



Coach Tour Options for *Buildings and Beliefs* at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

The suggested timeframe for each program is one hour.

Buildings and Beliefs - 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.

Top to Bottom: The Centre Family Dwelling - The Centre Family Dwelling is a masterpiece of Shaker architecture. Construction began on the massive dwelling house in 1824 and it served as a home to the Shakers for almost 100 years before being transformed into two distinctive museums. This program will take guests on a journey through the Centre Family Dwelling, detailing its long history as the heart of Pleasant Hill.

Top to Bottom: The Meeting House - The Meeting House at Pleasant Hill is an architectural wonder. Purpose-built in 1820 to accommodate the Shakers' worship practices, the building witnessed nearly a century of marching, singing, and dancing! In this program, guests will leave no stone unturned as they venture from the first floor to the attic—and everywhere in between—to discover some of the rarely seen spaces inside this historic building.

Shaker Engineers - Shaker ingenuity extended beyond their skill as craftsmen. Explore the incredible infrastructure built by the Shakers to support their community at Pleasant Hill. From public waterworks to sidewalks, from dumbwaiters to downspouts, this tour will take a closer look at the inner workings of this Shaker site.

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 see dance demonstrations during this program.
(Program length is 30-40 minutes)

Preservation@Work – Since the early 1960s, the historic preservation of Pleasant Hill has been an ongoing process with no end in sight! Discover how daily care and substantial preservation projects all work together to ensure the safety and integrity of our historic structures.
(Note: exact tour content varies based upon ongoing historic preservation at SVPH.)

Behind Closed Doors - Ever wonder what lies behind that closed door? Now's your chance to find out! Guests will explore rarely-seen areas of the Village, uncovering mysteries of the people who built them.

Chartered Activities

Guided Hayride to West Lot – (maximum 25 passengers per ride – may also be used for shuttling)

Take in some amazing views of the Pleasant Hill landscape as you ride from the village center to the historic West Lot area of Pleasant Hill. Along the way, discover the history behind the dry-stone fences at Pleasant Hill and the ways in which agriculture shaped the built landscape for the Shakers. Conclude your ride with a tour of the West Lot Dwelling – one of the rarely seen spaces at Pleasant Hill!