



# Kentucky Bourbon Trail

July 24 – 27, 2023

## Day #1 – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:30 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 8:00 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland, (behind Culvers)
- 8:40 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road. We'll make a rest area stop before picking up Urbana passengers
- 10:00 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive traveling southeast towards our destination – Louisville, Kentucky. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed. *Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.*
- 5:00 PM** We arrive at our home for the next 3 nights – the **Drury Inn & Suites\***. You'll have time to enjoy their **Kickback Program\*** before we depart for our evening event.
- 6:30 PM** We depart for the **Frazier Museum for a Bourbon Reception\* (7:00 PM Reservation)** We begin our **Official Kentucky Bourbon Trail\***. The Frazier Museum is the Official Starting Point of the Trail and home to the Bourbon Trail Welcome Center. You'll enjoy **The Spirit of Kentucky Bourbon\*** which gives you a fantastic overview of the history of Bourbon and why Bourbon is so vital to Kentucky. You'll also see a film and have a **Bourbon Tasting Experience\*** with some "Old Favorites" such as Old Forester Signature, Old Granddad and Old Bardstown to start your trip off with a bang. The Frazier is also a museum with artifacts on exhibit that once belonged to famous politicians and celebrities, noted frontiersmen and soldiers. No other museum in the world houses the ceremonial sword of founding father Josiah Bartlett, the family bible of legendary pioneer Daniel Boone and so many more unique and historic artifact spanning 1,000 years of history. This evening you'll receive your **Kentucky Bourbon Trail Guidebook & Passport** before tomorrow's day of fun on the Bourbon Trail.
- 9:00 PM** Return to the hotel for the evening.



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## Day #2 – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel before departing for a fun-filled day exploring Louisville!

Our day begins with a **tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory Tour\***. You don't have to be a baseball fan to love this attraction. It's iconic, it's linked to legends and it is one of Louisville's best-known tourist attractions. The world-famous tour begins with a thrilling movie that transports you to the forests and mills where every Louisville Slugger bat begins. After that, we walk through the hear of the factory production line and check out



never-before-seen steps in the bat making process including the creation of their fan favorite mini-bats. Next we'll have some "free time" for a little lunch & shopping on your own. Afternoon finds us enjoying **The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience tour\***. It is an artisanal distillery located in downtown Louisville on Whiskey Row and it celebrates the legacy of Evan Williams, Kentucky's first distiller. Our final stop today is for a **tour of Old Forester Distilling\***. This guided tour explains the history of this hometown bourbon. You'll learn of the distilling and bottling process and much more. At the end of the tour, you'll be able to taste Old Foresters award-winning craft bourbon. After the tour we depart for the hotel where you can partake in the evening's **Kickback Program\***.

## Day #3 – Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:

**Breakfast\*** is included again this morning and then we're off to **tour The Hermitage Thoroughbred Nursery\***. Hermitage Farms is a world-class equine operation where champion thoroughbreds are born and nursed. Last January, the broodmares gave birth to 40 foals. You'll see next year's babies at the age of 4-5 months old. These soon to be racehorses will just be learning to run. Our 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. Next, we'll enjoy another Bourbon tasting session here at Hermitage Farms. Their unique tasting room has bottles from every distillery on the Kentucky Bourbon



Trail – and then some. You'll enjoy an in-depth experience that covers the entire process of the bourbon craft from seed to sip and highlights this unique (and tasty) product of Kentucky agriculture. This afternoon we'll take the **Historic Tram Tour\*** on an underground adventure rich in history, geology, mining, recycling, green building technology, and just simply HUGE in scale. You'll hop on an SUV-pulled tram and be joined by a MEGA Cavern expert who will guide us through on your underground adventure. Following the tram tour, we depart for the Drury

Inn to enjoy another **Kickback Program\* for happy hour**. Next, you'll take a step back in time for a Prohibition-themed **distillery tour\***. See the "tools" bootleggers used to make moonshine in the early '20s when alcohol was prohibited. Walk among a collection of historical memorabilia of the era. You'll hear true accounts of the crazy and often dangerous things that were done to illegally produce, transport, and sell liquor. Experience how they handcraft liquor today and the similarities



between now and then. After the tour, wander over to their tasting bar and enjoy spirits. Our evening ends with a **Dinner Cruise & Sightseeing Tour\*** aboard either the Mary M Miller of the Belle of Louisville (whichever is sailing at this time). With that big red paddlewheel kicking up a whitewater feather trail, you cruise on the mighty Ohio River.

#### **Day #4 – Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>:**

A final **Breakfast\*** awaits us before we depart for home. Did you purchase some Bourbon to take home with you?

- 9:00 AM** We check out, board our coach and depart towards home making rest and meal stops along the way as needed. ***Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.***
- 3:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.
- 4:15 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
- 5:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
- 6:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

#### **Cost Per Person:**

**Single: \$1120.00   Double: \$880.00   Triple: \$825:00   Quad: \$765.00**

**Tour Includes: Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk\*.**

**If you feel the Driver & Escort have done a good job, it is appropriate to tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver and \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.**

#### **Hotel:**

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