



Lanterns & Legends Tour

Offered on select days as the last tour of the day only.

Check website for calendar of availability. Reservations not required but highly recommended.

YOU MUST ARRIVE A MINIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME!

Min. Age: 8 years+ Tour Duration: 90 Minutes Difficulty: Easy Hike in Low-Light Conditions



WHAT will you SEE & LEARN: The LANTERNS & LEGENDS tour focuses on PRIMITIVE LIGHT. You will be experiencing the cave by handheld lantern light only. You will learn about the science of light and darkness, how animals adapt to get around without sight, how UV light interacts with calcite formations, and spooky tales of Cumberland Caverns.

This tour will be walking along the large rooms and passageways of the LONGEST SHOW CAVE in Tennessee. You will be escorted by a trained guide who will share amazing facts about light and darkness, you will recreate the lighting early explorers used which gave the World-Famous VOLCANO ROOM it's name. You will see the cave in the same light early explorers did, adding to the mysterious nature of a dark cave system.

WHAT to EXPECT (Accessibility Advisory):

This tour is considered mildly-strenuous, though we understand the definition of strenuous varies from person to person, so please read this description carefully to evaluate if this is the right tour for you. You will be navigating a NATURAL WONDER, which includes uneven, natural cave floor, including steep uphill and downhill slopes and some natural limestone stairs. You will be on your feet for most of your 90 minute tour and there will be nowhere to sit along the way. The only

light to see by will be lanterns the tour group will share and carry. The cave is naturally humid and always 56 degrees Fahrenheit, most find this a comfortable temperature with the decent pace of the hike through the cave, but some prefer to wear a light jacket. ***The tour is guided, and ALL tour guests must remain together with their tour guide at all times. Due to safety and security requirements no one is allowed to be left alone in the cave. If one needs to exit the entire group must exit together.*** Please understand your guide may have another tour waiting for them so staying on time is critical if you want to get the full experience. If you would like to take a cave tour at your own pace we offer a PRIVATE tour, which can be booked on our website 10+ days in advance. We recommend wearing athletic-style shoes best-suited for walking or hiking (no sandals/flip flops or crocs).

Please note: While this is considered an easy, all-walking tour the cave is still not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, steep uphill and downhill slopes. Those with low-light vision impairment should consider if this is a safe experience for them. Strollers, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. will **not** make it through the cave. We strive to keep the cave as natural as possible but make it safe for our guests to enjoy.

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