

# Ohio's Amish Country Including ARK Encounter

August 2 - 11, 2025  
(10 days - 9 nights)



**Sat, Aug 2**

**Tulsa, OK**

Excitement is in the air as we board our motorcoach bound for Ohio's Amish Country, with other great attractions en route. We will be getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we head to Tulsa, our overnight destination.

**Sun, Aug 3**

**Vandalia, IL**

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the "Show Me" state of Missouri which was home to Mark Twain and Walt Disney, as well as Harry Truman. By late afternoon we will cross the mighty Mississippi River at St. Louis and overnight in Vandalia.

**Mon, Aug 4**

**Dayton, OH**

We have scheduled a visit at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the most-visited attraction in the state. The 500-Mile Race was first held in 1911 as it has been ever since with the exception of the war years, 1917-18 and 1942-45. The Hall of Fame Museum also appeals to more than just the racing enthusiast as several examples of early antique and classic passenger cars are displayed along with priceless memorabilia. This evening's destination will be in Dayton, OH.

**Tue, Aug 5**

**Sugar Creek, OH**

The house where John Glenn, former astronaut and

## Highlights Include:

- 3 nights in Sugar Creek, OH
- Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center
- Amish Tour of Holmes County, Ohio with guide
- Ohio Market (flea market)
- Hershberger Bakery & Farmer's Market
- Amish home meal
- Warther Carvings
- John Glenn's boyhood home - New Concord, OH
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- ARK Encounter—Williamstown, KY
- Old Friends Farm (retired race horses)

senator, lived as a boy will be our first stop this morning and you will see John's bedroom which looks as it did when he was a child. Other displays include a 1/3 scale model of the Friendship 7 space capsule in which John Glenn took his historic flight in 1962. Arriving in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country, we will check in at the Carlisle Inn, our home for 3 nights. Dinner will be at Warther Carvings, where we view the priceless ebony and ivory steam engine carvings of the world's master carver, Mooney Warther.

**Wed, Aug 6**

**Sugar Creek, OH**

Holmes County, Ohio, is home to one of the largest Amish communities in the world, offering a rich and immersive experience into Amish life and culture. We begin to understand more of their history at the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center to view the Cyclorama Mural, "Behalt." Next, we enjoy our free time and lunch on our own in the quaint town of Berlin. This afternoon you may choose to take in a matinee performance at the Ohio Star Theater or

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enjoy some free time at our hotel and revel in hillside views of a region known locally as Little Switzerland. Later this evening we will enjoy our Amish-inspired comfort foods at Dutch Valley.

**Thu, Aug 7**

**Sugar Creek, OH**

With our local guide, we depart for a stop at Walnut Creek Farm before we visit will be on our way to Lamp and Light Candles where we watch workers create and design intricate works for which the Amish are known. Next up is our visit to Walnut Creek Cheese, a great spot to enjoy lunch on your own and buy bulk spices, cheese, or one of their famous....cinnamon rolls. We next head to Hershberger Bakery & Farmers Market. Be sure to meet Big King, the largest registered Belgium horse in Ohio. Tonight, experience dinner in an Amish home Learn more about Amish wedding customs and enjoy the bountiful family style feast!

**Fri, Aug 8**

**Georgetown, KY**

After our 3-day visit to the Amish Country of Ohio we turn to the south and route thru Cincinnati, located on the Ohio River. Cincinnati was the first major city to be founded after the American Revolution and the first major inland city in the country. Crossing the Ohio River we enter the "Blue Grass State" of Kentucky. This afternoon we will visit The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, where we will experience Bible history at the life-size Noah's Ark and enjoy an included lunch at Emzara's Kitchen.

**Sat, Aug 9**

**Franklin, TN**

We begin the day with a visit you will never forget as we make our way to Old Friends Farm, a retirement home for Thoroughbred Race horses. Here we learn of racing's royalty. Our next stop is at Keeneland, Known as a National Historic Landmark, Keeneland features beautifully landscaped grounds, home to spectacular Thoroughbred racing and the world's largest Thoroughbred auction company. We then cross into Tennessee where we will stay tonight in Franklin, just outside of Nashville.

**Sun, Aug 10**

**Little Rock, AR**

Heading west across Tennessee, we will again cross the Mississippi River, this time in Memphis. We will enjoy an included lunch in the "Home of the Blues." We route across Arkansas, a diverse state of mountains, delta and prairie, stopping for a rest break in the capital city of Little Rock, before

continuing into the "Lone Star State" of Texas.

**Mon, Aug 11**

**Return home**

We will begin the last leg of our journey homeward with memories of our tour whirling in our minds. We will long remember the new friends we have met and the great places we have visited on our Amish Tour to Ohio.

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