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AMISH COUNTRY & THE ARK ENCOUNTER

September 14-19, 2026

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- John Deere Pavilion
- Horse-Drawn Buggy Tour
- Performance at Blue Gate Theatre
- Shipshewana Flea Market
- BB Riverboats Dinner Cruise
- Ark Encounter
- Guided Tours of Historic Churches
- "Saints and Sinners" Themed Dinner
- Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery



Ark Encounter

A \$250 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
JULY 1, 2026

TOUR PRICING

**\$1,949 per person, double occupancy
with insurance: \$2,137**

**\$2,385 per person, single occupancy
with insurance: \$2,573**



John Deere Pavilion

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 MOLINE, IL (D)

Journey into a world where tradition and innovation come together on this inspiring tour through Indiana's Amish Country and Kentucky's Ark Encounter. We'll arrive in **Moline, Illinois**, where the **John Deere Pavilion** brings the story of American agriculture to life. Step inside this impressive interactive museum to explore the evolution of farming through eye-catching displays, towering green and yellow machines, and hands-on exhibits that celebrate innovation and the enduring legacy of John Deere. From the early days of plowing the heartland to the cutting-edge technology shaping the future of farming, this experience is both educational and inspiring. End the day with a delicious welcome dinner, setting the tone for an adventure filled with wonder, warmth, and discovery.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 SHIPSHEWANA, IN (B, D)

After breakfast, we'll make our way to **Shipshewana, Indiana**, a community known for its quiet charm and enduring Amish traditions. After a relaxing drive with lunch and comfort stops, we'll arrive and step into the heart of Amish Country for a **guided horse-drawn buggy tour**. As we travel through the peaceful countryside, our guide will share fascinating stories about Amish history, faith, and daily life, offering a genuine glimpse into this unique culture. We'll then check in at the **Blue Gate Garden Inn**, where inviting accommodations and friendly hospitality create the perfect place to unwind. This evening, enjoy a comforting home-style dinner at the **Blue Gate Restaurant**, complete with hearty Amish favorites and freshly baked pies. The night concludes at the **Blue Gate Theatre** with *Love Comes Softly*, a moving story of faith and family beautifully brought to life on stage.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 COVINGTON, KY (B, D)

This morning, explore the renowned **Shipshewana Flea Market**, a lively open-air marketplace in the heart of Indiana's Amish Country. Spanning nearly 40 acres, this shopper's haven features hundreds of vendors offering a diverse range of products, including handcrafted Amish quilts, vintage treasures, home décor, plants, tools, clothing, and fresh local produce. Enjoy time to browse, shop, and grab lunch at your leisure before we continue our journey south to **Covington, Kentucky**. This evening, step aboard the **BB Riverboats for a dinner cruise** that showcases the best of Cincinnati from the water. Enjoy a freshly prepared meal as you glide along the Ohio River, surrounded by the shimmering lights of the city skyline and the historic bridges that link Kentucky and Ohio. The atmosphere is relaxed yet elegant—perfect for unwinding after a day of exploration.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Night - Moline, IL - Hyatt Place East Moline / Quad Cities
- 1 Night - Shipshewana, IN - Blue Gate Garden Inn & Conference Center
- 2 Nights - Covington, KY - Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cincinnati Riverfront by IHG
- 1 Night - Peoria, IL - Holiday Inn & Suites East Peoria by IHG



Horse-Drawn Buggy Tour



Blue Gate Restaurant



BB Riverboats Cruise

DAY 4 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 COVINGTON, KY (B, L, D)

Today promises to be one of the most memorable days of the trip as we explore the awe-inspiring **Ark Encounter**. Step aboard the full-size replica of Noah's Ark—built to biblical dimensions—and experience the story brought vividly to life through remarkable craftsmanship and immersive exhibits. As we wander its decks, learn about life aboard the Ark, the incredible variety of animals it carried, and the enduring message of faith and perseverance it represents. A lunch voucher is included for Emzara's Kitchen, a nearby restaurant offering a delicious buffet and beautiful views of the Ark—perfect for a relaxing midday break. Later, we'll return to Covington to discover the area's rich spiritual heritage with a **guided tour of its most historic churches**. Marvel at the Greek Revival architecture and stained glass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, admire the Romanesque beauty of Philippus United Church of Christ, and end at the magnificent Mother of God Roman Catholic Church, where a private organ performance provides a moving finale to the tour. This evening, enjoy a lively **"Saints and Sinners" themed dinner** that celebrates Cincinnati's fascinating past. Through captivating stories, creative décor, and local flavors, we'll hear tales of the city's most virtuous visionaries—and its most mischievous characters—for a dining experience that's equal parts entertaining, flavorful, and unforgettable.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 PEORIA, IL (B, D)

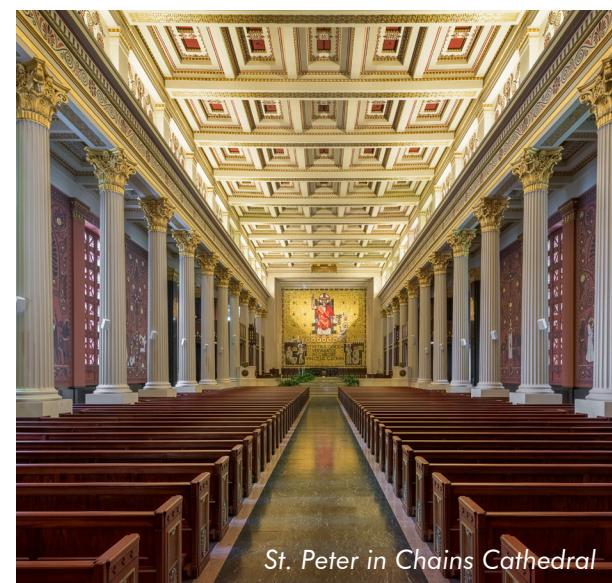
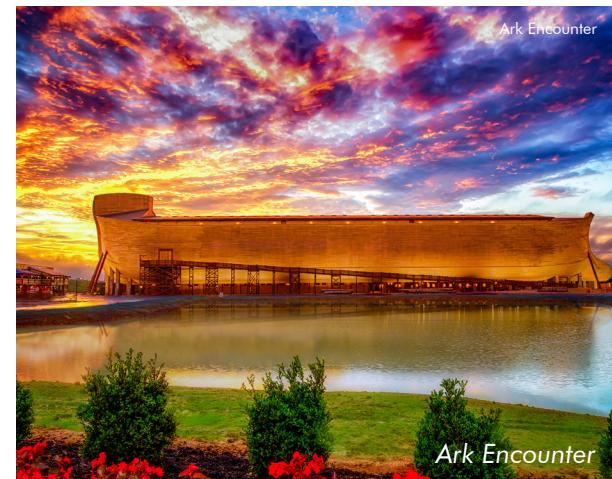
This morning, we will say goodbye to Cincinnati and begin our journey home, making sure to enjoy one last memorable stop along the way. Our destination is Champaign, Illinois, where we will visit **Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery**—a place that beautifully combines sustainable farming with artisan craftsmanship. During our guided tour, we will have the opportunity to meet the playful goats, stroll through the scenic pastures, and observe the entire process of making their award-winning cheeses from start to finish. This experience provides an authentic glimpse into Midwestern farm life and showcases the dedication involved in creating truly local, handcrafted food. After our visit, we will continue to **Peoria, Illinois**, where we will check in for the night and gather for a wonderful farewell dinner.

DAY 6 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 HOME (B)

After breakfast, we'll complete our journey home.

INCLUSIONS

- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 5 Nights' Accommodations
- 11 Meals (5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels When Available
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services



WHERE TO?



Activity Level: Moderate

Balanced blend of activity and relaxation with walks or stands of 60-90 minutes, occasional stairs, and daily walks of two to three miles.

For further information or questions, please contact:

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