

TAKE YOUR GROUP TO THE CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK ENCOUNTER

Several Community Groups and many Hopevalers have visited the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. They highly recommend it! Here are info and tips for planning a trip for your group.

INFO

What

The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter were established by Answers in Genesis (AIG), an evangelical Christian organization founded by Ken Ham. They are *large* (the Ark was built to biblical scale), interactive, intriguing, and fun. You may not agree with all AIG's conclusion, but you'll learn a lot, grow in your confidence in the Bible, be challenged to think, and have a lot to talk about with your group!

Where

Both sites are located in northern Kentucky, just south and west of Cincinnati, Ohio, 6-7 hours' drive from us. The Museum and the Ark lie 45 minutes' drive from each other; they're not on the same grounds. You'll find several motels close to the site, the closest being a Quality Inn ½ mile from the Museum (which got mixed reviews from Hopevalers who stayed there). You can buy food (and resources and souvenirs) at both sites.

How much time

Hopevalers recommend that, **at a minimum**, you plan a half day each for the Museum and the Ark. Many suggest that you take a full day at the Museum and a half day at the Ark. If you have the time, plan a full day for both. If you take children, you may need to slow down a little and vary the experience. Figure your driving/riding time at 7 hours each way. See tips below.

What's the cost?

You can purchase separate tickets for each site in 1- or 2-day increments (\$40 or \$75 for adults in March 2018), or you can purchase an Ark-Museum Combo ticket (\$60). Unlimited 7-Day Combo passes (\$99) and Annual passes (\$175) are also available. No group rates available. The sites do sell Senior and Child tickets as well for up to 40% less than adult ticket prices. Bottom line: The Museum and Ark are much closer and much less expensive than Disney or Universal - and you still get to see dinosaurs!

Add transportation, food, and lodging cost to your ticket price and you have the makings of a great trip.

Contact info

You can get more details and purchase tickets through the Museum and Ark websites, which are <https://creationmuseum.org/> and <https://arkencounter.com/>, respectively.

TIPS

- Don't try to do it too quickly! Here's an example trip schedule:

Thursday noon	Leave Hopevale Shattuck parking lot (dinner on the way)
Thursday 8:00pm	Arrive at motel
Friday 9:00am-4:00pm	Visit Creation Museum (lunch at Museum)
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm	Visit Ark Encounter (lunch at Ark)
Saturday 9:00pm	Arrive at Hopevale Shattuck (dinner on the way)

- Both the Museum and the Ark open at 12:00pm on Sundays.
- Make it more family friendly by going outside as well as inside at the Creation Museum.
- To make it a group or family vacation, consider staying at Potter's Ranch, which lies between the two sites. See pottersranch.org for more details.
- To travel more comfortably - and all together - consider a charter bus. We use Blue Lake Charters - bluelakes.com

Be sure to send us some pictures!