

Good Times Travel Kentucky's Bluegrass, Bridles & Bourbon

Single-Hotel Stay in Louisville, Lexington, Bardstown Bourbon Tasting, Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace April 13-18, 2025 – 6 Day Tour

# **Tour Highlights**

- Enjoy a five-night, single-hotel stay at an all-suites, AAA Four Diamond hotel in the heart of downtown Louisville
- Extensive sightseeing in Louisville including guided tours of Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Factory, visits to the Muhammad Ali Center and Kentucky Derby Museum, and an included "Hot Brown" lunch at The Brown Hotel, the famed hotel
- Explore Kentucky's "Bluegrass" region in Lexington with visits to the Kentucky Horse Park, Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm and a Thoroughbred horse farm
- Visit the "Bourbon Capital of the World" in Bardstown for a tour and tasting at a bourbon distillery, a tour and biscuit demonstration at My Old Kentucky Home State Park and an included lunch at the The Old Talbott Tavern
- Visit Mammoth Cave National Park, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park and the Lincoln Museum in rural Central Kentucky

# **Tour Inclusions**

- 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- 10 Meals 2 dinners, 3 lunches, 5 breakfasts
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- Admissions per the itinerary
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

#### **Tour Prices**

Double Occupancy: \$1,999 per person Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$600 Roundtrip airfare from \$695 per person



Saddle up for this new six-day tour of the Bluegrass State featuring a single-hotel stay in the heart of downtown Louisville. From Louisville to Lincoln, and from the "Bourbon Capital" to the Bluegrass Region, this all-inclusive journey features experiential visits to historic sites, charming towns and world-class horse farms, while making new equine friends, sipping hand-crafted bourbon and savoring down-home southern cooking – all the while enjoying true Southern hospitality at its finest.

## Day 1 – Welcome to Kentucky!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX for a morning flight arriving in **Louisville, Kentucky** this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue to downtown Louisville to begin a five-night stay at an all-suites, AAA Four Diamond hotel adjacent to **Fourth Street Live!**, Louisville's premier dining and entertainment destination. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure with a complimentary, nightly reception in the hotel lobby.

## Day 2 – Louisville

After an included, daily made-to-order breakfast, we'll visit **Churchill Downs**, the legendary thoroughbred racetrack where they "Run for the Roses" on the first Saturday each May. On a guided walking tour during the morning workout, our guide will share the ins and outs of the track and the "Sport of Kings" as we stand on the rail to experience the thrilling sound of hooves pounding dirt and horses running 40 miles per hour beneath the historic Twin Spires. At the **Kentucky Derby Museum** you'll

#### Reservations



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### Accommodations

 Nights 1-5 Embassy Suites by Hilton Louisville Downtown Louisville, KY

# **Optional Roundtrip Airfare**

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

### **Optional Airport Transfers**

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$129 p.p.

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## **Payment Information**

• Full payment due at time of booking

 Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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## Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

### Itinerary

be surrounded by the sights, sounds and history of the longest running American sporting event as you explore two floors of interactive exhibits and artifacts dating back to 1875. Experience *The Great-est Race*, an 18-minute, 360° multimedia experience that puts you at the center of the "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports." After a **Louisville driving tour** with a local guide, we'll visit the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory** and follow the timber from the forest to the field on a guided tour of the bat factory. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the museum where 3,000 original models are carefully stored. Enjoy an included welcome dinner at a locals' favorite this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 3 – Bourbon, Biscuits & Bardstown

This morning we'll travel to Bardstown, Kentucky, known as "America's Most Beautiful Small Town" and the "Bourbon Capital of the World." We'll visit My Old Kentucky Home State Park, and step back into the days of the antebellum South as costumed guides showcase the stately mansion and formal gardens on a tour of this 200-year-old plantation home. Learn how it became the inspiration for Stephen Foster's Kentucky state anthem, "My Old Kentucky Home." In the beautiful carriage house a culinary guide dressed in antebellum clothing will provide a live biscuit making demonstration. Not only will we learn how to make the south's iconic beaten biscuits, but we'll savor them with homemade jams and cold, refreshing lemonade. We'll continue to the Bardstown Historic District and enjoy an included lunch at The Old Talbott Tavern, where Abraham Lincoln, General Patton, Jessie James and countless others have slept and dined. Enjoy time at leisure exploring Bardstown's historic Court Square and downtown district, home to nearly 200 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This afternoon we'll visit a bourbon distillery where we will learn the history and heritage of Kentucky's native spirit on a guided tour followed by a guided bourbon tasting to educate us on the subtle flavors and aromas of true Kentucky bourbon. This evening we'll make the short drive across the Ohio River to Clarksville, Indiana for an included dinner and performance of Singin' in the Rain at the Derby Dinner Playhouse. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 4 – Lexington

This morning we'll travel to **Lexington, Kentucky**, the epicenter of American Thoroughbred horse breeding. We'll visit the famed **Kentucky Horse Park** – set on 1,200 acres of prime bluegrass farmland, this is the world's only park dedicated to man's relationship with the horse. Enjoy ample time at leisure to meet a variety of horses, enjoy live equine presentations and explore a variety of horse barns and museums. Board a trolley pulled by two beautiful draft horses for a guided orientation tour of the Park. The **Hall of Champions Show** showcases legendary racehorses live and up-close. The **Parade of Breeds Show** will introduce you to rare horse breeds. Trace 55 million years of equine history at the **International Museum of the Horse**. This afternoon we'll enjoy a guided tour of the **Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm** and get up-close and personal with stars of the turf such as Kentucky Derby winner, *Silver Charm* – the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner. Enjoy a guided tour of a **Thoroughbred horse farm and nursery** that is renowned for raising and selling first-class Thoroughbreds. We'll interact with horses of varying ages including foals, get an intimate look into the daily life of thoroughbreds and learn about Thoroughbred breeding and training. (Breakfast)

## Day 5 – Lincoln & Mammoth Cave National Park

This morning we'll travel south to rural Central Kentucky and honor the humble beginnings of our 16<sup>th</sup> president, Abraham Lincoln. We'll visit **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park**, featuring our nation's first memorial to Lincoln, on the site where Lincoln was born. We'll continue to historic **Hodgenville, Kentucky** and visit the **Lincoln Museum**, featuring a series of life-size dioramas, period artifacts, and a superb collection of wax figures. After an included lunch at a locals' favorite we'll continue to **Mammoth Cave National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. We'll enjoy time at leisure to explore the exhibits within the visitor center and take a short nature walk on the Heritage Trail. If available once the cave tour schedule is released in the coming months, we'll also experience an "easy," ranger-guided cave tour during our visit. *Note that all cave tours require a minimum of 125 stairs and 34 mile walking and visitors with limited mobility may find the cave tours too strenuous*. (Breakfast, Lunch)

#### Day 6 – Louisville, Journey Home

This morning we'll visit the **Muhammad Ali Center**, featuring three levels of award-winning, interactive exhibits and galleries focused on Muhammad Ali. We'll continue to **The Brown Hotel** – the famed AAA Four Diamond hotel – and enjoy an included lunch featuring their signature dish, the **"Hot Brown"** (with alternate entrée available). This afternoon we'll arrive at the Louisville Airport to board a return flight arriving in Los Angeles this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport. Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective destinations. (Breakfast, Lunch)*