

# Trinity Baptist Church Presents The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum 5 Days/4 Nights Monday - Friday May 24-28, 2021

**DEPARTURE:** The bus will arrive at 8:00 AM

Trinity Baptist Church 800 Hammond Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32221

We will load and be <u>departing at 8:30 AM.</u> We should return to Jacksonville by 5:00 – 6:00 PM Friday. The Hammond Boulevard I-10 Exit 355 is 1 exit West of I-295. From I-10 Exit 355 (Hammond Boulevard) go South and turn Right into the first driveway, which is the North Entrance to Trinity Baptist Church. When you enter the North entrance, go to the first parking lot on the left.

#### **FOR YOUR SAFETY**

The primary concern is always the safety and happiness of the group.

- 1) Kindly remain in your seats while the coach is moving.
- 2) We will be stopping every couple hours to give the group an opportunity to use a public restroom.
- 3) Your motor coach is equipped with a restroom, but in the interest of safety, please use it only in emergency. This is to minimize situations whereby individuals are walking in the aisle while the bus is moving.

### **FOR YOUR COMFORT**

- 1) Please use headphones or earbuds if you wish to listen to music, games or videos on your phones or devices. You may get a blessing from watching a video on your phone, however, one aisle over it is just noise.
- 2) PLEASE!!! No perfumes or colognes on the bus. We have allergies, preferences, etc.
- 3) The temperature on the bus and in restaurants will tend to be cooler rather than warmer in most places.
- 4) Bottled water and light snacks will be provided on the bus.

COVID-19 Guidelines: You will be traveling in 6 states with various mask guidelines. Where masks are required, please be prepared to comply. Masks will not be required on the bus. Some venues will require temperature checks. Should anyone on the bus have a temperature of 100 or higher, the entire bus will be denied admittance. If you are sick or have symptoms, PLEASE be considerate of the other people on the bus.

**WEATHER:** Average temperature for our travel dates will be in the 70's for a high with lows around 60. As time gets closer, you can get a Cincinnati 15-Day forecast from your weather channel app or website. Pack accordingly but be prepared for flexibility.

**DRESS:** Casual and comfortable, including dinner. You generally will not be returning to your room before dinner.

**NAME TAGS:** Please wear your name tags. It is your admission ticket, and it is your meal ticket where meals are included. Name tags also help with getting to know others in the group.

LUGGAGE TAGS: Enclosed are ID bands to be put on ALL luggage and personal items. You will delay the loading process if your luggage is not tagged. The colored bands help identify luggage and personal items as belonging with our group. (On one occasion, after all luggage had been unloaded and everyone had gone to their rooms, there was a CPAP machine left sitting in the parking lot with no name on it.) Please note that the telephone number on the colored ID bands is my cell number, should you need me.

MEALS: All breakfasts are included at the hotels. All dinners are included. Lunches are on your own. Our lunches will generally be together at one location at your own expense.

## SUGGESTED GRATUITIES FOR THE BUS DRIVER

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\$3.00 - \$4.00 per person per day. It's been a long pause for the travel industry. The gratuity will be collected on the last day. Pre-paid meals already have gratuities included in what you have paid.

# **ITINERARY**

(Itinerary is always subject to change due to weather or other circumstances)

Monday, May 24, 202	Times are Approximate
Depart for Asheville, NC	8:30 AM
Enjoy Lunch on your own and rest stops as needed	
Arrive at Texas Roadhouse 230 Hendersonville Road Asheville, NC 28803 (828) 274-4311 Enjoy a pre-paid Dinner from the "Early Dine" menu.	5:00 PM
Depart for your Hotel.	6:30 PM
Arrive at the Holiday Inn Express 119 Sharon Drive Dandridge, TN 37725 (865) 397-1910	8:00 PM

## Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your Hotel Available for pick-up & carryout 7:30 AM

Depart for the Newport Aquarium 8:30 AM

Enjoy Lunch on your own and rest stops as needed

Arrive at Newport Aquarium 3:00 PM

One Aguarium Way Newport, KY 41071 (800) 406-3474

Enjoy a self-guided tour. Explore the Aquarium's exhibits including the Frog Bog,

Gator Alley and Shark Central.

Enjoy free time on the Ohio Riverfront and Newport on the Levee. Enjoy a pre-paid dinner on your own schedule at Tom-N-Chee on the Levee

Depart for your Hotel. 6:30 PM

Arrive at Hampton Inn & Suites 7:00 PM

10 Hampton Lane Wilder, KY 41076(859) 441-3049

# Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Continental Breakfast available at 6:00 AM

Depart for the Ark Encounter 8:30 AM

Arrive at the Ark Encounter 9:00 AM

1 Ark Encounter Dr. Williamstown, KY 41097 (855) 284-3275

Enjoy your day at the Ark Encounter with three levels of world-class exhibits. Experience the full-sized, 510-foot long, replica of Noah's Ark. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Ark's exhibits, including realistic animals, Noah's living quarters and post-flood life. Visit the Ararat Zoo's exotic residents, including yaks, kangaroos and ostriches. Enjoy Lunch on your own at Emzara's Kitchen, located just outside of the Ark's entrance. You will be able to re-enter the Ark with your admission ticket.

Depart for Dinner. 4:00 PM

Arrive at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen 4:45 PM

6935 Houston Rd. Florence, KY 41042 (859) 746-2966

Enjoy a pre-paid Dinner.

Depart for your hotel 6:30 PM

Arrive at your hotel 7:00 PM

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## **Thursday, May 27, 2021**

Continental Breakfast available at 6:00 AM

Depart for the Creation Museum 8:30 AM

Arrive at the Creation Museum 9:00 AM

2800 Bullittsburg Church Road Petersburg, KY 41048 (800) 721-2298

Enjoy your day at the Creation Museum, home to over 140 Biblical exhibits. Walk through Biblical history as you examine the Garden of Eden, encounter an animatronic Noah and explore flood dioramas. Learn about the history of the Bible and the origination of the texts. Visit Dr. Crawley's Insectorium and learn about exotic butterflies and insects. Meet Ebenezer, the museum's full-size Allosaurus. Visit Dragon Hall Bookstore and Stargazer's Planetarium (additional fees apply). Enjoy Lunch on your own at Noah's Café. Stroll through the botanical gardens or soar across the lake on the zip line.

Depart for the Holiday Inn Express Dandridge, TN 2:00 PM

Arrive at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store 5:00 PM

84 Adams Road Corbin, KY 40701 (606) 523-0522

Depart for your hotel 6:30 PM

Arrive at the Holiday Inn Express 8:15 PM

119 Sharon Drive Dandridge, TN 37725 (865) 397-1910

Friday, May 28, 2021

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your Hotel Available for pick-up & carryout 7:15 AM

Depart for Home 8:00 AM

Enjoy Lunch on your own with rest stops as needed en route.

Arrive at Trinity Baptist Church 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have additional questions.

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