

Kentucky Bluegrass Fall Foliage

Featuring Ark Encounter/Creation Museum

October 25 - November 2, 2023

(9 days - 8 nights)



Wed, Oct 25

Texarkana, AR

With everyone aboard we will be ready to embark upon our fall foliage tour to Kentucky. It will be a day to get acquainted with fellow passengers as we travel across the Lone Star State to Texarkana where we will overnight.

Thu, Oct 26

Union City, TN

This morning we route across Arkansas, a diverse state of mountains, delta and prairie. Stopping in North Little Rock for a visit and lunch at the Edgemont House. This Spanish Colonial Revival style home was restored by landscape designer, Chris H. Olsen. We will meet Chris and enjoy his tales. We then continue across "The Natural State" to Dyess AR, the boyhood home of Johnny Cash. Our visit to his home and the Historic Dyess Colony will help us discover more about the area established in 1934 as a federal agricultural resettlement community. After departing Dyess, we cross the Mighty Mississippi River and enter the beautiful state of Tennessee, our overnight destination.

Fri, Oct 27

Bardstown, KY

Heading northward we will soon be entering the "Bluegrass State" of Kentucky. Officially it was a neutral state during the Civil War and ironically, Kentucky was the birthplace of both the Union president, Abraham Lincoln, and the Confederate president, Jefferson Davis. We will visit the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Park, honoring the 16th U.S. President. Before departing Elizabethtown after lunch, we will pay our respects at their replica Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall, an 80% scale of the one in Washington DC erected in 2018. We then journey on to Bardstown KY and settle in for the next two nights.

Highlights Include:

- Ark Encounter
- Creation Museum
- My Old Kentucky Home
- My Old Kentucky Dinner Train
- Johnny Cash's Boyhood Homes
- Johnny Cash's Storyteller Hideaway Farm
- Entertainment by Mark Alan Cash
- National Corvette Museum
- Abraham Lincoln Historic Site
- Bardstown City Tour
- Heaven Hill Distillery Tour
- Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill
- 2 nights Bardstown, KY
- 2 nights Lexington, KY

Sat, Oct 28

Bardstown, KY

Today we explore Bardstown, Kentucky's 2nd oldest town. After our city tour we make our way to Heaven Hill Distilleries Bourbon Heritage Center. The Shapira brothers established the distillery in 1935 and have emerged as the second largest holder of Bourbon Whiskey in the world. All aboard My Old Kentucky Dinner Train for lunch while taking in the breathtaking views of Kentucky's Bluegrass fall foliage. Later this afternoon we stop at Federal Hill which was the inspiration for Stephen Foster's famous ballad, "My Old Kentucky Home" and today this Georgian-style mansion sits inside what is now known as My Old Kentucky Home State Park.

Sun, Oct 29

Berea, KY

Continuing our journey east, we make our way to the Pleasant Hill Shakers Village, recognized for their iconic architecture, skilled craftsmanship and profound spirituality. Discover the Shaker Village story at their Historic Centre. We will then enjoy the quaint town of Berea, where the bluegrass of Kentucky meets the rolling hills of Appalachia starting with lunch at Historic Boone Tavern Hotel.

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This afternoon you are in store for a special treat at the Kentucky Artisan Center. You are sure to find the perfect Kentucky souvenir. We make our way just down the road to Lexington, Kentucky's 2nd largest city, where we will enjoy two nights.

Mon, Oct 30

Lexington, KY

This morning we set our sights north to Petersburg, KY to marvel through biblical history and stunning exhibits at the Creation Museum. Be sure to take in the Stargazer Planetarium before enjoying lunch at Noah's Café. After lunch we board the motorcoach for a short journey south to Williamstown, KY. Here we discover Ark Encounter. Your first glimpse of this massive wonder will surely amaze you. Ark Encounter a massive Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, contains 3 decks depicting the Biblical tale of Noah's Ark, with the help of interactive exhibits. Enjoy various daily presentations, special events in the Answers Center and plenty of souvenirs for all ages.

Tue, Oct 31

Dickson, TN

You do not have to be a car enthusiast to enjoy the 115,000 sq-foot National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, featuring over 80 Corvettes; including mint classics, one-of-a-kind prototypes and modern-day wonders of engineering and design. You will learn more about the infamous sinkhole that swallowed up 8 collectible Corvettes in 2014. As we travel southwest, we discover Storytellers Hideaway Farm, the farm Johnny Cash called "the center of my universe." Explore displays in the farmhouse and see in person the One-Piece-at-a-Time Car, made famous by Johnny's 1976 #1 hit. The talent of the Cash Family continues with gifted musicians such as Mark Alan Cash, Johnny's nephew. Mark will share stories and entertain us with some of his favorite Johnny Cash's songs at the museum.

Wed, Nov 1

Texarkana, TX

This morning's route will take us through small portions of Tennessee and across Arkansas and finally into Texas for the final night of the tour.

Thu, Nov 2

Home

As we continue across "The Lone Star State" of Texas we are reminded of all the spectacular sights we have seen, great places we have visited, memories we have made and our new friends who we will never forget.

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