

Bethel Trip – Know Before You Go

Q: How many suitcases can I bring?

A: Suitcase space is very limited, therefore, we ask that you limit yourself to no more than two standard size suitcases and a small carry-on, per person. Families are welcome to combine their limits.

Q: Is there any other special requests for our luggage?

A: Only that you pack a small bag for the first and last night that would include a change of cloths and toiletries. That way we don't have to unload the whole bus of luggage for our first and last overnights. Please make sure you have an ID on your bags.

Q: What type of clothing should I bring to wear?

A: Comfortable and appropriate clothing should be worn on the bus, as you will be napping and sitting around for extended times. It may be very cold at times, so prepare for layered clothing. **Before packing**, please read the June 2002 *Our Kingdom Ministry* Question Box on page 2, as it clearly answers the question, "What standard of dress and grooming should we observe when visiting Bethel homes and branch facilities?" We reserve the right to deny boarding for any tour, if the consensus of the Overseers on board, is that your dress is inappropriate.

Q: Will I be allowed to bring my own snacks and drinks?

A: All foods must be of dry sorts (i.e., chips, crackers, shell-less nuts, mixed dried fruit, etc). Absolutely no seeds or nuts with shells on, should be brought (i.e., Sunflower seeds, pistachio nuts, peanuts, walnuts, etc). These things with shells removed are acceptable. Anything that starts wet or can become wet on its own (i.e., chocolates, soups, fruit cocktails, tuna salad, etc., and especially chewing gum) is NOT permitted, for the protection of our fabric. All drinks must be in leak-proof container, such as, 20 oz water bottle, sport bottle, cooler cup with sealing lid. Absolutely no glass or cups with straw lids, such as bought from restaurants and convenience stores are allowed.

Q: Can I bring my favorite video or DVD to watch on the bus?

A: You can, if it is appropriate enough that you would invite Jesus Christ to watch it with you. Nothing harsher than rated PG, and even those are subject to approval.

Q: Does the bus have a rest room?

A: Yes, but you would want to limit the use of it to emergencies. We, unfortunately, don't have very many places to dump and recharge and thus, it will begin to smell after excessive use. We will, however, be making regular pit stops (approx. every 2.5 hours or so) at rest areas and travel plazas for your convenience. **Please, be considerate of your fellow passengers, NO #2's on board.**

Q: What else should I bring on board?

A: We find that many are comfortable with bringing a pillow and a blanket. It does sometimes get a little cooler in some areas of the bus than others. You may want to bring AC adapters for any electronics, as our coach, depending on which coach is used, may be equipped with 110v outlets and Wi-Fi. We will try to make a rest stop at a Walmart, at some point, so that you can attain anything you may need.

Q: Are there plans for attending meetings?

A: Because of the size of the group, we do not plan to attend a local Hall. However, we do recommend having daily discussions of the text on board the bus, and no watch a downloaded video of the current meetings, on board.

Q: We have friends at Bethel, can we arrange to meet with them for lunch or a private tour?

A: A private tour is no problem, just let your group captain know. Unfortunately, the schedule of our tours, does not allow us to return to a facility after lunch. However, if you arrange your own transportation to meet up with the group at a future point or return you to the hotel, you are free to enjoy a meal with them.

Q: I don't really want to participate in the Snow Skiing/Tubing (or any other event). Can I do something on my own?

A: No portion of the tour is required for you to attend, however, there is no refunds for unused portions of the tour. Again, you are responsible for rejoining the group at a designated spot and time, or you will be making your own way back to the hotel. You are always free to spend the day near the hotel, when the group departs for the day.

Q: Will we be safe to wonder off alone?

A: In short, probably not. We highly recommend that you, at no time, venture off alone. Always be accompanied by other members of the group. We would recommend that the minimum number to "go off on your own" is 4. Also, let someone in the group know where you are going, and how long you will be.

Q: How can we get in touch with others group members during the tour?

A: The cell phone number of the bus driver, a brother, will be provided as well as the numbers for group captains. You may also wish to make a list of names of everyone on the tour, you may want to get the room numbers at each hotel, of those you would like to contact.

Q: How much money should I bring with me?

A: We will be eating out for most lunches and dinners, therefore, plan to bring enough to cover that for your party, plus, additional for gratuities, snacks, and souvenirs.

Q: How important is that we stick to the designated times?

A: Very, very important. Many states have no-idling laws and thus limit the time we can load/unload. If you are not on time, you can cause a delay that can result in a citation and a fine in excess of \$2000, which YOU will be held responsible for.

Q: What kind of travel documents will we need?

A: Since we are not crossing the US/Canada border, you should need nothing more than a photo ID.

Questions, call Travel Lovers at 888-878-5877 or 727-328-0933.