



KENTUCKY DERBY WEEKEND

Detailed Itinerary

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meet at the Troy Transit Center, 1201 Doyle Drive, Troy at 7:30 am for bus drive to Kentucky. En route to Kentucky, we'll have a Derby Trivia Contest with a special prize, and also a chance to bet on our favorite horses using our own Derby Dollars, rather than cash. The winners of the categories to win, place and show will be announced on our bus drive home.

Our first stop is a tour of the Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery, the world's most award-winning distillery and a National Historic Landmark. No Distillery has earned more domestic and international accolades than Buffalo Trace - over 500 in total. Their passion for distilling, passed down for two centuries, is revered by experts worldwide.

The Trace Tour begins with an engaging video of the history of Buffalo Trace Distillery. You will then walk amidst the path of rolling bourbon barrels, being captivated by the alluring smell of bourbon sleeping inside the aging warehouses. Then you will go inside the renowned Blanton's Bottling Hall where you will see signature bourbons being filled, sealed, labeled, and packaged—all by hand. Then indulge in a complimentary tasting of some of their award-winning products.

Next we stop at the famous and historic Keeneland Race Track in the heart of Bluegrass Country where there is a party to celebrate Oaks Day. Enjoy a casual picnic dinner in the paddock (pay your own tab at the concession stands). You can wager your bets on the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs race that will be simulcast at Keeneland, as well as races at major race tracks around the country.

After an action-packed day and evening, we check into the lovely Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Lexington, Kentucky.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – Derby Day

After enjoying a full breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. En route to Louisville, we have a Derby hat contest. Prize will be given out on the bus drive home.

The Kentucky Derby is unlike any other sporting event! With a crowd of more than 150,000 people, unparalleled history and tradition, the Kentucky Derby has been described by Forbes as one of the "Greatest Bucket-list Sporting Events" in America, as well as the world's largest and most entertaining fashion show, with spectacular hats and outfits!

During the day, explore the Churchill Downs Infield, visit the Paddock Plaza, have a snack at the concessions, sip on mint juleps, watch the races and wager your bets. The Kentucky Derby race post time is 6:24 pm. It is often called "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports". After the Derby race we leave Churchill Downs and make a stop for dinner at a restaurant en route to the hotel. (Pay your own tab).

Sunday, May 5, 2017

After enjoying a full breakfast at our hotel, we depart for a tour of the Thoroughbred Center, an award-winning horse farm tour in the Blue Grass Region. The tour gives you the behind-the-scenes look as well as fascinating stories about the people and horses that make Lexington the "Horse Capital of the World."

After the horse farm tour, we make our way back to Troy, Michigan with lasting memories of our exciting weekend in Kentucky. Enjoy an included lunch in route. Estimated arrival time back in Troy - approx. 10 pm depending on traffic and road conditions.