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The 150th Kentucky Derby

5 Days May 1-5, 2024

The Kentucky Derby is one of America's biggest parties as well as one of our most celebrated sporting events. While there is a horse race at the heart of this spectacle, there are many other intriguing traditions. It's about Fashion, it's about Bourbon and Horses, Mint Juleps and Riverboats and it's about time you check it off your Bucket List.

Tour Highlights:

- The 150th Kentucky Derby – Reserved Lower Level Seats
 - With All-Inclusive Food & Beverage (including beer, wine and cocktails)
- Derby Day Riverboat Cruise
- Bourbon, Barbecue and Country Music
- Louisville Sightseeing including:
 - Louisville Slugger Museum
 - Lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House
 - Horse Farm Tour
 - Derby Hat Shopping
- Bourbon & Chocolates
- “Off to the Races” Dinner Party with Kentucky Derby Museum
- Four Nights Lodging at a Drury Hotel
- Four Hotel Breakfasts
- Two Lunches
- Three Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these Services
- Derby Motorcoach Parking
- Churchill Downs VIP Fast Access Pass
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Escorted by Patti Beth Anderson

Per Person Prices:

\$2,999 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,975 TRIPLE...\$2,795 QUAD...\$4,417 SINGLE

\$200 (per person) Deposit to hold your spot

\$500 (per person) due by December 22, 2023

(Cash, check and Credit Cards accepted)

Final Payment due February 27, 2024

Travel Insurance is available and can be purchased online at

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=USTO7000WV>

(Each person is responsible for their own insurance enrollment)

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Day 1 – St Louis, MO – Today, you travel to St. Louis, Missouri where you overnight at the Drury Inn St Louis Southwest. Dinner is on our own this evening, and we can take advantage of Drury's 5:30 Kickback featuring a rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages.

Day 2 – Louisville, KY – Bourbon, Barbecue & Country Music Travel today takes you to Louisville, KY where you enjoy a three-night stay at the Drury Inn North or East. Tonight features a festive evening to kick off the Derby weekend. Enjoy a delicious Kentucky barbecue dinner, followed by live music with a renowned local band. Boot scoot your way to the dance floor or just sit back and listen. There will also be an opportunity to taste test several of Kentucky's world famous Bourbons. **(B,D)**

Day 3 – Louisville Slugger Museum - Lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House - Derby Hat Shopping - Horse Farm Tour - Bourbon & Chocolates - "Off To The Races" Dinner Party - *(The sequence of events may not be as shown here.)* – First stop today is the Louisville Slugger Museum where even non-baseball fans will love it. It's iconic, it's linked to legends and it is one of Louisville's best known attractions. This tour is fascinating with interactive exhibits. Baseball is such a big part of American history and culture that you'll definitely will find a connection here.

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.

While at Claudia Sanders Restaurant, your group will have the chance to purchase Derby Hats and accessories, available for both men and 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.

During today's touring, visit a horse training facility and actual see training in progress. At this time of year it is also possible to see a new foal up close and personal.

This afternoon, return to your hotel to rest up before tonight's "Off to the Races Dinner Party," enjoy a complimentary gift box with a miniature bottle of Evan Williams Bourbon and Chocolate Bourbon Candy.

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 will be projected on the big screen.

Everyone 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, it's a chance to make few bets, cheer for a favorite and share a few laughs. When each race is over, there's time to cash in winnings and make fresh bets before the next race. **(B,L,D)**

Day 4 - Derby Day Riverboat Cruise - 150th Kentucky Derby - Lower Level - with Food & Drinks - Today's first event is the Derby Day Riverboat Cruise on The Belle of Louisville Riverboat, the most widely traveled river steamboat in American history. Once onboard there is complimentary coffee and tea, or start the festivities with a Bloody Mary or Champagne Mimosa from the cash bar. It doesn't get any better than this!

Once underway, we have an expert providing 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 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, your Sternwheeler will turn downstream and with those big red paddlewheels kicking up a feather trail of whitewater, it will race back to Louisville.

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. Tickets come complete with unlimited food and drink (including beer, wine & cocktails). 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. You will be at The Derby all day, enjoy crowd watching, sample a mint julep and place a few bets.

The Kentucky Derby is America's most extravagant springtime sports party, and one of our most celebrated events. While there is a horse race at the heart of this spectacle, there are many other intriguing aspects within this Louisville tradition. It is a festival and fashion show, it's a Parade and a Race, it's Mint Juleps and Riverboats; it's about Horses and it's about time you see it.

Also included is premium motorcoach parking. 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. (B,L,D)**

Day 5 - Departure Day - This morning, with hat boxes and suitcases loaded, your group departs for home with another event checked off the Bucket List. **(B)**