

Guided Tour Options at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

The suggested timeframe for each program is one-hour. There is a 50% discount for every hour booked after the first hour.

Historic Village Tour – A guided walk along the turnpike, this introductory program provides context for the Shakers and the history of Pleasant Hill. Guests will discover how the Shakers' beliefs influenced and defined their community, and how concepts such as family, equality, and devotion are relevant to us today. (\$12/person; suggested program length is one hour) **Recommended as a foundational tour, to be taken first!*

Shaker Music - The Shakers valued unity and community very highly, and their music is built around the ultimate goal of connection – connection to God, but also connection to the people and community around them. Hear traditional Shaker song and dance during this program.

(Program length is 40 minutes; **FREE** with any other tour option, and if Music is attended at 11am or 2pm daily; \$200 fee to book Shaker Music at any other time).

Architecture at Pleasant Hill - The architecture of Pleasant Hill is a physical representation of many of the Shaker's spiritual beliefs. This program will enable guests to explore a selection of buildings at Pleasant Hill with an eye toward the connections between the Shaker religion and their architectural choices. (\$12/person)

Agriculture at Pleasant Hill - Learn the basics of our sustainable, diversified farm system. Be inspired by Shaker principles and nature's ingenious designs, and take ideas home that apply to any garden. Meet the farm animals while learning about the jobs of Shaker livestock and the roles our animals serve at our farm today. (\$12/person; this program is best from April to October)

Empowering Women: Equality at Pleasant Hill – The Shaker belief in gender equality was rooted in the community's faith, and women held positions of influence and power from the society's founding at Pleasant Hill. Discover how gender equity and equality provided the Shakers with inspiration, wit and creativity throughout Pleasant Hill's existence. (\$12/person)

The Civil War at Pleasant Hill - The Shakers were committed pacifists but were unable to fully avoid the nation's deadliest war. Soldiers camped in the village, marched on its roads on their way to the Perryville Battlefield and traded control of its vital ferry on the Kentucky River. Visitors will also discover how changes caused by the Civil War influenced the community for years to come. (\$12/person)

Shaker Trouble Makers - Guided by the Millennial Laws, the Shakers have become famous for their emphasis on collective order and purity. At Pleasant Hill, hundreds of men and women joined a religious community and lived in peace and harmony—except, when they didn't! On this program, uncover the disputes that sometimes erupted within the normally tranquil society and explore how the brothers and sisters dealt with the forces of evil within their own borders! (\$12/person)

Shaker Industry and Economy – The Shakers supported their communal societies through innovative industrial practices and expansive trade networks that extended throughout the United States. On this program, discover the key industries that sustained Pleasant Hill and participate in a seasonal, hands-on craft project with historical connections.

(\$14/person and includes seasonal hands-on activity)