

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

FALL ALONG THE KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL MON-WED SEP 10-12, 2018

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Medina, Mansfield, Columbus, Grove City, Washington CH.



The Kentucky Bourbon Trail has a fascinating history that dates back to the 1700's when the first settlers, farmers and frontiersmen, came to the area. Unfortunately, getting their crops to market, through the mountains, proved most difficult. Eventually they found that processing the corn and other grains into whiskey made them much easier to transport and much more profitable. Today's inhabitants have continued to make fine bourbon, using the same processes that their ancestors used for centuries. Needless to say, all passengers must be at least 21 years old.

Bourbon got its name from Bourbon County. The farmers shipped their product on the rivers in oak barrels that had the name "Bourbon County" stamped on them. Being in barrels so long gave the beverage its distinct mellow flavor and amber color and, eventually, it became known as Bourbon Whiskey.

But this tour not only combines bourbon, Kentucky history and bourbon history, it also includes a most unique history of yet another American icon as well as a one-night event, the live performance of "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes". We've secured tickets for this nostalgic look at Hank Williams and his influence on country music is amazing and will be performed by the star of "Hank Williams, the Lost Highway" in New York. You'll be starting with a salad bar this evening and then selecting from a number of home-style "classic American cuisine".



This three-day tour includes something for everyone, whether you are traveling with us to learn the history and influence on the economy of this area of bourbon on this area or to enjoy the scenery of the Bluegrass State and its many other historical sites.

- The Jim Beam American Stillhouse.
- Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History in Bardstown. Located in historic Spalding Hall, this attraction boasts a 50-year collection of rare whiskey artifacts dating from pre-colonial days to post-Prohibition days, with rare antique bottles, a moonshine still, advertising art and novelty whiskey containers.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

- The Evans Williams Bourbon Experience, located in Louisville is the gateway to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. You'll be seeing the distilling process, learning the history of this sought-after product and, at the end, we've included the tasting room, possibly even with a piece of their delicious bourbon chocolates.
- The fun continues in Bardstown at the Heaven Hill Distillery's Bourbon Heritage Center. We've been advised that our visit will be during "Bourbon Week".



One of our five meals will be at a historic inn along West Stephen Foster in Bardstown. When visitors walk into their Old Talbott Tavern it's been kept up and well-preserved from the when horse-drawn vehicles were the "norm" but the passage of time is evident in a few creaking floorboards. There's an air about the place that speaks of people who have come and gone, who spent time in the pub and then retired to their rooms before an early morning departure on the next stage out of town. When booking, please advise us of your entrée selection from these local favorites:

___ Prime Rib ___ Kentucky Hot Brown ___ Shrimp & Grits

Other inclusions have us visiting a history museum that has had ever-changing exhibits for our groups over the years and have included everything from suits of armor, holiday nutcrackers, bourbon memorabilia and historical objects from the last 1,000 years. Items in that collection include a rifle reputedly once owned by George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt's "Big Stick" hunting rifle, and items once owned by "Buffalo Bill" Cody and the outlaw Jesse James. As of the time of publication, it is anticipated that the exhibits will included "Bourbon Gateway", in keeping with the theme of this tour.

Our last visit may just be the most fascinating for you, the American Sign Museum. It preserves and displays the art and over a hundred years of sign history as well as the equipment utilized in the design and manufacture of them. Past groups have found this one of their most popular stops which is why we wanted you to see these at our last visit of this tour.



Our tour staff thinks that they've once again "hit the mark" on a tour that you will enjoy on this tour that has so many fascinating inclusions.

KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL – SEPTEMBER 2018

**\$524 per person in a double
\$514 per person in a triple
\$504 per person in a quad
\$637 per person in a single**

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