

# Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

## June 14-19, 2020



### Included

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 5 nights accommodations
- 9\* Meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 dinners, \*2 hot snack
- Judge Davis Mansion
- Creation Museum
- Ark Encounter
- Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
- Dinner Cruise
- Lincoln Boyhood Home, Museum and Tomb
- Dana Thomas Home
- Illinois Old State Capital
- Luggage handling

## Tour Director: Cindy Peterson

### Sunday, June 14

### Country Inn & Suites, Bloomington, IL

Today we arrive in Bloomington, Illinois where we will tour the Judge Davis mansion and then check in to our hotel for the evening. Dinner will be on our own tonight.

### Monday, June 15 (B,D)

### Holiday Inn Riverfront, Covington, KY (2 nights)

After breakfast, we will depart for the world-class Creation Museum where the history of the Bible comes to life. On our walk through biblical history, we'll encounter a realistic Garden of Eden, animatronic Noah, flood dioramas, stunning video displays, and much more! Later today we will enjoy a punch & cookies reception as we check into our hotel. This evening at the hotel we will enjoy an "Old Kentucky Home" buffet!

### Tuesday, June 16 (B,D)

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will head for the Ark Encounter where we will explore the life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark. Built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, the Ark Encounter is a jaw-dropping structure! How did Noah fit and care for so many animals on board? What happened to Noah, the animals and the earth after the flood? Explore the answers to these questions and more. Following our Ark visit, we will tour the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, one of 85 minor basilicas in the United States. With its gothic architecture, 32 gargoyles reach out from the ornate upper colonnade, and 26 chimeras stand watchful guard against evil spirits. Our day will conclude with a relaxing dimmer cruise on the mighty Ohio River.

### Wednesday, June 17 (B)

### Hampton Inn Southwest, Springfield, IL (2 nights)

After breakfast this morning we will depart Kentucky and head for Springfield, Illinois where we will tour the Old State Capitol. Built in 1837, it is the site of candidacy announcements by Lincoln in 1858 and Barack Obama in 2007. Later we will visit the Lincoln Tomb, the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, his wife Mary, and three of their four sons: Edward, William, and Thomas. Dinner tonight will be on your own, either enjoying the complimentary snack and beverage service at the hotel or at a restaurant within walking distance.

### Thursday, June 18 (B)

Following breakfast we will tour the Dana Thomas house, Frank Lloyd Wright's first "blank check" commission, built in 1902 and showcases 35 rooms in the 12,000 square feet of living space with 16 varying levels. This afternoon we will find ourselves mesmerized within the walls of the Lincoln museum, considered to be the first major Experience Museum and combining priceless historical artifacts with innovative, contemporary storytelling technologies. Visitors are offered an engaging, emotional and educational experience through immersive, "you-are-there" exhibits. Dinner tonight will again be on your own at the hotel with their complimentary snacks and beverage service or you may walk to a nearby restaurant.

### Friday, June 19 (B)

Following breakfast, we will make our way back home and reflect on the great time we had experiencing new adventures and making new friends!



