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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs

# NEW FOR 2017

**PETTING ZOO:** We are excited to open our very own Noah's Ark Park. At the beginning of the Holy Land Tour area, this will be a great way for children and families to interact with animals.

*MARKETPLACE:* Also at the beginning of the Holy Land Tour, this provides guests with the opportunity to interact with Biblical craftspeople.

**MISSION TRIPS:** 238 youth mission trippers helped us out in June and July of 2016, and we had over 500 people in total volunteer on the grounds. This year, we welcome mission trip groups to stay and help!

HIKING AND NATURE TRAILS: Through the Holy Land Tour area, we have cut 2.3 miles of trails that allow you to experience the beauty of the Ozarks alongside Biblical recreations of the Holy Land.

# **General Attractions Descriptions**

THE GREAT PASSION PLAY – The Great Passion Play takes you back 2,000 years to "The Greatest Story Ever Told." The Play is an hour-and-forty-five minute reenactment of the last week of the life of Jesus Christ. Staged in a 4,000 seat outdoor amphitheater, the multi-level set, special lighting and sound effects, live animals, and a cast of 170 Biblically costumed actors come together to create a thrilling epic drama. From the authentic recreation of Jerusalem and the colorful spectacle of the market place to the soul-stirring crucifixion, to the electrifying scene of Christ's ascension, The Great Passion Play brings you a professional and moving performance that holds the attention of all ages. Performed from May through October. Weekends in May and August. Tuesday, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in June and July. Performed on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in September and October. (Special performances on the Sundays of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends).

*CHRIST OF THE OZARKS* – One of the largest Christ memorial statues in the world at 67 feet tall. Open and free to see for the public. Lit at night.

#### **Ouick Facts:**

- Ground Breaking: June 11, 1965
- First Dedicated: June 25, 1966
- The statue stands 67 feet tall and has a 65 footarm span.
- The foundation of the statue required 340 tons of concrete interlaced with steel virtually welded into the rock of Magnetic Mountain.
- The statue is made of 24 layers of white mortar on a steel frame. It was necessary to build an elevator up the side of the framework, which was completely surrounded by scaffolding during construction.
- The face is approximately 15 feet in height.
- The hands from wrist to fingertip measure approximately 7 feet.
- Total weight is over two million pounds.

THE HOLY LAND TOUR - a two-hour guided tour. Guests are transported back in time as they walk through a full-sized replica of the East Jerusalem Gate and Marketplace to Biblically inspired exhibits which include Moses' Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Bethlehem Inn and the Nativity, the Upper Room, the Garden Tomb, the Walk with Peter, and other exhibits which depict life in Bible times. All exhibits have been researched archaeologically and historically for authenticity. Tours run on day of Play performances from 12:00pm-4:00pm. There is walking at each stop. The longest time walking at any one stop is approximately thirty minutes.

**BIBLE MUSEUM** - a collection of over 6,000 Bible manuscripts in over 625 languages and dialects and fascinating artifacts. It features a 20-minute video presentation on the history of the English Bible. The Bible Museum is open every day except Sunday, 10:00am until 5:00pm. On days of Play performances, the Museum is open until 8:00pm (7:00pm after Labor Day).

**ARTS MUSEUM** - Showcases hundreds of pieces of religious art dating as early as 9th century. Included are oils, acrylics, ceramics, wood carvings, mosaics, and other media. Also features all the works of renowned artist, Jack Dawson. Open every day before the Play from 11:00am - 8:00pm (after Labor Day until 7:00pm). Non-play days by appointment.

*HISTORY MUSEUM* - This Cultural and Biblical History Museum provides a brief snapshot of the history of creation and mankind and how the BIble fits into that as well as providing evidences (apologetics) for God's existence as well as why Christian theism and the Bible provide the most logical and plausible worldview of existence.

**BERLIN WALL SECTION** - An original ten-foot by ten-foot section of the Berlin Wall was erected near the Christ of the Ozarks. These words from the 23rd Psalm are painted in German on the wall, "Though I walk through the dark valley, I will not fear."

When the wall came down, The Great Passion Play acquired this piece as a tribute to the spirit of all people who risk their lives to believe and practice their Christian faith.

*GREAT HALL BUFFET* - An all-you-can/care-to-eat buffet featuring a full salad bar, hot vegetable bar and meat bar, dessert bar and drinks. Usually four entree selections including chicken and ribs. Served from 4:30 until 7:30pm (4:00pm until 7:00 pm after Labor Day) every evening the Play is performed. Designed to serve groups quickly and deliciously.

# The Great Passion Play is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

### For high resolution pictures of the Play:

http://www.greatpassionplay.org/high-resolution-photos.html

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