

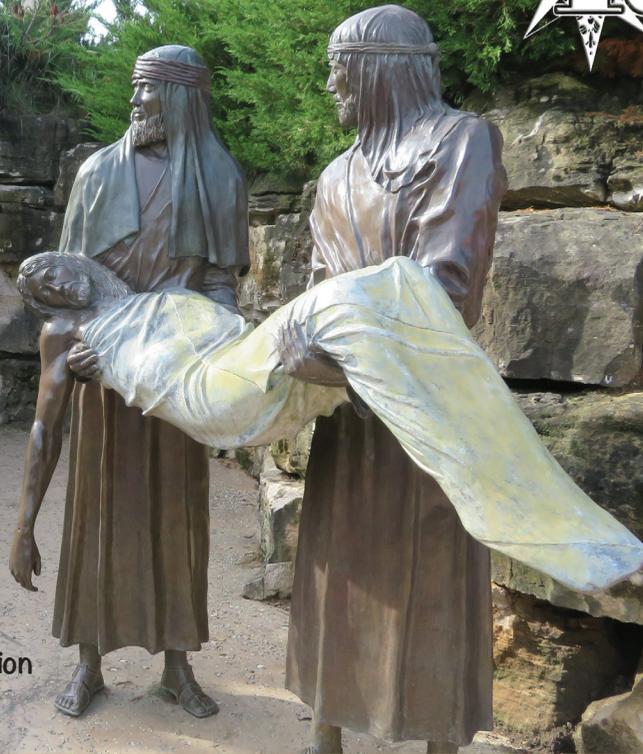
The Gospel Road



Travel the Gospel Road...

"The Gospel Road tour brings many sights to remind us of Jesus Christ and how He has blessed us. Many beautiful sights and reminders of Jesus' life and what He did for us."

Lyle & Vonnie, Plymouth
(Gospel Road 2019)



The Shrine of Christ's Passion

September 25 - October 5, 2020 (11 days)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dinner Concert with The Kramers**
- Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River with Gospel Music**
- The Creation Museum**
- The Ark Encounter - Life Sized Noah's Ark**
- National Quartet Convention**
- Titanic Museum**
- Samaritan's Purse World Headquarters (2 locations)**
- The Shrine of Christ's Passion**
- Billy Graham Library & Homestead in Charlotte, NC**
- Ohio Star Theatre production**



Graham Family Homestead - home to Billy Graham from age 9 until he left for college



Fascinating tour of Samaritan's Purse World Headquarters

Day 1 - Home to Peoria, IL

As we begin our Gospel Road adventure, the journey will take us across the Iowa landscape and into Illinois to Peoria, IL. After we settle into the Stoney Creek Hotel, we are privileged to an incredible private gospel concert by The Kramer Family. Their specialty is many of the old hymns we all adore. The family performs at over 200 events a year and have shared the concert platform at the Gaither Fall Festival and the National Quartet Convention. Rachel Kramer has one of the most dynamic voices you've ever heard and was honored to sing at the National Prayer Breakfast personally invited by President George W. Bush and First Lady, Laura Bush. What a special treat!!

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Stoney Creek Hotel

Day 2 - Peoria to Covington, KY

Our journey continues "Down the Gospel Road" winding our way to Covington, KY. This evening we have arranged a private dinner cruise with Gospel music. Enjoy the beautiful views along the Ohio River as we are entertained with songs like "Put your Hand in the Hand," "How Great Thou Art", "I Believe", "Go Tell it on the Mountain", "Oh Happy Day" and so many more. It will be an evening that will be sure to get your hands clapping and feet tapping!!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn

Day 3 - Covington to Dry Ridge, KY

Following breakfast we will welcome a step on guide for a city tour of Cincinnati and Newport. Enjoy the sights of the "Queen City" and learn about the Garden of Eden with a seven mile view, the historic areas and even where many movies have been filmed including Rain Man. Then we are back on the road again, making our way to the famous Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. Prepare to believe! This incredible 70,000 sq ft facility brings the pages of the Bible to life. You will be on your own for lunch at the museum's very own Noah's Café. We will have ample time to explore this one-of-a-kind faith experience. We will enjoy an included dinner together this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 4 - Dry Ridge to Pigeon Forge, TN

We are off first thing this morning for a very adventuresome day. The Ark Encounter is a new project of The Creation Museum. Located near Williamstown, Kentucky, "Encounter" is the fitting name for this incredible experience. A recreation of Noah's Ark, it is almost one and a half football fields long and taller than a 4 story building. Be prepared to be blown away by this reconstruction of the Ark to its exact size and detail according to the Bible. We have dedicated several hours for you to carefully explore what is now a world destination. Your faith will be reinforced! Lunch will be on your own at restaurants right at the location. Leaving The Ark we travel across the pastoral rolling hills of Kentucky famously known as "horse country," into Pigeon Forge, TN, our resting place for the night. Dinner is included this evening at Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Music Road Inn (2 Nights)

Day 5 - Pigeon Forge

Enjoy a great breakfast at our hotel before heading off to our wonderful "packed full of events" day. First this morning we visit the Titanic Museum where we will receive a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger or crew member. Built half-scale to the original ship, we can touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase & third class wallways, reach our hands into 28° water, try to stand on the sloping decks, and discover the fate of our passenger or crew member! You will have some time for lunch before we depart for the National Quartet Convention (NQC) at the wonderful LeConte Center, located on the banks of the Little Pigeon River. The NQC was started in 1957, founded by JD Sumner and James Blackwood of the Blackwood Brothers. The Convention features American Gospel Quartets and Southern Gospel artists that perform non-stop concerts at the Center. After a great evening of Gospel Music we will return to our hotel where we will enjoy our beautiful rooms.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 - Pigeon Forge to Wilkesboro, NC

After breakfast we will journey across Eastern Tennessee, through the Great Smoky Mountains to Wilkesboro, North Carolina and the World Headquarters of Samaritan's Purse. We enjoy lunch before a very informative inside look at Franklin Graham's compassionate organization that strives to provide for the physical and spiritual



"Truly felt the Lord was with us - teaching and bringing scripture more alive. A very moving experience!"

Marla & Don - Gospel Road 2017



John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge - what a beautiful sight to behold during our private Ohio River paddleboat cruise featuring a delicious dinner & a music concert!

needs of millions all over the world. Ever wondered where all those Christmas Shoe Boxes go? This will be an eye opening experience we will never forget!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 7 - Wilkesboro to Wytheville, VA

Following our nice hot breakfast we journey just a few short miles away to another critical branch of The Samaritan's Purse. This is the distribution center where we witness the fascinating logistics of shipping these needed goods world wide! Also, their Disaster Response Teams are headquartered here. Marvel at the amazing planning and preparation involved in providing such a critical humanitarian service. Then we are off winding our way through the NC mountains to the famous Billy Graham Library in Charlotte... what is in store for us today can only be imagined! Before our tour, included lunch is provided right in the Library at the Graham Bros. Dairy Bar. Now for what will likely be the highlight of the trip, The Billy Graham Library and Museum. The Billy Graham Library tops the all time high for spiritual blessings! Retrace Billy Graham's dynamic journey through stunning multi media presentations, interactive kiosks, photos and memorabilia all done with state-of-the-art technology. When you are finished, you will absolutely realize it's not about the man "Billy Graham" but about his "God fearing dedication to his Lord & Savior." Included on the site is Billy's boyhood home and the gravesites of Billy and Ruth Graham. People, by the tens of thousands, have been making pilgrimages from all over the world to witness this presentation of the Ministry of Billy Graham, his wife Ruth, and his team and associates. For many, this is a life altering experience. You will truly love the rich heritage and deep spiritual impact of this "God Spot." Our hotel this evening is located just north of Charlotte.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 8 - Wytheville to Walnut Creek, OH

Today is a delightful travel day through the western mountain regions of Virginia & West Virginia to the Amish country of Ohio. We pause for a break at Tamarack, featuring all West Virginia made products. Then we will enjoy the warm Dutchman hospitality of the incomparable Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Amish dinner is served this evening before we settle into our homey accommodations.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: The Carlisle Inn (2 Nights)

Day 9 - Walnut Creek

After a satisfying Amish-style breakfast, we take a step-back with a full time of leisure this morning. We will travel a few short miles to the Ohio Star Theatre for a wonderful performance (TBA). Following the play we will have some time for shopping in the Amish shops before we enjoy another great Amish meal at the Dutch Valley Restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



The Ark Encounter - the details in this giant masterpiece are remarkable!

Day 10 - Walnut Creek to Aurora, IL

After breakfast we depart Amish country and travel to St. John, Indiana, the home of The Shrine of Christ's Passion. The Shrine is a multi-media interactive, half-mile winding trail that depicts the last days of Jesus' life. Forty life-sized bronze sculptures in a tranquil setting, complete with beautiful music and amazingly sculptured gardens, allow visitors to experience the story of the crucifixion and resurrection as never before. We travel down the road to our hotel for the evening. A farewell dinner will be served tonight!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 11 - Aurora to Home

We finish the last leg home today. There will be reminiscing of our Gospel Road memories all the way back!

Included Meals: Breakfast



Fun with the Kramer Family!



National Quartet Convention - such talent!

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2020 DATES & PRICES		
DATES:	September 25 - October 5, 2020 (11 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,499 Double	\$3,199 Single
	\$2,319 Triple	\$2,199 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	19 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$149 Double (per person) / \$198 Single	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$35 Travel Bucks Earned with this Tour	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	

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