

KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL PLUS LOUISVILLE & LEXINGTON

7 Days - 6 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

Day 1 – A morning departure from Williamsburg, VA has you traveling to Lewisburg, WV for lunch on your own. Continue to White Sulphur Springs, WV for an afternoon **tour at the Greenbrier Resort Bunker**, one of America's most closely-guarded Cold War secrets. The vast underground relocation center for the U.S. Congress was in readiness from 1962-1992, complete with House and Senate chambers, dorms, power plant, clinic, cafeteria and a decontamination area. Step through the 25-ton blast door to learn its secrets and how it was kept hidden for over 30 years. Afterwards, continue to the Huntington, WV area for overnight lodging (*pack an overnight bag*) and **dinner**.

Day 2 - Following a continental breakfast, check out and travel to Lexington for a tour of the **Thoroughbred Center** to see the morning workout of the horses. Then, it's off to Louisville, KY where you will check into your hotel for a two-night stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner and a show at the **Derby Dinner Theatre**.

Day 3 - This morning you will depart for the world's most legendary racetrack, **Churchill Downs** where you will enjoy a **"backstretch" breakfast tour at Churchill Downs**. Savor the exclusive atmosphere of a morning at the track with a delicious **breakfast** in the trackside kitchen. You will also enjoy a **short walking tour** of the area. Afterwards, visit the **Kentucky Derby Museum** where you can explore the museum's two floors that capture the tradition and pageantry of the Derby and view *"The Greatest Race"*, the Museum's 360-degree high-definition video. This afternoon you will visit the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail Welcome Center** at the Frazier Museum to learn about Kentucky's bourbon distilleries. Kentucky is the birthplace of Bourbon and produces 95% of the Bourbon in the world. During your Kentucky Bourbon Trail, you will discover how Bourbon became America's only true native spirit. After your visit, you will arrive at the **Louisville Slugger Museum**. The museum showcases the history of the **Louisville Slugger** brand of baseball bats made by Hillerich & Bradsby. After your day of touring, enjoy **dinner** at one of Louisville's popular restaurants.

Day 4 - Enjoy a continental breakfast, then check out and depart for a visit to the **Muhammad Ali Center** where you will learn about Ali's epic life through his six core values: respect, confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, and spirituality. The Ali Center includes an amazing five-screen orientation theater film, historic Civil Rights era media footage, an interactive timeline of Ali's life, video of Ali fights, hands-on boxing fun, and two art galleries. After your visit, enjoy lunch on your own in the area. This afternoon you will depart for Bardstown, KY with a stop in Clermont to visit the **Jim Beam American Stillhouse** to experience two centuries of history, heritage and craftsmanship of America's #1 bourbon, which you will be sampling. View the bourbon-making process firsthand and witness what goes into creating an authentic liquid legend. You will have an up-close and personal look into the long lineage of the First Family of Bourbon, their business, and its impact on Kentucky and the bourbon industry. Afterwards, you will check into your hotel in Bardstown for a two-night stay. **Dinner** is included this evening.

Day 5 - After a continental breakfast, you will visit the **Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History**. The Museum displays a 50-year collection of rare artifacts and documents concerning the American whiskey industry dating from pre-Colonial days to post-Prohibition years. The museum includes exhibits on President Washington, Abraham Lincoln, authentic moonshine stills, antique bottles and jugs, medicinal whiskey bottles, unique advertising art, novelty whiskey containers, and much more. After your visit, stop at the **Heaven Hill Distillery** which was founded in 1935. An experienced host will guide you through the history and heritage of America's original whiskey. An educational **bourbon tasting** is included. Enjoy lunch on your own in the area, then depart for an afternoon visit to the **Bardstown Bourbon Company** for a Napa Valley-style experience that features a state-of-the-art bourbon distillery which is both modern and authentic. Bardstown Bourbon Company is set on 100 acres of active farmland in the heart of the Bourbon Capital of the World and produces the highest-quality Kentucky bourbon, whiskey, and rye brands. Later in the afternoon, you will visit the **Old Kentucky Home State Park**. The farm is best known for its association with American composer Stephen Foster's anti-slavery ballad "My Old Kentucky Home". After popularity of the song increased throughout the United States, the area was purchased by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and was dedicated as a historic site, and renamed **"My Old Kentucky Home"** in 1923. A **tour of the mansion** is included. Your day will end with a delicious dinner in the area, followed by a relaxing evening.

Day 6 - Following a continental breakfast, check out and travel to Lexington, KY to visit the **Kentucky Horse Park** – 1,200 acres of 50 breeds of horses, museums, galleries, shows, and demonstrations. Enjoy lunch on your own, then travel to the Huntington, WV area for overnight lodging and **dinner** (*pack an overnight bag*).

Day 7 - After a continental breakfast, check out and travel to Beckley, WV for an **underground tour of the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and hands-on exhibitions**. Afterwards, continue home with lasting memories of your trip to Kentucky and West Virginia.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION -- Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional **Enhanced upgrade - Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.