just outside the Ark.

(time to be announced)

Leave The Ark (time to be announced around 4 P.M.)

Dinner (on your own) Bus will drop off and return. approximately 1 hour to eat.

Dinner locations available i.e. Cracker Barrel, IHOP, other sandwich shops

Evening Free time meet in the lobby. Snacks available Bring cards or games to play

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Morning... Load up the bus with your belongings.

We will not return to the hotel before we depart for home.

Depart for the Creation Museum (time to be announced- opens at 9 A.M.)

Enjoy the Creation Museum Go at your own speed, stop when and where you like, and we will meet up for lunch.

Meet at the buffet (time to be announced that morning)

Leave the Creation Museum

Head home.

Stop in Crawford, IN for dinner? (We gain an hour coming home)

Arrive at the Galesburg Congregation drop off site around 8 p.m.

Arrive at the Moline Congregation drop off site.

Hopefully, we will arrive back at the Moline church no later than 9:00 p.m.

MORE TENTATIVE INFORMATION:

Doughnuts and coffee will be on hand, at both locations, (when we get to Galesburg), if you would like a light breakfast.

Please bring a sack lunch and (non-alcoholic) drinks with you for lunch.

Snacks and drinks are O.K. to take on the bus. Just keep your area clean, please.

Other options available to you for lunch in Indianapolis:

Pizza Hut, Steak N Shake, McDonalds, at your own cost.

Along with your luggage, you may bring a walker, scooter, if needed. It can be put in the storage compartment under the bus. I will bring a cooler for the sandwiches.