Kentucky Bound: Bats, Bourbon & History Louisville & Lexington October 11 (Fri) - 16 (Wed), 2019 6 Day Tour

Day 1 Friday

No Departure from Phillipsburg, NJ

6:00am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)

6:20am Depart Allentown, PA (Green Hills Commerce Center)

Lunch on own

Arrive Jeffersonville, OH

Check into hotel - One (1) Night

Hampton Inn - Washington Court House

Dinner on own

Day 2 Saturday (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel

Depart Jeffersonville, OH Arrive Williamstown, KY

Explore the Ark Encounter - lunch voucher included

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, to the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before.

Check into hotel - Three (3) Nights

Hilton Garden Inn Louisville/ Mall of St. Matthews

Dinner and evening on own

Day 3 Sunday (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel

Guided tour of Louisville

Anyone who goes to Louisville soon discovers it is one of the most uniquely authentic destinations on the planet. Welcome to Bourbon City. Yes, Bourbon is a spirit that comes in a glass, but it's also a spirit that defines their culture and compassion, arts and parks, and creative energy. It's this same spirit that continued and created Louisville itself - a city that combines heritage with innovation, authenticity with originality, quirkiness with friendliness in a way that's completely unique to the region. Louisville is an entirely different type of Southern. From boundary pushing twists on Southern cuisine that have made it one of the "10 Best New Food Cities" in America to the one and only Urban Bourbon ExperienceTM, featuring the world's only, city-wide trail filled with award-winning micro-distilleries, exhibits and craft cocktail destinations.

Brunch and Sightseeing Cruise aboard the Belle of Louisville

Take a ride on this historic 104-year old paddle wheeler and experience a cruise that is like a step back in time. Purely steam powered and paddlewheel propelled, the Belle is the only remaining authentic steamboat from the great American packet boat era. The Belle is a National Historic Landmark and holds the distinction of the most widely traveled steamboat in American history. Enjoy a meal in the ballroom, visit her original engine rooms to see engines dating back to the 1890's, and enjoy sightseeing on the open air texas deck.

Return to hotel

Dinner and show at Derby Dinner Playhouse

Derby Dinner Playhouse is the theatrical entertainment leader in both Indiana and neighboring state Kentucky, noted for their professional productions of Broadway musicals and lighthearted comedies. Each dinner theatre production comes alive with the magic of lights, costumes, a live orchestra, and a stage full of professional performers. Derby Dinner Playhouse is proud to be one of the oldest and largest continually operating professional dinner theatres in the country.

Day 4 Monday (B)

Light **Breakfast** at hotel

Backstreet Breakfast at Kentucky Derby Museum

Experience the authenticity of the backside of the race track during a rail side breakfast in the Track Kitchen... There's no experience quite like a once-in-a-lifetime chance to spend a morning on a private backside tour at Churchill Downs Racetrack. Your group will get a behind the scenes view of Thoroughbred racing at the "World's Most Legendary Racetrack." Along with more than 1,400 stalls that are mostly all full during the peak season, enjoy breakfast in the Horsemen's Track Kitchen, see the horses training rail side, catch them during a bath and learn about life at the track. Be sure to bring your cameras because on any given day of training, visitors will get an up close and personal view of the horses, jockeys, trainers, and other connections who live the sport of horseracing!

Historic Walk Tour of Churchill Downs View The Greatest Race film / Time on own in Museum

The Kentucky Derby Museum is an American Thoroughbred horse racing museum located on the grounds of Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Dedicated to preserving the history of the Kentucky Derby, it first opened its doors to the public in the spring of 1985. The museum consists of two floors of exhibit space, including a 360-degree theater that shows the HD video *The Greatest Race*. Through the film and exhibits, visitors can learn what goes into the breeding and training of a young foal and the path it takes to the Kentucky Derby's winner circle. Every Kentucky Derby win is honored in the Warner L. Jones Time Machine, where visitors can watch any Kentucky Derby from 1918 to the present day. Exhibits highlight the stories of owners, trainers and jockeys as well as the importance of African American jockeys and trainers to the race and the Thoroughbred industry.

Time on own for lunch in downtown Louisville

Evan Williams Bourbon Experience

Located in the heart of downtown Louisville on "Whiskey Row", the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience combines two of America's favorite things, history and Bourbon. Whether you're an enthusiast of either, or looking for something exciting to do in the city, this is the perfect destination to learn and sip at the same time. Experience the life and contributions of Evan Williams, Kentucky's first commercial distiller, through guided tours, featuring an artisanal still that reflects the timeless process of how Bourbon was made centuries ago; and educational tastings that capture the character of his namesake brand.

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory tour

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is all about celebrating the extraordinary role of Louisville Slugger in baseball's past, present and future. Baseball connects generations. Since the sport is such a big part of American history and culture, even visitors who don't consider themselves big fans find something here that resonates with them. Maybe it's the fun stories and fascinating machinery in the factory, or the hands on exhibits, or one of the special exhibitions that broaden the interpretation of baseball. And, really, who doesn't love a free mini-bat?

Dinner and time on own at 4th Street Live

Day 5 Tuesday (B)

Breakfast at hotel Depart to Lexington, KY

Guided Thoroughbred Horse Farms tour

Experience why Kentucky is world famous! This fun and informative tour will spend the majority of the time out of the van visiting Keeneland and the farms. Drive by, see and hear the history of Calumet farm, home of a breeding and racing dynasty that dominated the sport of kings during the 1940s, 1950s and beyond. Step out and enjoy a walking tour of the ivy-covered grounds of historic Keeneland Race Course, home to the planet's most expensive horse auctions. Take a peek at the thoroughbred horse lifestyle as we take you behind the scenes to explore a premier thoroughbred farm and visit up close and personal with their famous thoroughbreds. We'll even see where scenes from the major motion pictures Secretariat, Seabiscuit and Dreamer were filmed. Our knowledgeable guides will make sure you don't miss a hoofbeat!

Lunch on own in downtown Lexington
Arrive Jeffersonville, OH
Check into hotel - One (1) Night

Hampton Inn - Washington Court House
Dinner and evening on own

Day 6 Wednesday (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Depart Jeffersonville, OH

Lunch on own

6:30pm Approximate arrival in Allentown, PA

Price Per Person: Single Double Triple Quad \$1,460 \$1,092 \$969 \$910

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