



## THE CONVENTION CONNECTION TOURS

### ***THEY'RE OFF 3 Hours***

You'll view historic WEST MAIN STREET, home of the nation's second largest district of preserved cast iron facades; then on to the grandeur of ST. JAMES COURT and one of the country's finest neighborhoods of Victorian mansions. Next, you'll pass by the UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, oldest municipal university west of the Alleghenies, and its splendid J.B. SPEED ART MUSEUM, housing Kentucky's largest fine arts collection. The famed twin spires of CHURCHILL DOWNS will greet your arrival at the famous KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM where you will experience fascinating hands on Kentucky Derby exhibits and the spectacular 360-degree multi-image show depicting the panorama of Derby Day! You'll finish your circuit at the world famous LOUISVILLE STONEWARE for a tour and the opportunity to make that prized bargain purchase.

### ***ROUNABOUT LOUISVILLE 3 Hours***

Take a leisurely trip back in time when you view the nationally renowned preservation districts of WEST MAIN STREET and OLD LOUISVILLE. Downtown's blend of new and old architecture and government buildings will give you an idea of the heritage of the city. You'll travel by coach through Victorian neighborhoods to view the UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, the J.B. SPEED ART MUSEUM and the home of the Kentucky Derby, CHURCHILL DOWNS. You will drive through Louisville's beautiful park system, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, passing some beautiful Louisville homes and LOCUST GROVE, the Georgian style plantation of General George Rogers Clark. A drive down River Road points out the significance of the Ohio River to the founding of Louisville.

### ***HISTORIC LOUISVILLE 3 Hours***

Take a leisurely trip back in time when you drive through the nationally renowned preservation districts of WEST MAIN STREET and OLD LOUISVILLE. You'll travel by coach through Victorian neighborhoods to view, from your coach, the UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, the J.B. SPEED ART MUSEUM and the home of the Kentucky Derby, CHURCHILL DOWNS. A stop at one of Louisville's beautiful historic homes is next, where you will visit either FARMINGTON with a Federal style house and gardens designed after plans by Thomas Jefferson and visited by Abraham Lincoln; or LOCUST GROVE, a Georgian Style plantation, the last home of General George Rogers Clark the Revolutionary War hero and founder of Louisville. Your final stop will be at the world famous LOUISVILLE STONEWARE for a tour and the opportunity to make that prized bargain purchase.

### ***STAR OF LOUISVILLE LUNCHEON CRUISE 3 Hours***

Enjoy unlimited fine buffet dining (included in your tour) with your friends aboard the elegant STAR OF LOUISVILLE. This nautical addition to Louisville's waterfront renaissance boasts two fully enclosed temperature controlled dining decks and an outdoor observation deck. This is truly a unique setting for a bountiful luncheon feast as you view Louisville's ever-changing skyline from the Ohio River.

***BASEBALL BATS AND POTTERY 3 Hours***

A visit to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Louisville Stoneware highlight this unique tour. At the Louisville Slugger Museum you will step up to the plate and experience the sensation of a 90mph pitch whizzing under your chin. Hear replays and see videos of great moments in baseball history. Step into the dugout and sit next to life-sized figures of Hall of Fame members. Browse through bats swung by Pete Browning, Mickey Mantle and Ken Griffey, Jr. Push a button and watch videos on 60-inch screens of sluggers of the 1950's and stars of the 20's. Take a walk into a Northern white ash "forest" and find out how the wood is cut, processed and ends up as billets for the Louisville Slugger Bats. When you've had your fill of the museum, take the plant tour and hear the hum of the whirling lathes and smell the scorched wood as the Louisville Slugger logo is burned on. Your next stop is at LOUISVILLE STONEWARE for a tour of the factory where you will watch the artists paint each piece by hand and visit the retail shop where you may just find that perfect gift to take home.

***WIN, PLACE AND SHOW 6 Hours***

Each spring and fall, the call to the post magically draws visitors from around the world to CHURCHILL DOWNS. The famed twin spires will greet your arrival at the historical home of the Kentucky Derby for a day at the races! Depending upon the afternoon's racing schedule, either lunch or dinner is available in your choice of gracious dining areas, appointed in the rich traditions of Kentucky Thoroughbred horse racing. High above the finish line, your party will find a sure bet on Millionaires' Row in the plush Skye Terrace. This is horse racing at its finest - The Sport of Kings for your personal enjoyment!

***BACKSIDE TOUR OF CHURCHILL DOWNS 2 1/2 Hours (available during racing season)***

The early morning mist welcomes you to a part of racing that is not usually seen by the fan. As the horses breeze by on their morning workouts, your guide will explain the training process that transforms a young horse into a racing legend. You'll rub elbows with trainers, jockeys and exercise riders as you enjoy a delicious country style breakfast in the track kitchen. A walk through the shed rows allows you to see a Thoroughbred up close and personal. You may even get a tip "right from the horses mouth".

***BARDSTOWN AND THE MAKERS MARK DISTILLERY 6 Hours***

To relive the romance and legends of our Commonwealth's earliest history, a trio to gracious BARDSTOWN is an absolute must. There really is such a place as "My Old Kentucky Home" and you will tour the actual Georgian style mansion that inspired Stephen Fosters immortal ballad. Federal Hill, built around 1818, places you in a gentler era resplendent with Southern belles, formal gardens and carriage houses. From the Nelson County seat, you'll travel by coach through Kentucky's bourbon country of limestone fed streams to tiny Loretto and it's National Historic Landmark, MAKERS MARK DISTILLERY. Here on immaculate, lovingly restored grounds the "little country distillery" still greets guests as it did nearly a century ago. The majority of activities at Makers Mark are accomplished by hand and you'll be personally shown each step, including the careful hand dipping of each bottle into red sealing wax. A distinction befitting what has been repeatedly judged the world's finest bourbon! Lunch will be at the HISTORIC TALBOTT TAVERN.

***SHELBYVILLE, SADDLEBREDS AND SILVER 5 Hours***

A visit to BIGGINS FARM, home of some nationally known Saddlebred horses, will allow you a fascinating glimpse into the world of gaited horses! At the stables you'll see a demonstration of the skills and finesse being taught these magnificent animals. Then it's back onto your comfortable coach for a short trip to OLD STONE INN where you will enjoy a delightful lunch. The Inn, built in 1817, was a landmark stage coach stop visited by President Andrew Jackson and frontiersman Daniel Boone. Then it's on to picturesque SHELBYVILLE and the many fine shops at Science Hill, built in 1870 as a girl's finishing school. Today, the National Register structure houses WAKEFIELD-SCEARCE GALLERIES noted for its internationally recognized collections of antique furniture, fine silver - including a silver vault - and period accessories. A stroll through Science Hill and down Shelbyville's quaint streets is like a trip back in time.

***FORT KNOX ARMOR AND GOLD 5 Hours***

Just a short coach ride southwest of Louisville is FORT KNOX, best known as America's Gold Vault, which you will view from a distance as required. The US GOLD DEPOSITORY contains a great part of our country's gold bullion reserve in standard mint bars of almost pure gold or melted coin gold. You will be allowed to tour the very interesting PATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR, containing the development of cavalry and armored weapons, uniforms and equipment from the Revolutionary War to the present. You will grasp a significant sense of military history when you view the life long personal effects of World War 11 General George S. Patton; Jr. displayed in the Patton Gallery. Then following a close up look at a tank, it's back onto the coach for a short trip through the unrestricted areas of the huge and very active army post.

***SHAKERTOWN 7 Hours***

History awaits deep in Bluegrass Country at PLEASANT HILL, founded in 1805 by the Shakers, a celibate religious communal sect who believed in simplicity and separation from the world. Today, the 2,700-acre National Landmark beckons "outsiders" to 27 meticulously restored buildings, craft demonstrations and Shaker furniture exhibits. A bountiful lunch (included in the tour price) will be served in the Trustee House, then your guide to this world of the past will complete your perfect day by escorting you to the music program.

***LABROT & GRAHAM DISTILLERY AND THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK 7 Hours***

LABROT & GRAHAM DISTILLERY - the Bourbon Home Place. At this the oldest distillery site still in use in Kentucky you will take a step back in time to the way Bourbon whiskey was first produced by early distilling pioneers. The major buildings on the property, which date back to the 1840's, have been restored to their original operating conditions. The LABROT & GRAHAM DISTILLERY is dedicated to crafting Bourbon in the traditional manner. It is the only Bourbon distillery in Kentucky using the pot still method. Woodford Reserve, premium bourbon, is produced on the site. Horses, history and hospitality are showcased for your complete enjoyment when you visit some of the most incredible and lovely scenery in America! LEXINGTON-the horse capital of the world- where the beauty of the land comes alive with the sounds of horses neighing in the lush bluegrass country side, hundreds of miles of rolling hills outlined with white or black plank fences and the excitement of champion horses racing to the finish line. You'll visit the KENTUCKY HORSE PARK, the only facility of its type in the nation, bringing the history of equine breeds from around the world to the famous Bluegrass Region. This 1,032 acre working horse farm features more than 30 breeds performing in the Parade of Breeds show, actual racing greats stabled in the Hall of Champions and a spectacular film presentation, "Thou Shall Fly without Wings". You'll move about the park on foot or by horse-drawn carriage or surrey ride, visiting the blacksmith, harness maker, International Museum of the Horse, Calumet Farm Trophy Exhibit and a fine gift shop. Lunch, which is included in your tour price, will be at the Horse Park.

**SADDLEBREDS, BOURBON AND LUNCH AT OLD STONE INN 7 Hours**

A visit to BIGGINS FARM, home of some nationally known Saddlebred horses, will allow you a fascinating glimpse into the world of gaited horses! At the stables you'll see a demonstration of the skills and finesse being taught these magnificent animals. The next stop on this tour is OLD STONE INN, a historic Inn that has been in business since the time of the Revolutionary War. You will enjoy a delicious lunch in this lovely setting. The final stop on this tour of traditional Kentucky favorites will be at LABROT & GRAHAM DISTILLERY - the Bourbon Home Place. At this the oldest distillery site still in use in Kentucky you will take a step back in time to the way Bourbon whiskey was first produced by early distilling pioneers. The major buildings on the property, which date back to the 1840's, have been restored to their original operating conditions. The LABROT & GRAHAM DISTILLERY is dedicated to crafting Bourbon in the traditional manner. It is the only Bourbon distillery in Kentucky using the pot still method. Woodford Reserve, premium bourbon, is produced on the site.

**HISTORY COMES ALIVE 7 ½ Hours**

A walk through history is how your guests will remember their day after taking this tour. You will start off the day at THE FRAZIER HISTORICAL ARMS MUSEUM. The Frazier is a one of a kind museum that takes you on an unforgettable journey through history that spans 1000 years and 2 continents. In collaboration with the Royal Armouries (Britain's oldest museum), The Frazier holds in trust one of the greatest collections of arms, armor and related historical artifacts in the world. After touring the museum we will take your guests down the river on THE SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON for their lunchtime cruise. The Spirit combines the charm of the bygone river days with the comfort of contemporary life. This sternwheeler has two indoor climate-controlled decks to accommodate your event in either warm or cool weather. After lunch our walk through history will continue with a guided tour of the LOCUST GROVE HISTORIC HOME. Locust Grove, the last home of Revolutionary War leader General George Rogers Clark, was built around 1790 and visited by Aaron Burr, John James Audubon and Presidents James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Zachary Taylor. The meticulously restored Georgian style plantation features exquisite period furnishings, a grand ballroom and formal gardens nestled on 55 of the original 693 acres.

Please call The Convention Connection at (502) 394-9930 for more information.

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