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The Last Supper at the Great Passion Play
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Celebrating our Faith with St. James Coffee House

The Great Passion Play Tour

August 13 - 18, 2024

Early Bird Special
\$50 off registrations
Received by Jan. 31, 2023

Dickeyville Grotto Sacred Heart
(Wikipedia Commons)



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Day 1: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 •

Departure (Rochester area) – Chicago, IL

Our journey starts as we board our deluxe motor coach in Rochester, MN. Sit back, relax, and catch up with friends as we make our way to the Dickeyville Grotto & Shrines. Located on the grounds of the Holy Ghost Church, the shrines were a passion project for Father Mathais Wernerus. From 1924 – 1930, he collected materials from around the world to construct these unique structures. Later, Stations of the Cross and a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima were added to the gardens. We continue to Chicago, with free time to explore Navy Pier on our own. Visit the fudge shop, enjoy a drink at the beer garden, ride the Centennial Wheel, or just admire the views of the city. Our overnight is in the Chicago area. **L**

Day 2: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 • St. Louis, MO

We travel into Indiana this morning with a tour of the Shrine of Christ's Passion. A half-mile prayer trail, lined with 40 life-sized bronze statues and listening stations, winds through the grounds of the Shrine. A new addition is the man-made mountain and statues depicting Moses at Mount Sinai, the Guadalupe Plaza and the Our Lady of the New Millennium Statue. We make our way to St. Louis this afternoon, with a tram ride taking us to the top



Shrine of Christ's Passion



of the Gateway Arch. Our overnight is in the St. Louis area. **B, L, D**

Day 3: Thursday, August 15, 2024 •

Eureka Springs, AR

We drive through limestone cliffs to Branson, MO. We enjoy an inspirational theatrical presentation of the life of Queen Esther at the Sight & Sound Theater, where the stage wraps around the audience on three sides. We continue to Eureka Springs, AR for our overnight. **B, D**

Day 4: Friday, August 16, 2024 • Eureka Springs, AR

Today is dedicated to the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs. We spend the day discovering the Bible Museum and Sacred Arts Museum, Christ of the Ozarks, Moses Tabernacle and more. There's even a section of the Berlin Wall and a virtual tour of the Holy Land. Our day ends with the moving outdoor performance of The Greatest Story Ever Told! Over 100 performers recreate the last days of Christ's life on Earth, with fantastic sets and state of the art lighting. We spend a second night in Eureka Springs. **B, D**

Day 5: Saturday, August 17, 2024 • Kansas City, MO

We start a little later this morning, as we make our way to Kansas City, Missouri. We visit the delightful Precious



*Great Passion Play
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*Precious Moments Chapel
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Moments Chapel, with 84 murals depicting the story of Creation through the promise of Resurrection. 30 stained glass windows and other art and statues. We stroll through the gardens and the Avenue of Angels and can visit the gift shop featuring Precious Moments collectables. We continue to Kansas City, with KC BBQ on the menu tonight. **B, D**

Day 5: Sunday, August 18, 2024 • Return

After Mass, we point our coach towards Rochester today, but there is one last inspirational stop at the Grotto of the Redemption. This is the largest man-made grotto in the world and depicts the life of Christ. The grotto was built to fulfill a promise Father Dobberstein made to the Virgin Mary when he was struck with pneumonia. Various minerals, petrified wood, stalagmites, and stalactites (many donated from around the world) provide color and depth to the structure. We arrive in Rochester late this afternoon, with faithful hearts full of love. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner



*Kansas City BBQ
(Wikipedia Commons)*

Tour Price: \$2,399

Prices are *per person, land only, double occupancy* with a minimum of 25 participants

Single supplement: \$605

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) proposed hotels or similar:
 - ◆ Chicago area – DoubleTree by Hilton
 - ◆ St. Louis, MO – Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch
 - ◆ Eureka Spings, AR – The Bavarian Inn
 - ◆ Kansas City, MO – Hampton Inn & Suites
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature.
- **End of tour tips** for Coach Driver and tour manager
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and recommended.)*

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$200 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure date (July 1, 2024). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to availability. Early registration is encouraged.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 75 days before departure a \$50/person administrative fee plus any land penalties will be assessed. From 74-45 days, a \$150/person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 44-21 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 20 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Please register me for:

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- Single Supplement • \$605

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on the government issued ID (i.e. passport or driver's license) you will be using.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for namebadge): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on the government issued ID (i.e. passport or driver's license) you will be using.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for namebadge): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.*
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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