

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

GRANDEUR ALONG THE KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL WITH TWO SHOWS

THU-SAT JULY 18-20, 2019

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 two live shows. The first one is "*Shrek, The Musical*". "Based on the story and characters from the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks Animation film, this hilarious and spectacular production turns the world of fairytales upside down in an all-singing, all-dancing, must-see musical comedy. Join Shrek, our unlikely hero, and his loyal steed, "Donkey", as they set off on a quest to rescue the beautiful (if slightly temperamental) Princess Fiona from her tower, guarded by a fire breathing love-sick dragon. Add the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad, a gang of fairytale misfits, and a biscuit with attitude, and you've got an irresistible mix of adventure, laughter and romance, guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages!"



The second is Kentucky's Outdoor Official Musical, the "*The Stephen Foster Story*". "The show is set in the mid-19th century and follows America's first great composer Stephen Collins Foster as he paves the road for future songwriters through love, heartache, and the struggles of the time. Featuring over fifty of Foster's greatest compositions such as 'Oh! Susanna', 'Camptown Races', 'Beautiful Dreamer', 'Hard Times (Come Again No More)', & Kentucky's state song 'My Old Kentucky Home', *The Stephen Foster*

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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.

Story captures the essence of a by-gone era through song, dance, breathtaking costumes, and the picture-perfect setting of My Old Kentucky Home State Park.”

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.
- My Old Kentucky Home.
- 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 include “Bourbon Gateway”, in keeping with the theme of this tour.

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\$542 per person in a double
\$532 per person in a triple
\$522 per person in a quad
\$660 per person in a single

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