



KENTUCKY DERBY WEEKEND Detailed Itinerary

Friday, April 30, 2021

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 stop for an included picnic lunch. 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 demonstrates the various stages of bourbon processing. At the end of the tour, we have a chance to indulge in a complimentary tasting of some of their award-winning bourbon products.

Then join the *Party in the Paddock* at the Historic Keeneland Racetrack featuring food, live music and simulcast of the Kentucky Oaks Race with an opportunity to wager your bets if you wish. Then we drive the short distance to the lovely Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Georgetown, KY for a good nights rest.

Saturday, May 1, 2021

After enjoying a full breakfast at our hotel, we drive through horse country 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."

Next, we depart for Churchill Downs to experience The Kentucky Derby with an exciting Derby Hat Contest en route. With an 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! You'll be able to purchase your own tickets ahead of time (prices and availability subject to change).

Explore the Churchill Downs Infield, visit the Paddock Plaza, have a bite to eat at the concessions, sip on mint juleps, watch the races and wager your bets. The Kentucky Derby race post time is around 6:30 pm. It is often called "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports". After the Derby race you'll have time to collect your winnings before leaving Churchill Downs. We'll make a stop for dinner on your own on the way back to the hotel.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

After enjoying a full breakfast at our hotel, we depart for the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The 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 will truly amaze you.

After an included lunch, we make our way back to Troy, Michigan with lasting memories of our exciting weekend in Kentucky. Estimated arrival time back at the Troy Transit Center is 10 pm (depending on traffic and road conditions).