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Bourbon. Horses. Kentucky.

A Week on the Bourbon Trail

7 days | October 10 – 16, 2021

Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + From family-run craft distilleries to iconic world-famous makers, our uniquely in-depth tour reveals the full range of Kentucky spirits and traditions.
- + Thrill to Racing at iconic Keeneland with lunch at the racetrack.
- + Fine Southern cooking and farm-fresh fare in Louisville and Lexington.
- + From a stud farm to the auction house and even retirement pastures, we give you a rare look into the life of champion Thoroughbreds.
- + Delight in our farewell dinner with the owners of the picturesque Sun Valley Farm.
- + With 6 nights luxury hotel; 14 meals with wine + spirits at lunch and dinner; extensive sightseeing + bourbon tastings; all transfers; all gratuities except for your Trip Leader.



Our Journey

Day 1 – Welcome to Louisville, October 10, 2021

On arrival, you'll be warmly greeted and escorted to *The Brown Hotel*, a luxury city landmark for nearly a century. This evening's dinner features *The Hot Brown*, the culinary legend created here in 1926. Meals D

Day 2 – A Taste of Louisville, October 11, 2021

With unique insight peppered by colorful local lore, today's sightseeing includes a private Trolley Tour of Old Louisville, famed for the nation's largest ensemble of Victorian mansions, and a chance to browse the one-of-a-kind boutiques in Butchertown, a charming city district that traces its roots to the early 1800's. For lunch, delight in the fresh, innovative New American fare and artisan cocktails of the Butchertown Market before a private mixology class at Copper & Kings, a craft distillery gaining fame with its fine brandies. Along the city's historic Whiskey Row, we'll finish the day at Angel' Envy Distillery, a project of Lincoln Henderson, creator of Woodford Reserve and Gentleman Jack. Your evening is free to explore the area. Meals B+L

Day 3 – Churchill Downs + Southern Cuisine, October 12, 2021

Following breakfast, this morning will begin with a special walking tour of Churchill Downs with VIP access to exclusive areas. Then it's off to Louisville's historic Whiskey Row where we'll visit to the Old Forester Distillery, home of the first bottled bourbon, and a demonstration of how their barrels are as finely handcrafted now as they were in the late 19th Century. We'll complete the afternoon at the Frazier Historical Museum, affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution before returning to the Brown Hotel to freshen-up before this evening's event. We'll be 'Cooking at Millie's,' where a private class for us will be conducted by one of the best local chefs in the region. It will be a dinner you won't forget. Meals B+D

Day 4 – Central Kentucky, October 13, 2021

Enjoy this morning's scenic drive into Central Kentucky where our tour and tasting at the renowned Maker's Mark Distillery ends with dipping your own bottle of bourbon into their signature red wax. After lunch at the Bottle & Bond Kitchen to enjoy its fine homemade Southern fare, you'll tour *My Old Kentucky Home*. Once the centerpiece of a 1,300-acre plantation, this handsome Federal-style mansion is now a renowned house museum filled with antiques, period art and finely restored architectural details. At the end of your visit, you'll even learn how to make the perfect Mint Julep. Then explore the history of Kentucky's Shaker community and sit down to a delightful garden-to-table dinner at Shaker Village. We'll continue to Lexington and check in to the new *Origin Hotel* for a 3-night stay. Meals B+L+D

Day 5 – Racing at Keeneland, October 14, 2021

Keeneland is not just a world-class racecourse, it's also the world's leading Thoroughbred auction house. Get an insider's look into this rarefied world when you arrive and head up to one of Keeneland's dining rooms where A+R guests enjoy Prime Reserved Seating. Sit down to a delightful lunch and thrill to terrific views of all the racing action. This day also includes a visit to the Castle & Key Distillery, where our

Curated Cocktail Experience is a fascinating way to learn about the native Kentucky botanicals that go into their esteemed Restoration Release Gin; the visit ends with a tasting of two unique cocktails of your choosing. This evening's special Bourbon Flavor Wheel dinner at the *Holly Hill Inn* features farm-to-table dishes that have many of the key tasting notes found in Kentucky bourbon. Created by famed chef and Inn-owner Ouita Michel, it's a unique way to learn about food, flavors and bourbon-pairings. Meals B+L+D

Note: Please see our sidebar for the Sept 14, 2021 *Churchill Downs Racing* itinerary.

Day 6 – Kentucky Bluegrass, October 15, 2021

After breakfast, visit the Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm to meet their dignified residents and to learn about their innovative approach to providing care for Thoroughbreds whose racing days and breeding careers have come to an end. Then savor the fine farm-to-table cuisine of Castle Farms before exploring the lavish halls and landscaped grounds of the Kentucky Castle. In the afternoon, you'll enjoy a private tour of one of Kentucky's renowned Thoroughbred farms. You'll have time to freshen up before experiencing a magical twilight tour of Sun Valley Farm, set on rolling bluegrass pastures with well-tended fences stretching as far as the eye can see. By special arrangement, sit down to dinner with the Farm's owners, enjoying congenial conversation and a chance to learn more about their Thoroughbred broodmares, responsible for producing more than 200 Stakes winners worldwide. Meals B+L+D

Day 7 – Departure, October 16, 2021

After breakfast, we'll take you to the Lexington airport for your homeward flight. Meals B

Accommodations

Brown Hotel - Louisville, Kentucky

Inextricably woven into the history and stories of the city, this luxury Louisville landmark has welcomed travelers for nearly a century with its Old World elegance and modern-day comfort. Behind the striking Georgian-Revival façade, you'll experience the Southern gentility that has made the city a destination for bourbon, history and equestrian enthusiasts. Highlighted by rich fabrics and classic furnishings including a Mahogany bed, all guestrooms feature complimentary WiFi, electronic safe, a flat screen television with premium channels, and a coffee and tea maker.

Origin Hotel - Lexington, Kentucky

In the heart of a pioneering urban complex with world-class shopping and dining, our brand new hotel offers a contemporary vibe blended with classic luxury. Spacious guestrooms feature stylish a décor inspired by the local Bluegrass region. You'll enjoy luxury linens, a large LED television that can pair with your personal device, and

complimentary high-speed WiFi. A lavish en suite bath features a walk in rainforest shower and spa-inspired amenities.

Our Original Journey Value

- + Comprehensive sightseeing with never more than 16 guests and all entry fees
- + Racing at Churchill Downs or Keeneland with special behind-the-scenes experiences
- + 14 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners with wine and spirits at all midday and evening meals
- + Private tours, tastings and mixology classes at a variety of distilleries
- + All on-tour transportation and transfers
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Trip Leader
- + All luggage handling, taxes and fees
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

Only with A+R

Boutique craft distilleries, intimate farm-to-table dining, and family-run farms where the passion for horses runs deep. Our journey through the Bluegrass region promises a uniquely intimate foray into the world of Kentucky bourbon, horses, and new Southern Cuisine.