



The Kentucky Derby

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Tour Highlights:

- The Kentucky Derby – Reserved Seats
- Derby Day Riverboat Race
 - Belle of Louisville vs. The Mary M. Miller
- Bourbon, Barbecue and Country Music
- Louisville Slugger & Muhammad Ali Museums
- The Hermitage Thoroughbred Nursery
- Lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House
- Undulata Horse Farm
- Derby Hat Boutique
- Bourbon & Chocolate Hotel Reception
- “Off to the Races” Dinner Party
 - with Kentucky Derby Museum
- Admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum
- Five Nights Lodging
- Five Hotel Breakfasts
- One Lunch & Two Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these Services
- Motorcoach Transportation, Driver's Room and Tips
- Derby Motorcoach Parking
- Churchill Downs VIP Fast Access Pass

* Be advised: you must be capable of walking to enjoy this trip.

Per Person Prices:

\$2,175 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,075 TRIPLE...\$1,975 QUAD...\$2,675 SINGLE

\$100 per person deposit due with reservation

\$350 per person due by January 8, 2019

Final payment due by February 22, 2019

Travel Insurance is Available

\$129 Per Person Double & Triple Occupancy

\$104 Per Person Quad, \$153 Single Occupancy

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Day 1 - This trip to the World's Greatest Horse Race begins this morning when a luxury motorcoach arrives to provide your transportation. Travel today to the east of St. Louis where you will be staying the night at the Drury Inn Collinsville, IL. On arrival you can enjoy the 5:30 Kickback with free food and drinks, or walk to the adjacent Bob Evans or Ruby Tuesday Restaurants for dinner on your own.

Day 2 – Today, you will travel to Louisville, KY. You will arrive in time for a break for lunch on own then tour the Muhammad Ali Museum. Memorabilia, film clips, and exhibits provide testimony on the life of one of America's greatest sports heroes.

Then you will check into your suburban Louisville hotel for a three night stay to start an exciting Derby Weekend. Tonight at the Jephtha Creed Distillery in Shelbyville, a new farm to bottle Distillery, you enjoy an evening on the patio with a Barbecue dinner and live Country Music. There will be dancing and distillery tours – plus a bourbon tasting opportunity. This is one of the most modern bourbon distilleries in Kentucky and a festive evening is planned here as a kick-off event to the Derby.

Day 3 - NOTE: *(The sequence of events for this day may not be as shown here.)* You don't have to be a baseball fan to love Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. It's iconic, it's linked to legends and it is one of Louisville's best known tourist attractions. This tour is fascinating with interactive exhibits that are fun. Baseball is such a big part of American history and culture that even your customers who don't think they're fans will find a connection here.

Hermitage Farms is a world-class equine operation where champion thoroughbreds are born and nursed. Last January the broodmares here gave birth to 40 foals. You will see next year's babies at the age of 4 or 5 months. These soon to be racehorses will just be learning to run. Your guides will talk about them and about the Farm's past babies that grew into champions including winners of the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks, Breeders' Cup and more than 200 other stakes races.

Lunch today will be in the banquet room of Claudia Sanders Dinner House. This restaurant is a replica of the elegant, old home opened by Colonel Sanders of KFC fame, in 1959. It was from this very building that Kentucky Fried Chicken grew into a world-wide organization.

Also included on tour today is a visit to Undulata Farms, a Saddlebred Horse Farm. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places this is where Civil War veteran Harry Weissinger and his sons once bred the great stallion, American Born. This is a private residence and horse training farm, your group will tour the first two floors of the family home, the horse training facility and actually see training in progress. At this time of year it is also possible to see a new foal up close and personal.

You will have a chance to visit our Derby Hat Boutique where you can buy hats and accessories for both Men & Women. Having just the right Derby Hat, with the right accessories is a very important part of the Kentucky Derby Experience, you have to dress for the Win, the Place, and The Show.

This afternoon you return to your hotel to rest up before tonight's "Off to the Races Dinner Party," you will find that gift boxes with a miniature bottle of Evan Williams Bourbon and Chocolate Bourbon Candy are waiting for you.

This evening's "Off to the Races" dinner is a feature event partnered with the Kentucky Derby Museum at a local banquet hall. The meal is a special "Taste of Kentucky" menu. A plated meal of renowned Kentucky favorites complimented with Derby Pie for dessert. The Derby Museum's Master of Ceremonies takes over during dinner with Derby Racing fun. Three pre-recorded horse races that will be projected on the big screen. You will have a race program and a stack of play money with which to wager at the row of Betting Windows in the back of the room.

Consider this a warm up to the big race tomorrow. A practice session, its a chance to make few bets, cheer for a favorite and share a few laughs. Your will be rolling in the aisles with fun. When each race is over, there's time to cash in winnings and make fresh bets before the next race.

Day 4 - Today's first event is the Derby Day Riverboat Race featuring both The Mary M. Miller (replacing the Spirit of Jefferson) and the Belle of Louisville. It doesn't get any better than this. Once onboard, there is complimentary coffee and tea, or start the festivities with a Bloody Mary or Champagne Mimosa from the cash bar.

Once underway, experts will provide a few insider tips on the Derby Race. They will talk about the Horses, how they run in different conditions, who has the post and what does that mean, plus information on the trainers their Derby History and more. You also enjoy a seminar on how to place a real bet at Churchill Downs.

At the end of the "How to Bet" lesson, the two Sternwheelers will turn downstream and with those big red paddlewheels kicking up a feather trail of whitewater they race each other back to Louisville. You may want to place a creative bet or two with your travel partners.

Next is the highlight of your trip. You have a VIP Fast Access Pass to Churchill Downs and 1st floor Grandstand Seats near the Starting Line. You will be at The Derby all day, enjoy crowd watching, sample a mint julep and place a few bets. This is one of the world's greatest and most celebrated sporting events, "The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" and you are on hand to experience it all.

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Premium motorcoach parking, but it is still a long walk. Depending on where your seats are inside Churchill Downs you may walk close to a mile. **Be advised: you must be capable of walking to enjoy this trip.**

Day 5 - This morning as you leave Kentucky, you make a leisurely stop at the Kentucky Derby Museum. The rest of the day is filled with travel. Your lodging for the night is at the Drury Inn, Fenton, MO. On arrival, you can enjoy the 5:30 Kickback with free food and drinks, or walk to the adjacent Cracker Barrel or Denny's for dinner on your own.

Day 6 - This morning, with hat boxes and suitcases loaded, you depart for home with another event checked off the Bucket List.