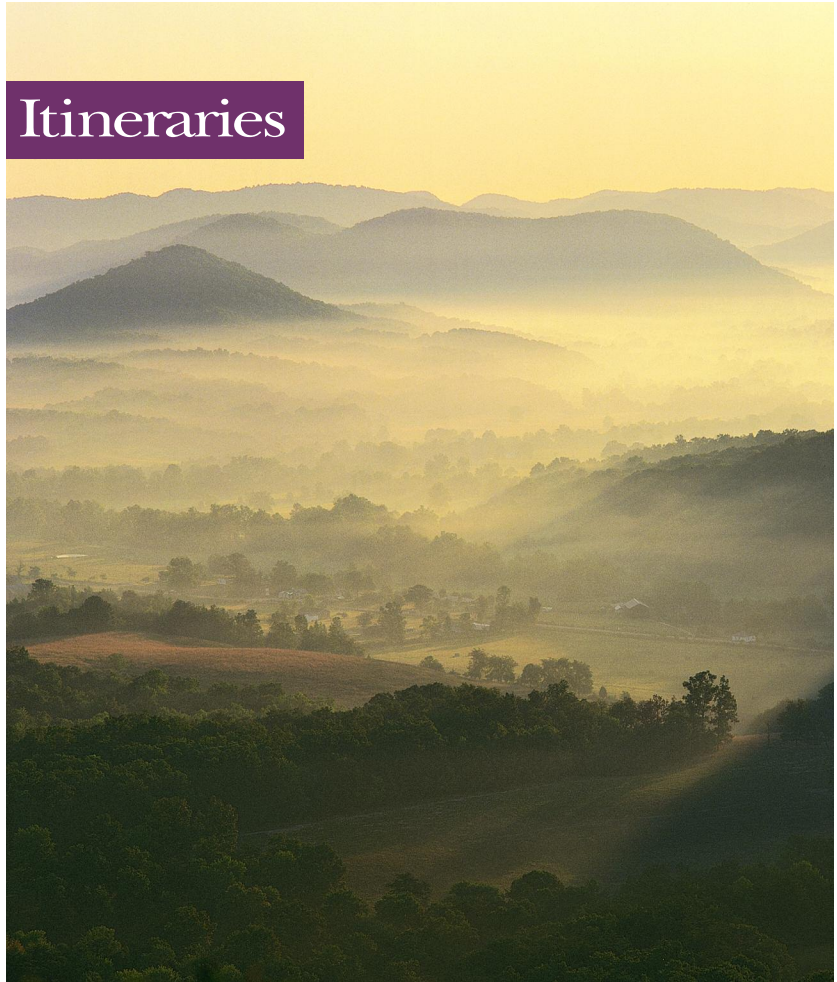


Sample Itineraries

The following sample itineraries can help you plan a one-day, one-night, two-night or three-night stay in Lexington and the Bluegrass Region.

From horses and history to scenic beauty and crafts, Lexington offers unlimited options for groups of all sizes.



The Bluegrass Region is full of natural wonders and breathtaking scenery.



Bourbon was born in the Bluegrass more than 200 years ago. Today, more than 95% of all bourbon is produced in the state of Kentucky.

Sample Itineraries

ONE DAY

Make the most of your day by taking in our one-of-a-kind attractions.

MORNING

2 hours

Begin your day at **Keeneland**, Lexington's Thoroughbred racetrack. This National Historic Landmark is one of the most genteel, beautiful tracks in the world. As a blanket of early morning fog covers the ground, Keeneland becomes a sanctuary for the senses. Walk down to the rail and experience the unique sights and sounds of horses during their morning workouts. Enjoy breakfast at the **Keeneland Track Kitchen**, a gathering place for jockeys, trainers and owners. Or visit the **Red Mile Harness Track**, Lexington's Standardbred track. Named after the native red soil that covers the track, the Red Mile is Lexington's oldest existing racetrack, dating back to 1875.



Isaac Burns Murphy, all-time winningest jockey, is buried at the Kentucky Horse Park.



Explore the lush, rolling hills and renowned Thoroughbred farms on a scenic drive to the **Kentucky Horse Park**.

AFTERNOON

4 hours

The **Kentucky Horse Park** boasts 1,200 acres of beautiful Bluegrass pastures. The only state park dedicated to the horse showcases two outstanding museums, galleries, twin theaters, farm exhibits and more than 50 breeds of horses. Notables buried at the park include all-time winningest jockey, Isaac Burns Murphy, and the great 20th-century Thoroughbred, Man o' War. Enjoy carriage rides, the Hall of Champions and Parade of Breeds shows.

Go from horses to history and explore the legacies of other famous Kentuckians when you tour one of Lexington's historic homes.

Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate, is the former home of one of Kentucky's leading statesmen. Clay was a United States Senator, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Peace Commissioner of Ghent following the War of 1812, Secretary of State and three-time candidate for the Presidency. Beautifully landscaped gardens also adorn the property.

Mary Todd Lincoln's girlhood home was built in 1803. Considered the nation's first shrine to a First Lady, Mary lived there while completing her 12 years of formal education. The home features Lincoln memorabilia and period furniture. The Georgian-style brick home was restored in 1977 to reflect the Todd family's residency.

ONE NIGHT

DAY 1

AFTERNOON

3 hours

Downtown Lexington

Central Kentucky has gone to great lengths to preserve its rich history. Popular historic homes downtown that are open for tours include:

Ashland*; **Hunt-Morgan House** and the **Mary Todd Lincoln House***.

The **Hunt-Morgan House** was built in 1814 by John Wesley Hunt, the first millionaire west of the Alleghenies. This Federal-style house is a living museum representing the days when Lexington was known as the “Athens of the West” for its highly cultured lifestyle.

After your history lesson, enjoy a photo stop in **Thoroughbred Park**. This downtown 2.5-acre park, dedicated to the Thoroughbred industry, features seven life-size and life-like bronze racehorses plus “grazing” broodmares and foals. Notable jockeys repre-

sented include Randy Romero, Pat Day, Bill Shoemaker, Jerry Bailey, Don Brumfield, Chris McCarron and Craig Perret.

Lexington sculptor Gwen Reardon took three years to create the richly detailed figures. Fountains and a still pool complete the \$8 million park.

Lexington Cemetery is just minutes from downtown. It is nationally recognized as one of America’s most beautiful arboretums, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its landscape design.

EVENING

4 hours

Depart for the **Kentucky Horse Park’s “Old Kentucky Night,”** an evening filled with fun and entertainment. Experience the serenity and splendor of the 1,200-acre park on a hayride, with a stop at Champions Barn to meet the residents “up close.” After you’ve explored the International Museum of the Horse, get a true taste of Kentucky at a Southern dinner buffet. End this special evening by square dancing the night away.

DAY 2

MORNING

2 hours

Rise and shine for early morning workouts and breakfast at the **Keeneland Track Kitchen***. Breakfast isn’t just the most important meal of the day; it’s now the most interesting.

Pack your camera and leave your cares behind for a relaxing **scenic driving tour**. Travel through rolling hills of Bluegrass countryside and stone-fence lined winding backroads.

Enjoy a “sweet” stop at **Old Kentucky Chocolates**.

This company has been making candy in the Bluegrass for more than 25 years. Best known for its delicious bourbon chocolates and cherries, made with 100-proof Jim Beam Kentucky Bourbon. Tasting allowed!

Before departing the Bluegrass, visit **Berea**, Kentucky’s Crafts Capital - located approximately 40 miles south of Lexington via I-75. Be sure to stop for lunch at **Boone Tavern**, a white-columned inn featuring Southern cuisine and spoon-bread, a regional favorite.



**Attraction described in previous itinerary.*

Sample Itineraries

TWO NIGHTS

DAY 1

AFTERNOON

1 hour

Welcome to Lexington! Work up an appetite with some shopping at **The Mall at Lexington Green**. Local favorite, **Artique**, offers fascinating artwork and a true touch of Kentucky. Discover **Joseph-Beth Booksellers** - an expansive bookstore voted #1 in the nation by *Publisher's Weekly*. Enjoy lunch at the bookstore café or one of several restaurants overlooking a lake.

3 hours

Capture the true essence of Bluegrass country at the **Kentucky Horse Park***. Meet legends of racing like John Henry and Cigar at the presti-

gious Hall of Champions. Then, tour the **American Saddlebred Museum**, located on the grounds of the Horse Park. The museum is a colorful and contemporary showcase of the American Saddlebred, Kentucky's native breed of horse.

EVENING

1-1/2 hours

Enjoy dinner at a Lexington restaurant. From hot browns to burgoo, the Bluegrass has a taste all its own. (*See the restaurant section for choices and detailed descriptions.*)

1-1/2 hours

Wrap up the evening with a candlelight tour and dessert in an antebellum mansion at

Waveland Historic Site. After a guided tour, sample sumptuous desserts in the dining room, or on the plantation's expansive lawn during spring and summer. Built in 1874 by Joseph Bryan, a grandnephew of Daniel Boone, Waveland is an outstanding example of Greek Revival architecture.

DAY 2

MORNING

2 hours

Rise and shine for breakfast at **Keeneland Race Course***.

1-1/2 hours

Travel to **The Thoroughbred Center**. The drive takes you past picturesque Thoroughbred farms surrounded by miles of white, black and stone fencing. Go behind the scenes at this working Thoroughbred training facility, where you'll witness a day in the life of a racehorse and even talk to a trainer about this fascinating industry.

**Attraction described in previous itinerary.*





AFTERNOON

4 hours

Next, drive along scenic US 68 from Lexington to Harrodsburg to **Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**. America's largest restored Shaker community and National Historic Landmark, Shaker Village contains 34 restored buildings on 2,800 acres of farmland. Self-guided tour includes costumed interpreters, exhibits, handmade crafts and music.

Have lunch at the **Trustees Inn**, offering traditional specialties in the beautiful simplicity of Shaker Village. Southern crudites are followed by entrees like country ham and fried chicken.

EVENING

4 hours

Spend the evening at **The Red Mile Harness Track*** for dinner and racing (seasonal).

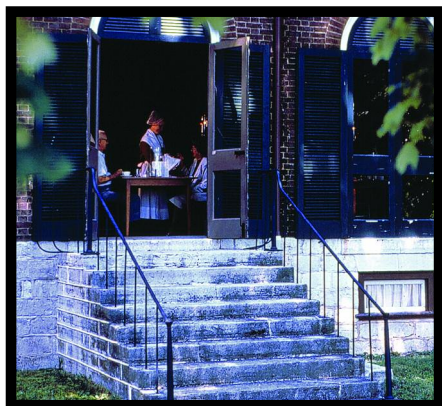
DAY 3

MORNING

Before you leave the Bluegrass, experience Kentucky's antiques capital in **Georgetown**, located 12 miles north of Lexington on I-75. One of America's most charming Main Streets, including over 300 historic buildings on the National Register.

Get your group running on all cylinders with a tour of **Toyota Motor Manufacturing, KY, Inc.** Nearly 500,000 cars and more than 500,000 engines are manufactured each year at this local Toyota factory, including Camrys, Avalons and Solaras.

**Attraction described in previous itinerary.*



Trustees Inn offers traditional favorites in the beautiful simplicity of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill.



Sample Itineraries

THREE NIGHTS

DAY 1

AFTERNOON

1 hour

Begin the afternoon with lunch at **deSha's**, located downtown in Victorian Square. The diverse menu features hot browns, coconut chicken and delicious desserts served up in a casual atmosphere.

2 hours

Discover the beauty of Central Kentucky on a **Bluegrass Driving Tour**, offering stunning views of the picturesque countryside. Along the way, stop by one of our renowned horse farms to meet past, present and future champions. With 450 Thoroughbred farms, it's easy to see why Lexington is considered the Horse Capital of the World.

EVENING

5-1/2 hours

Get ready for the toe-tapping sounds at **Renfro Valley**, the country music capital of Kentucky. Enjoy dinner and a live show. Headliner concert series, special events and festivals are also featured. It's an easy 45-mile drive south of Lexington.

DAY 2

MORNING

2-1/2 hours

Begin the day with bourbon - a distillery tour, that is. **Woodford Reserve Distillery** is the only distillery in the state that makes bourbon using the original Scottish "pot still" method. Experience the sights, sounds and smells that are

unique to this region.

Historical exhibits, tours and a gift shop featuring Kentucky crafts and other premium items.

AFTERNOON

2-1/2 hours

Browse **Irish Acres Gallery of Antiques** featuring American and European antiques housed in an elaborately decorated 32,000 square-foot former school building. Then have lunch at **The Glitz** downstairs. Try the Nonesuch Kiss - a baked meringue filled with mocha ice cream, hot fudge and almonds.

EVENING

4 hours

Create your own special evening with a catered dinner and entertainment at **The Thoroughbred Center***. Enjoy the peace and tranquility surrounding this Thoroughbred training facility and discover the perfect end to the perfect day.



**Attraction described in previous itinerary.*

DAY 3

MORNING

1-1/2 hours

Take in an early morning workout and breakfast at **Keeneland***

1 hour

Explore the open road with our scenic Bluegrass Country Driving Tour. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a stop at **Old Kentucky Chocolates*** and see bourbon chocolates being made.

AFTERNOON

2 hours

Enjoy lunch and a tour of **Headley-Whitney Museum**. Established in 1968 by artist and jewelry designer George Headley, this unique museum features a fascinating and diverse collection of decorative art objects.



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EVENING

4 hours

Discover the beautiful Kentucky Palisades on your drive to **Shaker Village***

See demonstrations of handmade Shaker crafts and music at the largest historic community of its kind in America. Next, take a riverboat tour on an authentic stern-wheeler. Cruises May through October. Then have dinner at **Trustees Inn***

DAY 4

MORNING

Before leaving the Bluegrass, be sure to visit Kentucky's state capital, **Frankfort**, located 26 miles northwest of Lexington via I-64.

The **Kentucky State Capitol** is one of the most beautiful statehouses in the nation. See elaborate murals that illustrate Kentucky history.

Take a spirited tour of **Buffalo Trace Distillery**, located at an ancient buffalo crossing and the site of bourbon production since 1787.

Explore the 167,000 square-foot **Kentucky History Center**, boasting a museum, interactive exhibits and a research library with an extensive set of genealogical records.

**Attraction described in previous itinerary.*