Lexington, KY
Visitor Guide

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"As you go through this guide, you'll hear straight from me—Big Lex. Some tips are practical, others are me sharing what I love about this place. Consider it the inside scoop from a local who hopes you'll fall in love with Lexington too."



A place like Lexington is hard to put into words. We've been called kind and hospitable. Creative. Beautiful. Unexpected.

Sure, that all checks out. But there's something more to it.

Lexington stops you in your tracks.

Where other destinations move guests from one stop to the next, Lexington reminds you to slow down.

Our farm-to-table flavors feed your spirit. Our thunderous Thoroughbreds, rich bourbon, and natural beauty calm your mind, capture your heart, and take your breath away.

It draws you in—and doesn't let go.

There's nothing else like it. By the time you leave, we're sure you'll feel the same.

Let this guide inspire you to see that the very best of the Bluegrass is right here in Lexington—the Horse Capital of the World, host of the 2026 Breeders' Cup World Championships, and one of *Condé Nast Traveler*'s "Best Small Cities in the U.S." two years running.

Just don't be surprised if you experience more than a few moments where all you can do is marvel to yourself...

whoa, Lexington.

Left: Woodstock Farm
Thoroughbreds graze on Kentucky bluegrass at Woodstock Farm on Old Frankfort Pike less than 10 miles from downtown Lexington.

Lexington, KY

Horse Capital of the World

From downtown Lexington, drive in any direction and it won't be long before you're surrounded by the rolling bluegrass hills that made Central Kentucky famous.

Lexington is home to more than 450 horse farms, the Kentucky Horse Park, historic Keeneland Race Course, Red Mile, the International Museum of the Horse, and more.

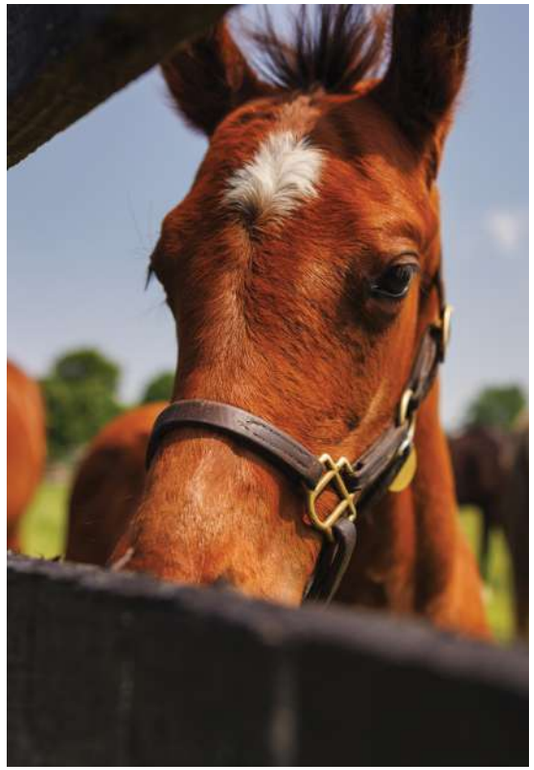
There are lots of ways to get up close and personal with Lexington's four–legged superstars in their awe–inspiring habitat. Make plans to visit a horse farm with a guided tour company or choose a farm and make your way through the countryside at your own pace. For help choosing your route, contact the Lexington Visitors Center at 859-233-7299 or visit our Horse Farm Tours page on our website at VisitLEX.com.



"In the Bluegrass, horse farms aren't just landmarks—they're unforgettable experiences. No visit is complete without exploring them. Saddle up for adventure and book a tour at one of our premier farms."

Mill Ridge Farm









Top L–R: Horse Farm Tour, Spendthrift Farm, Keeneland Fall Meet, Kentucky Horse Park

Lexington's first formal racetrack opened in 1789.

Bourbonland

Just below the surface of Lexington, a rare limestone shelf and the natural spring water that passes through it give this place life. It grows lush meadows of Kentucky Bluegrass, which nourishes the world's fastest horses. And it gives Kentucky's native spirit an unmatched purity that attracts the best and brightest bourbon minds to Lexington—and keeps visitors coming back for more.

There are seven innovative bourbon distilleries in Lexington, and 11 more within 45 miles, working to preserve time-honored traditions while pushing the industry forward with new techniques. Spend your days exploring the historic warehouses where rows of charred oak barrels nurture bourbon whiskey to maturity. Then, at night, explore what a skilled mixologist can do with the finished product at one of our many world-class bourbon bars, located just steps away from the distilleries.

For help planning your Bourbonland experience, contact the Lexington Visitors Center at 859-233-7299 or visit the Bourbon Distilleries and Tours page on our website at VisitLEX.com.

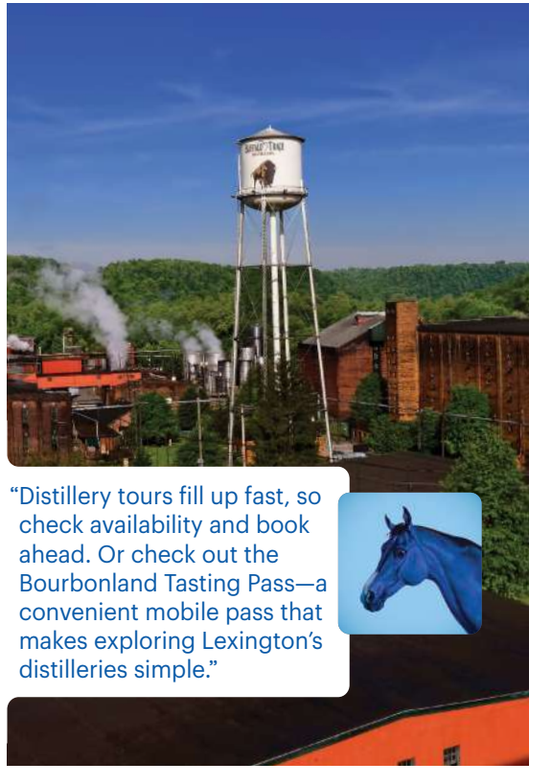
Castle & Key Distillery
Originally constructed as the Old Taylor Distillery in 1887, Castle & Key in nearby Frankfort has been thoughtfully restored to offer a range of bourbon experiences from tours to private events.

There are more barrels of bourbon aging in Kentucky than there are people.



Woodford Reserve





"Distillery tours fill up fast, so check availability and book ahead. Or check out the Bourbonland Tasting Pass—a convenient mobile pass that makes exploring Lexington's distilleries simple."





Top L–R: Bluegrass Distillers at Elkwood Farm, Buffalo Trace Distillery, Woodford Reserve Distillery, James E. Pepper Distillery



Historic Lexington

A Culturally Rich City Centuries In the Making

Explore meaningful attractions, from thought-provoking art installations to serene gardens and historic cemeteries, and discover the places and people who helped define the city's history. Ashland, the wooded estate of 19th–century statesman Henry Clay, and the Mary Todd Lincoln House are like time capsules of a bygone era. Waveland State Historic Site showcases a preserved historic estate, while the Lexington History Museum serves as the city's most important repository of history. Gratz Park offers a peaceful glimpse of a downtown neighborhood that has changed little since the 1800s.

From these landmarks to many other hidden treasures, Lexington offers a deep journey through its storied past. Experience it for yourself with the help of our Historic Downtown Walking Tour map, or immerse yourself in a legacy that continues to inspire today on our African American Heritage Tour, a self-guided walking journey.

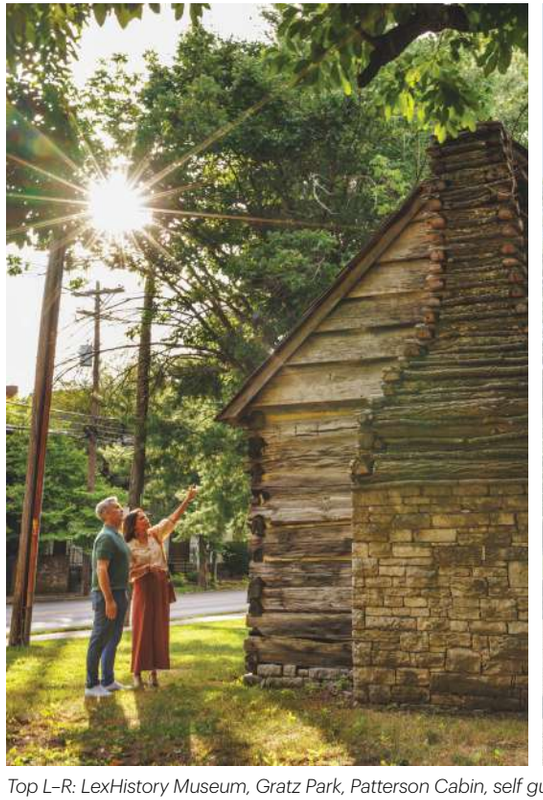
Lexington boasts a rich tapestry of history, where stories of resilience, culture, and community come to life.

Left: Carnegie Center in Gratz Park

Right: Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate









Top L–R: LexHistory Museum, Gratz Park, Patterson Cabin, self guided African American Heritage Tour



"Discover Lexington's 250-year journey as the 'Athens of the West' through landmarks, stories, and experiences that highlight diversity woven into its history and a progressive, inclusive spirit that still shines."

Mary Todd Lincoln House

Lexington was named in honor of the first battle of the American Revolution.

A Delicious Destination

The Secret Ingredient Is Lexington

Rooted in Kentucky's limestone-rich land and pure spring water, Lexington's culinary scene reflects the same natural gifts that shape our farms, horses, and bourbon. This deep connection between the land and the plate fuels a vibrant food culture built on local ingredients, sustainable practices, and community.

Our commitment to locally grown excellence has sparked a renaissance of flavor. Several James Beard–nominated chefs and Top Chef participants now call Lexington home, and the city has been named one of Condé Nast Traveler's "Best Food Cities in the U.S." Exciting new eateries are popping up every day with menus that honor heritage while embracing creativity.

Lexington's culinary landscape blends bold flavors with farm-to-table freshness, global influences, and Southern hospitality. Can't decide where to start? Browse restaurants by neighborhood and dining experience at VisitLEX.com.





Left: Harvey's at the Grove

Right: Wild Lab Bakery
Wild Lab Bakery mills local and regional flour in house for naturally leavened sourdough bread and other artisan baked goods.





"Dive into local flavor with Bites of the Bluegrass, a guided walking tour of downtown eateries, or browse restaurants by neighborhood and dining experience at VisitLEX.com"





Top L–R: Bites of the Bluegrass tour, Lockbox, Goodfellas Pizzeria, Crank & Boom



Kentucky Native Café



Brewgrass Trail

When you combine Lexington's rich history of distilling with our passionate creative spark, you get a craft beer scene unlike anywhere else in the world.

Take a trek on Lexington's own Brewgrass Trail and sample a selection of artisanal beers and ciders at more than 20 independent breweries.

Sign up for the Brewgrass Trail mobile passport to elevate your adventure and earn free gifts along the way. Bring your furry friend and sign them up for the Brewgrass Trail Pup Club so they can join in the fun too.









L: Burl Brew. Top L–R: Brewgrass Trail Pup Club, Wise Bird Cider Co., Country Boy Brewing, Ethereal

A Living, Breathing Work of Art

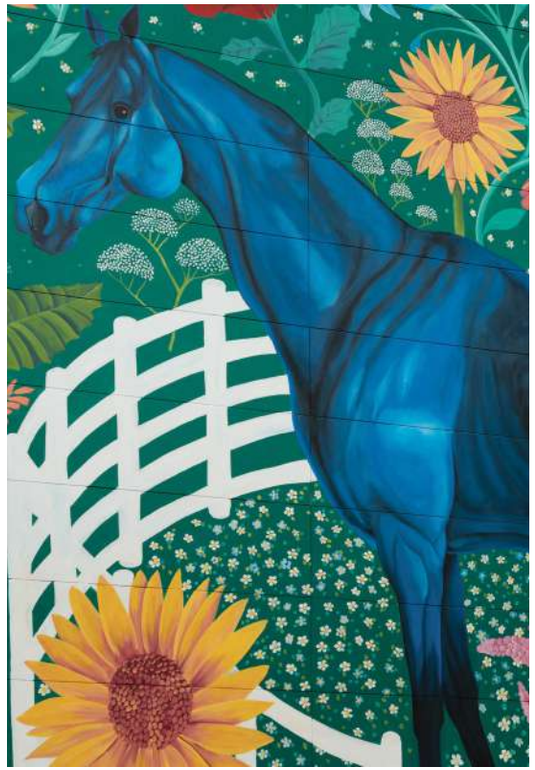
At the turn of the 19th century, our prosperous new town earned a reputation as the "Athens of the West," a hub for intellectuals, progressive thinkers and lawmakers.

Today, that legacy lives on in the form of several universities, eclectic galleries, dozens of murals, festivals, live music, theaters and a whole lot of creative spirits pouring their hearts into making Lexington a masterpiece. Catch some of our incredible artistry in action by joining a guided walking tour with Arts Connect or exploring at your own pace during the LexArts Hop held every other month.

Lexington Theatre Company









"Art in Lexington celebrates creativity in every form—building a vibrant cultural landscape that inspires imagination, fosters connection, and makes creativity part of everyday life. Come experience it yourself and be part of the art."

Top L–R: Nutcracker Ballet, Cross Gate Gallery, Summit at Fritz Farm Mural, Lexington Theatre Company.



A City of Fans

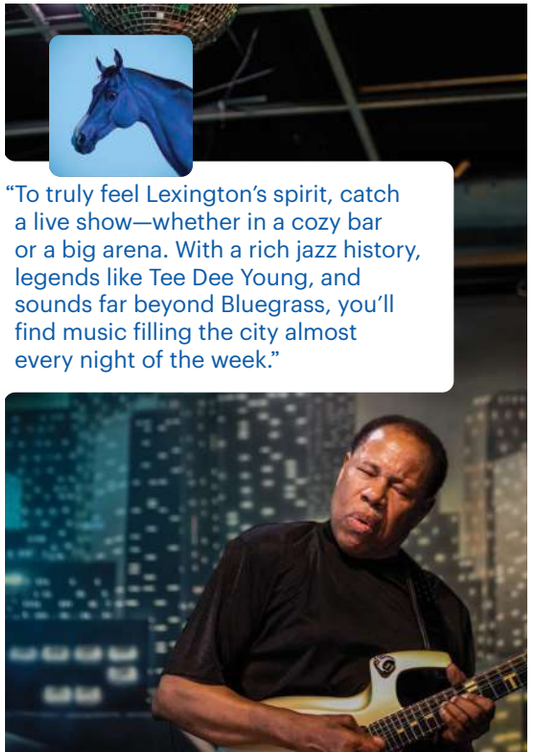
Whether it's at a laid-back bar show or an epic arena concert, Lexington supports live music with record crowds, raucous energy, and palpable Kentucky spirit that make for a fan atmosphere few scenes can match.

Lexington has long been home to incredible Kentucky artists like Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson, and Chris Stapleton. Today, the city's vibrant music scene continues to shine with up-and-comers like Alex Miller making waves. Be on the lookout for the stars of tomorrow at local venues throughout town.

Keep it casual at The Burl, one of the most prolific music venues in Kentucky. Turn up at iconic Rupp Arena. Take in an outdoor concert under the stars at the spectacular new Gatton Park. Or venture off the beaten path to Tee Dee's Lounge, the East End home of Lexington blues legend Tee Dee Young.

Most Mondays, Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour is recorded before a live audience in Lexington and broadcast worldwide, showcasing the best in grassroots music.

And for one weekend each summer, Lexington's Railbird Festival attracts more than 45,000 fans for a celebration of world-class musicians and Bluegrass culture on the grounds of Red Mile Racetrack. Bourbon tastings, local food that transcends the usual festival fare, and music of all genres make Railbird a true feast for the senses that can't be found anywhere else.



"To truly feel Lexington's spirit, catch a live show—whether in a cozy bar or a big arena. With a rich jazz history, legends like Tee Dee Young, and sounds far beyond Bluegrass, you'll find music filling the city almost every night of the week."



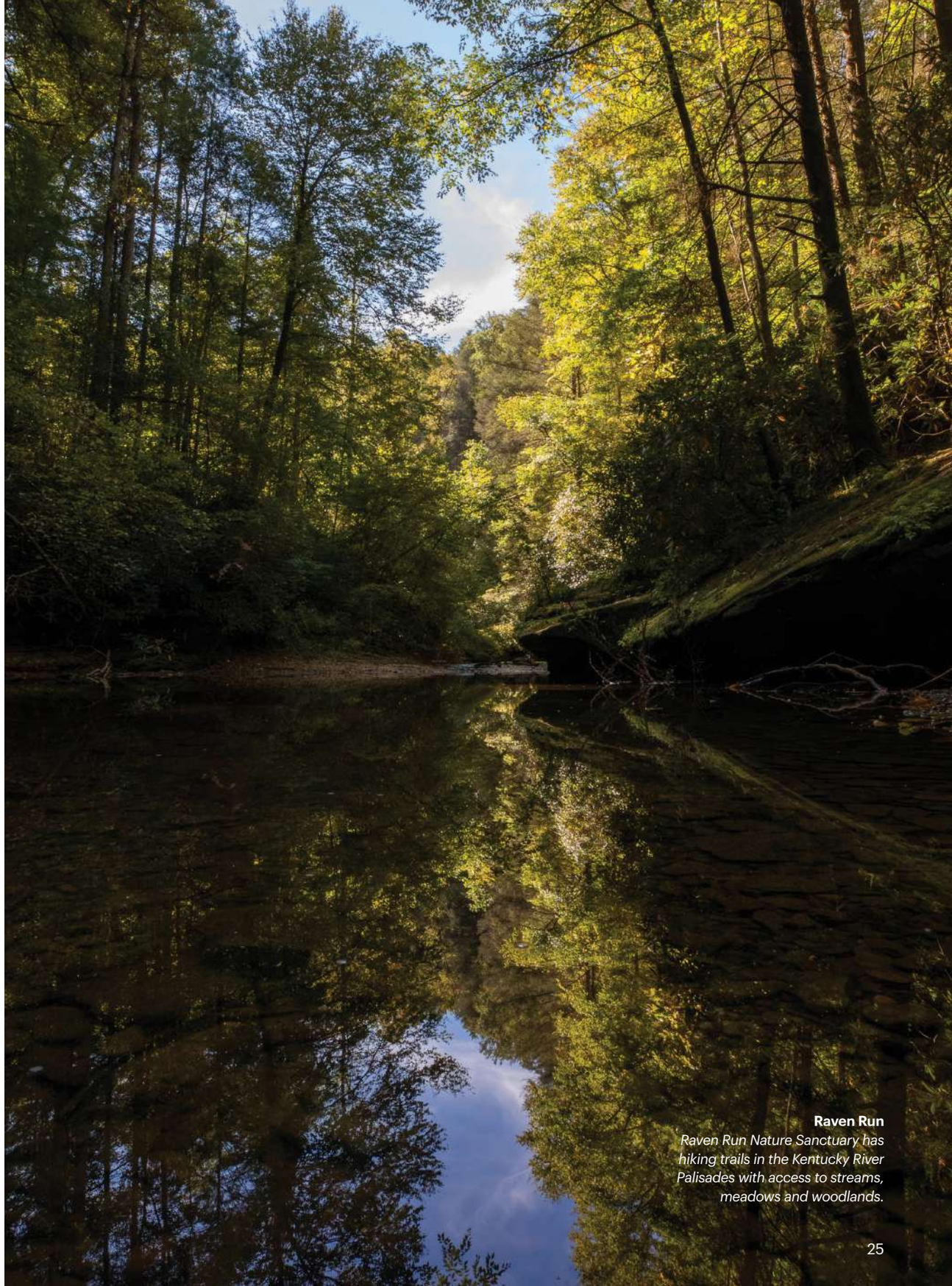
Top L–R: Tahlsound, Tee Dee's Lounge, The Burl

The Outdoors

Get In Touch with Your Wild Side

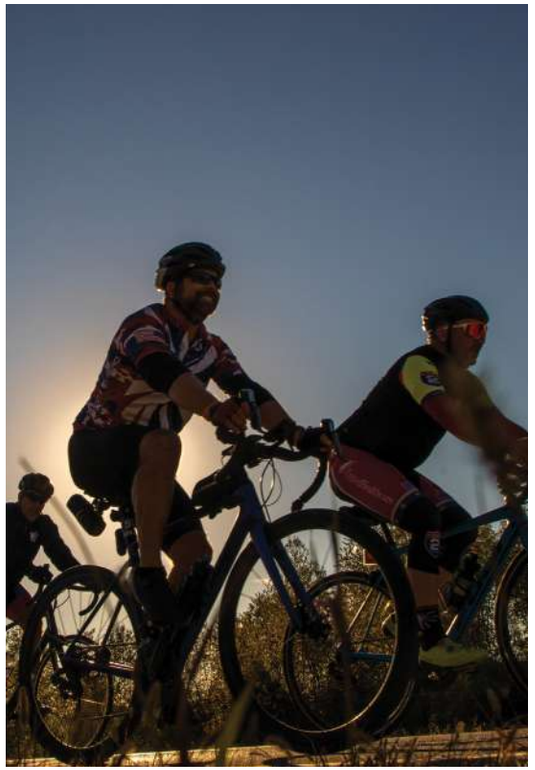
Surrounded with natural splendor, Central Kentucky is a comfortable and convenient home base for your next epic adventure. Within a short drive of Lexington, you can see where Bluegrass hills swell into the Appalachian Mountains.

You can chase waterfalls, climb rocks, kayak, zipline, spend a night among the trees or just hike your way into relaxing seclusion. The Red River Gorge, one of the best-kept geological secrets in America, is nestled in the Daniel Boone National Forest less than an hour away.



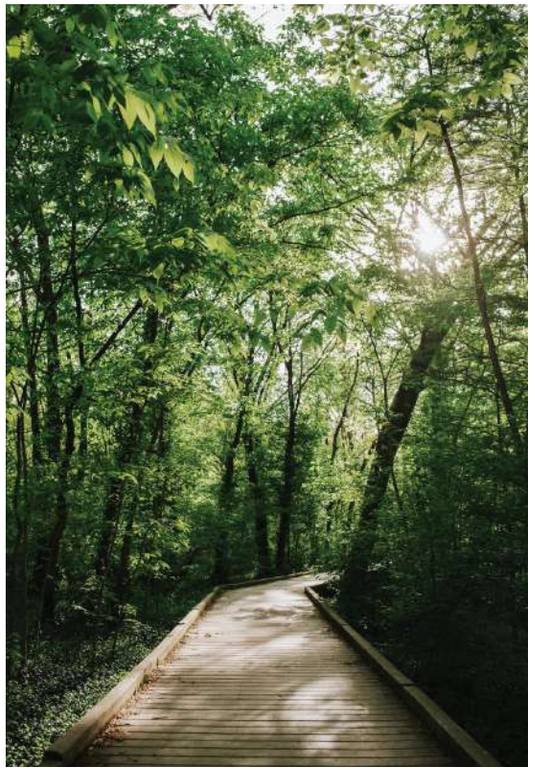
Raven Run
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary has hiking trails in the Kentucky River Palisades with access to streams, meadows and woodlands.







"There's no better way to embrace the Bluegrass than outdoors—whether hiking Raven Run, exploring 100+ parks, enjoying the new Gatton Park, discovering historic McConnell Springs, paddling waterways, or soaring on a canopy tour at Boone Creek Outdoors."



Top L–R: Kentucky by Paddle, Bourbon Country Burn, Boone Creek Outdoors, McConnell Springs



Raven Run

"Heaven must be a Kentucky kind of place." — Daniel Boone

A Destination for Serious Shoppers

Over the years, Lexington has grown from a handful of quaint boutiques to a serious shopping destination. We've added large-scale shopping centers such as Hamburg Pavilion and the Summit at Fritz Farm—not to mention Fayette Mall, the largest mall in the state of Kentucky.

Today, Lexington is home to major retailers, local boutiques and neighborhood public markets, all offering a shopping experience for every kind of style and every kind of budget.





Top L–R: The Summit, LexTeeTon, sQecial Media



Delong Road near Overbrook Farm

Explore the City Your Way

Bluegrass Country Driving Tour

Driving tours are one of the best ways to take in the grandeur of Lexington's famed bluegrass landscape. Cruise the scenic byways in any direction from our bustling downtown to immerse yourself in a world of rolling hills, magnificent farms with spired barns, miles of plank and stone fencing, and lush pastures filled with grazing horses.

Set off on your own with one of our self-guided Bluegrass Driving Tour maps. Call the Visitors Center at 859-233-7299 to request a printed copy of our driving tour maps to be mailed, or pick one up when you're in town.







Historic Downtown Walking Tour

Step into history with a stroll through downtown Lexington. With 33 points of interest—including stately homes and historic markers to cozy cafés and colorful murals—the self-guided walk is a fun, casual way to see our charming mix of old and new buildings. Pick up a map at the Visitors Center, or call 859-233-7299 for more information.

Self-Guided Experiences

VisitLEX Digital Passes are downloadable guides that make it easy to tour Lexington on your own. Find them all at VisitLEX.com and start exploring.

Brewgrass Trail
Sample some of the finest beers, ciders, and sake in the Commonwealth on one of Lexington's most popular experiences.

Bourbonland Tasting Pass
Your gateway to Lexington's best bourbon distilleries, tastings, and other delights. Perfect for bourbon enthusiasts or curious newcomers.

African American Heritage Tour
Learn about the rich history of African Americans in Lexington, and the contributions of figures like jockeys, entrepreneurs and merchants, and former slaves.

I Was Here
Discover a powerful fusion of art, history, and technology that honors American history while inspiring new perspectives on Nation Building. With the mobile pass, explore a mindful adventure that transforms how we see ourselves—and each other.

Little Lex Scavenger Hunt
Embark on the kid-friendly Little Lex Scavenger Hunt to explore hidden gems and local landmarks, and earn yourself a prize at the end.

Mural Challenge
Lexington is full of stunning and thought-provoking murals by local and internationally known artists. Find them all and win a prize.

Guided Tours

Prefer to let someone else take the reins? Join a guided tour led by locals who know Lexington best. Go on a culinary adventure like Bites of the Bluegrass, or get the inside scoop from experts at horse farms, bourbon distilleries, and historic sites. Private and group options available. Find tour operators on pages 52–53 of this guide or online at VisitLEX.com.

Make it a Day in the Bluegrass

Venture outside of our city limits and you'll find unparalleled experiences waiting to welcome you. Explore picturesque wineries, Civil War sites, charming local museums, nature preserves, and of course, distilleries.

Take the scenic drive to what was once the largest Shaker community in the country and ignite your curiosity. Go horseback riding or visit an equine retirement home for some of the century's most legendary Thoroughbreds.

Whatever you do, we assure you it's worth a little **Joy Ride** on the backroads of the Bluegrass Region. Learn more at bluegrasskentucky.com.



DAY TRIP 2

Frankfort

Visit historic Buffalo Trace Distillery, walk downtown Frankfort, try something sweet at Rebecca Ruth Candy, and view Kentucky's original and current State Capitols.



DAY TRIP 4

Carlisle

Step back in time in this small town known for its rolling hills, warm hospitality, and quaint downtown. Visit Blue Licks State Resort Park, meet animals at Wendt's Wildlife Adventure, or explore local trails and countryside views.

DAY TRIP 5

Cynthiana & Paris

Follow the famed Paris Pike for one of Kentucky's most beautiful drives, visit Claiborne Farm, explore downtown Paris shops and murals, and swing through Cynthiana for antiques or local wine.

DAY TRIP 3

Georgetown

Meet retired champions at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm, browse downtown Georgetown's shops, stroll through Yuko-En on the Elkhorn (the official Kentucky-Japan Friendship Garden), and take a tour of Toyota Kentucky, the world's largest Toyota manufacturing facility.











DAY TRIP 1

Versailles & Midway

Quintessential Bluegrass drive for bourbon, horses, and small-town charm. Tour Woodford Reserve or Castle & Key, then grab lunch in Midway.



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DAY TRIP 6

Winchester & Red River Gorge

Grab donuts at Frank's or breakfast at a local diner in Winchester before hitting the Beer Cheese Trail or touring Ale-8-One. Head east for hiking at Red River Gorge or Natural Bridge, and end the day with pizza at Miguel's.



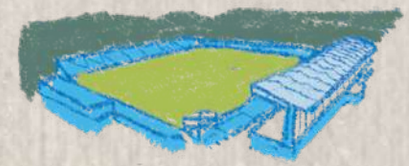


DAY TRIP 7

Lawrenceburg

Visit Four Roses & Wild Turkey, check out Kentucky River views, and stop in small towns like Salvisa for local food and antique browsing.

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DAY TRIP 8

Harrodsburg & Shaker Village

Spend the day exploring Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill and its scenic trails, enjoy a farm-fresh lunch at The Trustees' Table, then take the backroads through horse farm country.



DAY TRIP 10

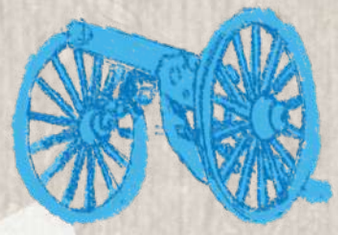
Nicholasville & Palisades

Discover the dramatic Kentucky River Palisades, hike Tom Dorman Nature Preserve, cross the Valley View Ferry, and unwind at a local winery or bourbon bar.

DAY TRIP 12

Berea & Richmond

Head south for local shopping, a hike at The Pinnacles, and a tour of Fort Boonesborough. Then end the day with dinner or live music in Richmond's historic downtown.



DAY TRIP 9

Danville

Visit Constitution Square and the historic McDowell House Museum in Danville, then step into Civil War history at Perryville Battlefield before a relaxed dinner downtown.

DAY TRIP 11

Lancaster

Uncover Garrard County's deep historic roots—from the restored Governor Owsley House to sites tied to Carrie Nation and Uncle Tom's Cabin. Pair it with a stop at Pasture at Marksbury Farm for lunch and Kentucky-proud goods, or relax lakeside at Herrington Lake.

The Bluegrass Region of Kentucky



Bluegrass Region

DAY TRIP 13

Stanford

Unwind in one of Kentucky's oldest cities, rich with frontier history and outdoor beauty. Tour the William Whitley House and historic Sportsman Hill, cast a line at Cedar Creek Lake, and savor farm-to-table dining and quiet country scenery.



Charmingly Distinct Districts

Lexington has a number of distinct districts and charming neighborhoods that bring their own authentic flavor to the visitor experience. These are some of the interesting enclaves where you can find the right restaurants, retailers, and vibes to fit your style.

Gatton Park on the Town Branch, Downtown



Downtown

Historic Roots, Modern Vibes

The vibrant heart of our city, Downtown Lexington blends past and present with its historic landmarks, modern dining, nightlife, and arts. Nearby, Gatton Park on the Town Branch, offers a fresh green space to gather for outdoor concerts, art, and everyday connection.

Chevy Chase

Historic Elegance Meets Neighborhood Charm

Known for its charming historic homes, boutique shops, and diverse culinary offerings, Lexington's Chevy Chase has long enjoyed prominence as a tranquil, walkable respite in the city, with its prime location drawing shoppers, diners, walkers, and history buffs.



East End

Embracing Heart, Soul & Historical Resilience

Just east of downtown, the historic East End boasts a rich African American heritage and a vibrant community spirit, with diverse businesses and cultural landmarks like the Lyric Theatre. With local shops, restaurants and outdoor spaces such as the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden, the East End invites visitors to explore its unique history and contemporary culture.



Southland

Funky Beats and Eclectic Eats

The mile-long Southland district brings together business, community, and culture with its laid-back vibe and quirky personality. Thanks to recent revitalization efforts, an array of locally owned shops, eateries, and watering holes have found space to flourish.



Warehouse Block

Industrial Roots with Contemporary Spirit

Once home to 1930s factories and warehouses, the blocks surrounding Walton and National Avenues are now home to a thriving, progressive district. The Warehouse Block combines preserved historic grit with diverse modern businesses including retail shops, popular dining spots, and breweries.

Distillery District

Where Bourbon's Legacy Comes to Life

Experience the rebirth of Lexington's bourbon legacy in the Distillery District, where restored historic buildings now house a mix of distilleries, breweries, restaurants, and shops, offering a unique glimpse into the spirited past and vibrant present of Kentucky's signature spirit.

Signature Events

Here's an overview of the recurring Lexington events that you can count on enjoying year after year. From operas to festivals, there's always something interesting happening in the Bluegrass.

Dates are subject to change, so be sure to confirm before you make travel plans.

Spring





Boys and Girls Sweet 16 Tournaments
March

Lexington Comic and Toy Convention
March

St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival
March

Keeneland Spring Meet
April

Kentucky Defender Three–Day Event
April

Tahlsound Concert Series
April – September

Thursday Night Live
April – October

Mayfest Arts Fair
May

Big Band & Jazz Concert Series
May – August

Summer

Railbird Music Festival
June

Southland Street Fair
June

Spirit in the Bluegrass Music Festival
June

Lexington Pride Festival
June

SoulTeenth
June



Swahili Day Celebration
June

Bluegrass BBQ Festival
June

SoulFeast Week
June

BreyerFest
July

July 4th Parade and Festival
July

Red Mile Racing
July – September

CRAVE Lexington
July

Woodland Art Fair
August

Chevy Chase Street Fair
August

Ballet Under the Stars
August



Fall

Bourbon Country Burn
September

Roots & Heritage Festival
September

Festival Latino de Lexington
September

Keeneland Horse Sales
September

University of Kentucky Football
September – November

Keeneland Fall Meet
October

Bourbon Chase
October

Scarefest
October

Thriller Parade and Halloween Fest
October

Bourbon and Belonging
October



Winter

Keeneland Horse Sales
November

University of Kentucky Basketball
November – March

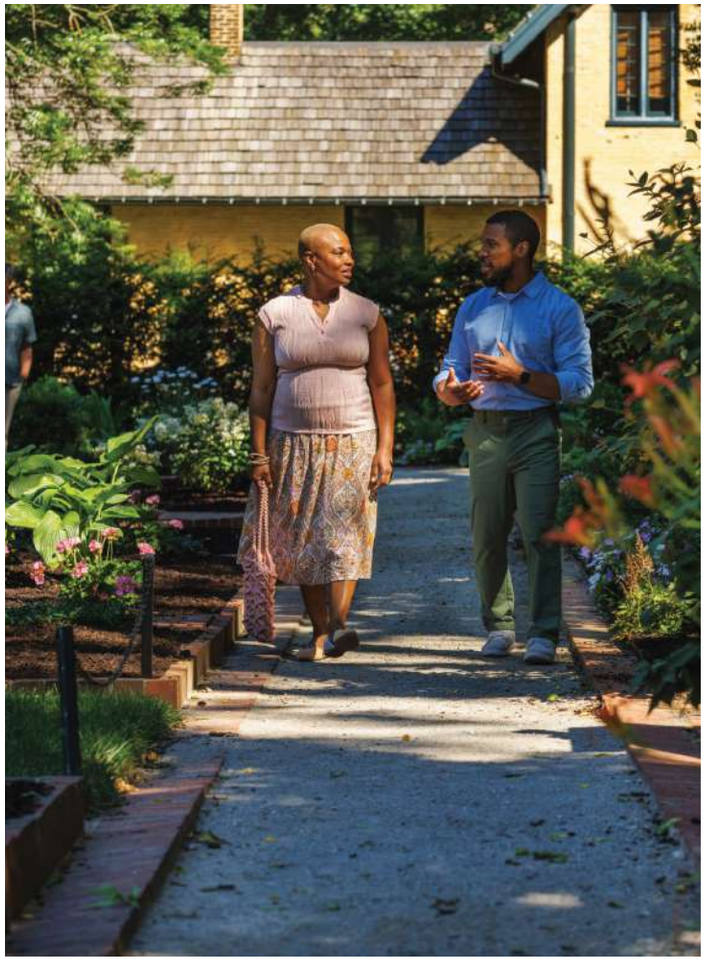
Southern Lights
November – December

Christmas Parade and Luminate Lexington
December

Downtown Triangle Park Ice Rink
November – January

BourbonCon
January





Lexington Attractions

Whether you're here for the horses, historic sites, family fun or scenic beauty, Lexington has something for everyone. This is just a sneak peek at all the things to do in the Horse Capital of the World. Be sure to double-check days and hours of operation before making your travel plans.

African Cemetery No. 2
419 E Seventh St
africancemeteryno2.org
Contains graves of enslaved African Americans and more than 100 veterans, including Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin.

American Saddlebred Museum
4083 Iron Works Pkwy | (859) 259-2746
asbmuseum.org
Located at the Kentucky Horse Park. Showcases the "American-made," elegant and athletic Saddlebred breed of horse. Open year-round. Hours/days vary seasonally.

ArtHouse Kentucky
576 E Third St | (859) 368-7445
arthousekentucky.org
Non-profit retail art gallery showcasing some of the Commonwealth's finest emerging and established artists and craftspeople.

ArtsPlace
161 N Mill St | (859) 255-2951
lexarts.org
Home of LexArts, the city's arts and cultural council. Performance spaces, dance studios, a gallery showcasing Central Kentucky artists and office space for arts organizations.

Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate
120 Sycamore Rd | (859) 266-8581
henryclay.org
Home of famous 19th-century statesman Henry Clay. Located on a beautiful 17-acre wooded estate near downtown. Seasonal outdoor café. Hours/days vary seasonally. Closed January and February.

Aviation Museum of Kentucky
4029 Airport Rd | (859) 231-1219
aviationky.org
Features restored historic aircraft, aviation artifacts and equipment, interactive displays and gift shop. Open year-round. Hours/days vary seasonally. Behind the Blue Grass Airport.

Barrel House Distilling Co.
1200 Manchester St | (859) 259-0159
barrelhousedistillery.com
Moonshine Trail destination in the historic Distillery District. Tours and tastings Tuesday through Sunday. Gift shop.

Battle Axes
164 Turner Commons Way Ste 110
(859) 687-0069 | battleaxesky.com
Lexington's premier hatchet-throwing destination. Enjoy casual throwing, league play for ages 13 and up, corporate events and private parties. Open daily.

Bespoken Spirits
101 W Loudon Ave | (859) 618-2364
bespokenspirits.com
Accelerated maturation distillery that uses less water, wood, energy and time during the aging process. Their patented activation process and micro stave technology is sustainable for the consumer and the environment.

Boone Creek Outdoors
8291 Old Richmond Rd | (859) 494-7539
boonecreekoutdoors.com
Soar on ziplines and traverse bridges with an experienced guide as you make your way through the native hardwood canopy of the Boone Creek and Kentucky Palisades area.

Central Bank Center & Rupp Arena
425 W High St | (859) 233-4567
centralbankcenter.com
State-of-the-art downtown complex with 200,000 sq ft of flexible meeting and event space, convention halls and attached hotel. Rupp Arena is the home court of the storied UK Wildcats and hosts legendary performers.



Dark Arts Whiskey House
1170 Manchester St | (859) 222-7790
darkartswhiskey.com
Premier craft distillery and tasting room offering straight-from-the-barrel tasting flights of aged whiskey and hand-bottling experiences.

Farmers' Markets
lexingtonfarmersmarket.com
bluegrassfarmersmarket.com
Lexington has numerous colorful markets downtown and around the city. Fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, jams and jellies, honey, Kentucky specialties and more.

Fresh Bourbon Distillery
377 E Main St | (859) 327-2127
freshbourbon.com
Recognized as the first African American-owned bourbon distillery in Kentucky since slavery. Tasting experiences year-round. Hours/days vary seasonally.

Gatton Park on the Town Branch
249 E Main St | (859) 281-8420
gattonpark.org
Lexington's first conservancy-led green space, this 10-acre park along historic Town Branch Creek features performances, art, educational programs, kids' play areas, interactive water features, a dog park, native gardens, and local food and drink options.



Grimes Mill Winery
6707 Grimes Mill Rd | (859) 368-7148
grimesmillwinery.com
The owners looked to their Italian heritage when re-purposing this tobacco farm. Open for tastings Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Horse Farm Tours
(859) 233-7299
VisitLEX.com/horse-farm-tours
Explore Lexington's famous horse farms, with options ranging from guided daily van tours, private guides, or book-your-own tour experiences. Call or stop by the Lexington Visitors Center for recommendations.

International Museum of the Horse
4089 Iron Works Pkwy | (859) 233-4303
imh.org
The largest museum in the world to explore the relationship between horses and humans. A Smithsonian affiliate. Open year-round. Hours/days vary seasonally.

Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden
577 E Third St | (859) 335-8640
Honors the earliest African American professional athletes – the Thoroughbred jockeys – on land once owned by Murphy. Features public art, an outdoor classroom, and serves as the trailhead for the Legacy Trail.

James E. Pepper Distillery
1228 Manchester St | (859) 309-3230
jamesepepper.com
An iconic Kentucky bourbon out of production for decades, re-launched in 2017 at the site of the original 1879 distillery. Open year-round. Tour schedule is seasonal.

Keeneland Race Course
4201 Versailles Rd | (859) 254-3412
keeneland.com
National Historic Landmark and one of the most beautiful racetracks in the world. Live Thoroughbred racing April and October. Visit the grounds year-round.

Kelley's Landing
8949 Old Richmond Rd
lexingtonky.gov
Lexington's first public access point to the Kentucky River. This 30-acre natural area features riverside trails, green space, and entry for paddle sports like kayaking and canoeing. Open daily, dawn to dusk.

Kentucky Horse Park
4089 Iron Works Pike | (859) 233-4303
kyhorsepark.com
Lexington's premier attraction: a 1,200-acre showcase of museums, galleries and exhibits dedicated to all breeds of horses. Open year-round. Hours/days vary seasonally.

Kentucky Theatre
214 E Main St | (859) 231-6997 |
kentuckytheatre.org
Lovingly renovated grand movie theater from the Golden Age presents new releases, art films and classic series.

Lexington Brewing and Distilling Co.
401 Cross St | (859) 255-2337
lexingtonbrewingco.com
Offers tours of the brewery and distillery continuing a tradition dating to 1794. Home of Town Branch Bourbon. Open daily.

Lexington Cemetery
833 W Main St | (859) 255-5522
lexcem.org
Nationally recognized as one of America's most beautiful arboretums and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lexington Children's Museum
440 W Short St | (859) 258-3253
lexingtonchildrensmuseum.org
Hands-on museum with two floors of interactive exhibits on dinosaurs, bubbles, the moon and more. Open year-round. Closed Mondays during school year.

Lexington Children's Theatre
418 W Short St | (859) 254-4546
lctonstage.org
Founded in 1938, one of the oldest continuously operating children's theatres in the U.S. Regular season runs September through May.

Lexington History Museum
210 N Broadway | (859) 440-1582
lexhistory.org
Located in the historic Thomas Hunt Morgan House and dedicated to telling Lexington's rich heritage.

Lexington Legends
207 Legends Ln | (859) 252-4487
lexingtonlegends.com
State-of-the-art stadium home to Lexington's minor league team and a premier concert venue.



Lexington Opera House
401 W Short St | (859) 233-4567
lexingtonoperahouse.com
Meticulously restored 1886 opera house hosting Broadway Live and Lexington Theatre Company performances plus concerts and local arts events.

Lexington Parks
(859) 288-2900
lexingtonky.gov/departments/parks-recreation
Over 100 parks, six community centers, five golf courses, six pools and numerous programs and events throughout Lexington.

Lexington Sporting Club
810 Bull Lea Run | (859) 201-3932
lexsporting.com
Professional soccer organization founded in 2021 competing in USL League One with men's and women's teams.



LexLive
301 S Broadway | (859) 286-6491
lexlive.com
Downtown entertainment center featuring movies, bowling, arcade games, sports bar and the unique "Bourbon Theatre" tasting events.

Living Arts & Science Center
362 N Martin Luther King
(859) 252-5222 | lasclex.org
Art and science exhibits, special events and Lexington's only public fixed-dome planetarium.

Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center
300 E Third St | (859) 280-2201
historiclyrictheatre.com
Built in the 1940s as a cultural hub for Lexington's African American community, now renovated and hosting shows and exhibits in its theater, museum and gallery.

Mary Todd Lincoln House
578 W Main St | (859) 233-9999
mtlhouse.org
Childhood home of Mary Todd, wife of Abraham Lincoln. The nation's first shrine to a First Lady. Open mid-March through November.

McConnell Springs
416 Rebmann Ln | (859) 225-4073
mcconnellsprings.org
Campsite of Lexington's first settlers; 26-acre nature sanctuary with historic and environmental features. Trails close at dusk. Open year-round except holidays.

Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center
141 E Main St | (859) 425-2550
lexingtonky.gov/dac
Contemporary black box theater with rehearsal, meeting and art exhibition spaces.

Pickleball Paddock
968 Enterprise Ct
pickleballpaddock.com
Indoor pickleball facility offering court rentals, weekly beginner clinics, leagues, lessons, and tournaments.

PKL LEX
223 Owens St
pkllex.com
Entertainment center featuring pickleball, golf, Trackman simulators, a taproom, and kitchen.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
3885 Raven Run Way | (859) 272-6105
ravenrun.org
730-acre nature sanctuary dedicated to conservation. Hiking trails ideal for birdwatching and views of the Kentucky River Palisades. Open year-round 9 a.m. to dusk.



RD1 Spirits
113 Turner Commons Way
(859) 407-2827 | rd1spirits.com
Innovative distillery taking an experimental approach to aging whiskey. Offers tours, tastings and a cocktail bar.

Red Mile Gaming and Racing
1200 Red Mile Rd | (859) 255-0752
redmileky.com
The region's oldest racetrack (1875). Seasonal racing, gaming complex open daily till 2 a.m., weekends until 4 a.m.

Silver Springs Winery
3710 Leestown Rd | (859) 813-4447
silverspringsfarm.net
The original home of the Old Silver Springs Distillery and Famed Silver Springs. Enjoy guided tastings of award-winning wines on this 20-acre property.

Talon Winery & Vineyards
7086 Tates Creek Rd | (859) 971-3214
talonwine.com
Set on 300 acres of farmland. Lush vineyards, tasting room, gift shop. Open year-round.



The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky
500 Alumni Dr | (859) 257-6955
arboretum.mgcafe.uky.edu
Expansive arboretum featuring a variety of native trees, gardens and walking/jogging paths. Open year-round, dawn to dusk.

The Legacy Trail
318 W Loudon Ave | (859) 288-2988
lexingtonky.gov/legacy-trail
Twelve-mile shared-use greenway connecting downtown with neighborhoods, parks and historic sites. Trailhead across from Kentucky Horse Park Campground and Coldstream Park.

Thoroughbred Park
E Main St and Midland Ave
(859) 233-7299 | triangleparklexington.org/thoroughbred-park
Park dedicated to the Thoroughbred industry featuring seven life-size bronze horses approaching the finish line.

Transylvania University
300 N Broadway | (859) 233-8300
transy.edu
Established in 1780, the oldest college west of the Alleghenies. Call for tour information.

Triangle Park
400 W Main St | (859) 233-4567
triangleparklexington.org
Green downtown space with fountains, WiFi, special events, café and seasonal ice rink.

Trifecta Glass Art Lounge
243 Walton Ave | (502) 220-6258
trifectadesignstudio.com
Multi-faceted glass studio and gallery featuring a hidden speakeasy cocktail lounge with viewing windows into the glassblowing studio.



University of Kentucky Singletary Center for the Arts
405 Rose St | (859) 257-1706
singletarycenter.com
Hosts more than 400 performances and events annually.

University of Kentucky
160 Ave of Champions | (859) 257-9000
uky.edu
Founded in 1865, the largest university in Kentucky. Walking tours available.

University of Kentucky Art Museum
405 Rose St | (859) 257-5716
finearts.uky.edu/art-museum
Permanent collection augmented by traveling exhibits. Open Tuesdays through Sundays.

Waveland State Historic Site
225 Waveland Museum Ln | (859) 272-3611
parks.ky.gov/parks
Outstanding example of Greek Revival architecture built in 1848 by a grand-nephew of Daniel Boone. Hours/days vary seasonally.

Wick + Mortar Studio
526 E High St | (859) 740-2325
poppyandpomelo.com
Pour-your-own candle bar offering walk-ins, public, and private classes with a full wine and cocktail bar. 100% vegan products.

Accommodations Directory

In Lexington, there is certainly no shortage of hospitality. With numerous hotels and hundreds of listings on platforms like Airbnb and VRBO, we'll help you plan a trip with all the comforts of home.

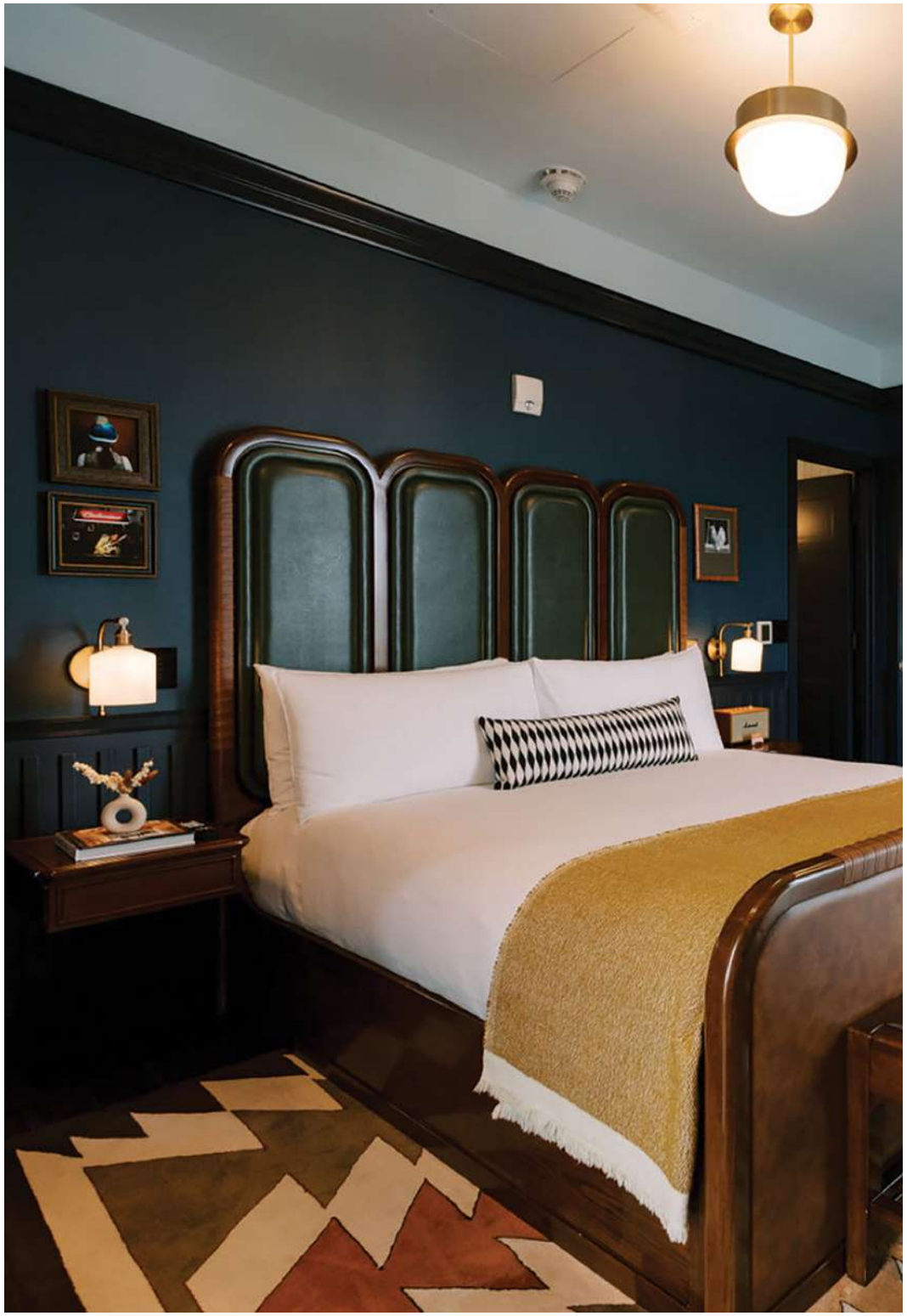
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KEY

Airport Shuttle · Breakfast Included · Fitness Room · Free Parking · Guest Laundry · Pets Allowed · Pool · Restaurant

NEAR DOWNTOWN & CONVENTION CENTER

		ROOMS
21c Museum Hotel	*(859) 899-6800 167 W Main St*	**88**
Bluegrass Extended Stay	*(859) 269-4999 2753 Richmond Rd*	**100**
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton	*(859) 268-0060 2601 Richmond Rd*	**155**
Hilton Lexington Downtown	*(859) 231-9000 369 W Vine St*	**369**
Hyatt Regency Lexington	*(859) 253-1234 401 W High St*	**366**
Lexington Marriott City Center	*(859) 253-1000 121 W Vine St*	**218**
Lexington Relocation Services	*(859) 273-3303 3131 Custer Drive*	**200**
Lyndon House Bed & Breakfast	*(859) 420-2683 507 N Broadway*	**7**
Residence Inn Lexington City Center	*(859) 253-3000 150 W Main St*	**119**
The Manchester Hotel	*(859) 785-3900 941 Manchester St*	**124**
The Sire Hotel Lexington, Tapestry Collection by Hilton	*(859) 231-1777 120 W Second St*	**42**
WoodSpring Suites	*(859) 269-6677 2370 Lake Park Rd*	**124**



The Manchester Hotel

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NEAR INTERSTATE

avid hotel Hamburg Lexington, an IHG Hotel
(859) 687-8100 *1810 Bryant Rd*
ROOMS 95

Best Western Lexington Inn
(859) 293-0047 *2221 Elkhorn Rd*
ROOMS 61

Bryan Station Inn
(859) 299-4162 *273 E New Circle Rd*
ROOMS 42

Comfort Inn & Suites
(859) 317-2339 *2400 Buena Vista Dr*
ROOMS 105

Comfort Inn South
(859) 263-0777 *5531 Athens-Boonesboro Rd*
ROOMS 59

Country Inn & Suites
(859) 299-8844 *2297 Executive Dr*
ROOMS 53

Courtyard Lexington South (Hamburg)
(800) 321-2211 *1951 Pleasant Ridge*
ROOMS 90

Days Inn & Suites
(859) 554-1074 *1987 N Broadway*
ROOMS 176

Days Inn South
(859) 605-1164 *5575 Athens-Boonesboro Rd*
ROOMS 55

Econo Lodge South
(859) 263-5101 *5527 Athens–Boonesboro Rd*
ROOMS 65

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Lexington East \ I–75
(859) 303-4386 *2211 Elkhorn Rd*
ROOMS 84

GuestHouse Inn & Suites
(859) 294-7375 *2261 Elkhorn Rd*
ROOMS 56

Hampton Inn Lexington I–75/Hamburg Area
(859) 299-2613 *2251 Elkhorn Rd*
ROOMS 125

Hilton Garden Inn Lexington Hamburg
(859) 543-8300 *1973 Plaudit Pl*
ROOMS 100

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Lexington – Hamburg Area
(859) 309-0492 *2255 Buena Vista Rd*
ROOMS 82

Holiday Inn Lexington Hamburg
(859) 687-7008 *1976 Justice Dr*
ROOMS 123

Home2 Suites by Hilton Lexington Hamburg
(859) 900-2333 *1750 Pleasant Ridge Dr*
ROOMS 106

Homewood Suites by Hilton Hamburg
(859) 543-0464 *2033 Bryant Rd*
ROOMS 90

Hotel Lex
(859) 800-1999 *5532 Athens-Boonesboro Rd*
ROOMS 151

Hyatt Place
(859) 296-0091 *2001 Bryant Rd*
ROOMS 127

La Quinta Inn & Suites
(859) 543-1877 *100 Canebrake Dr*
ROOMS 72

Microtel Lexington
(859) 447-9514 *2240 Buena Vista Dr*
ROOMS 99

Motel 6
(859) 293-1431 *2260 Elkhorn Rd*
ROOMS 98

Red Roof Inn & Suites Lexington/Hamburg
(859) 293-2202 *2241 Elkhorn Road*
ROOMS 110

Red Roof Inn North
(859) 293-2626 *1980 Haggard Ct*
ROOMS 108

Residence Inn South/Hamburg
(859) 263-9979 *2688 Pink Pigeon Pkwy*
ROOMS 91

Sleep Inn
(859) 559-0858 *1920 Plaudit Pl*
ROOMS 105

Spark by Hilton Lexington Hamburg
(859) 299-0302 *2381 Buena Vista Dr*
ROOMS 119

Sportsman Motel
(859) 252-4401 *1107 Winchester Rd*
ROOMS 29

Super 8 Motel
(859) 299-6241 *2351 Buena Vista Dr*
ROOMS 62

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Hamburg
(859) 263-0018 *1790 Vendor Way*
ROOMS 99

Tru by Hilton Hamburg Lexington
(859) 309-1404 *1770 Vendor Way*
ROOMS 82

NEAR KEENELAND & BLUEGRASS AIRPORT

Comfort Suites Keeneland
(859) 785-2057 *3060 Fieldstone Way*
ROOMS 72

Courtyard Lexington Keeneland/Airport
(859) 224-0460 *3100 Wall St*
ROOMS 103

Eighth Pole Inn
(859) 226-0095 *3463 Rosalie Rd*
ROOMS 5

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
(859) 224-3338 *3050 Lake Crest Cir*
ROOMS 60

FM Lodge Motel
(859) 254-6699 *5556 Versailles Rd*
ROOMS 37

Hampton Inn South Keeneland–Airport
(859) 223-0088 *3060 Lakecrest Cir*
ROOMS 67

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lexington Downtown Area-Keeneland
(859) 231-0656 *1780 Sharkey Way*
ROOMS 78

Home2 Suites by Hilton Lexington – Keeneland/Airport
(859) 309-9600 *960 Midnight Pass*
ROOMS 86

Origin Hotel Lexington
(859) 245-0400 *4174 Rowan*
ROOMS 120

Residence Inn Keeneland/Airport
(859) 296-0460 *3110 Wall St*
ROOMS 104

Springhill Suites Lexington Fritz Farm
(859) 309-0515 *4019 Finn Way*
ROOMS 118

Staybridge Suites
(859) 233-2300 *125 Louie Pl*
ROOMS 107

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lexington Keeneland/Airport
(859) 368-9491 *980 Midnight Pass*
ROOMS 95

NEAR KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Candlewood Suites
(859) 967-1940 *603 Adcolor Dr*
ROOMS 80

Clarion Hotel Conference Center North
(859) 233-0512 *1950 Newtown Pike*
ROOMS 291

Courtyard Lexington North
(859) 253-4646 *775 Newtown Ct*
ROOMS 146

Embassy Suites UK Coldstream
(859) 455-5000 *1801 Newtown Pike*
ROOMS 230

Everhome Suites Lexington North
(859) 203-4143 *757 Newtown Springs Dr*
ROOMS 114

Fairfield Inn & Suites Lexington North
(859) 977-5870 *2100 Hackney Pl*
ROOMS 114

Holiday Inn Express
(859) 554-8854 *1935 Stanton Way*
ROOMS 79

Kentucky Horse Park Campground
(859) 259-4257 *4089 Iron Works Pike*
CAMPSITES 260

La Quinta Inn Lexington/Horse Park
(859) 721-8881 *1920 Stanton Way*
ROOMS 129

Marriott Lexington Griffin Gate Golf Resort & Spa
(859) 231-5100 *1800 Newtown Pike*
ROOMS 409

Motel 6 – Airport
(859) 233-0561 *750 Newtown Ct*
ROOMS 84

Quality Inn Horse Park/Mainstay I-75
(859) 413-2765 *1938 Stanton Way*
ROOMS 171

Residence Inn North
(859) 231-6191 *1080 Newtown Pike*
ROOMS 80

Sunset Motel
(859) 286-9793 *4020 Georgetown Rd*
ROOMS 25

NEAR UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Candlewood Suites Lexington – Medical District
(859) 963-2444 *501 Waller Ave*
ROOMS 106

Elwood Hotel & Suites
(859) 423-1001 *444 Parkway Dr*
ROOMS 62

Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green
(859) 271-4000 *245 Lexington Green Cir*
ROOMS 174

Extended Stay America
(859) 271-6160 *2650 Wilhite Dr*
ROOMS 126

Extended Stay Tates Creek
(859) 335-7524 *3575 Tates Creek Rd*
ROOMS 72

Hampton Inn Medical Center/UK
(859) 313-9000 *1953 Nicholasville Rd*
ROOMS 88

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Downtown
(859) 389-6800 *1000 Export St*
ROOMS 96

Home2 Suites by Hilton University/Medical Center
(859) 313-5200 *126 E Lowry Ln*
ROOMS 103

Homewood Suites by Hilton Lexington Fayette Mall
(859) 223-0880 *249 Ruccio Way*
ROOMS 91

Red Roof Inn South
(859) 277-9400 *2651 Wilhite Dr*
ROOMS 117

SpringHill Suites
(859) 225-1500 *863 South Broadway*
ROOMS 108

Staybridge Suites Lexington South
(859) 710-9888 *209 Ruccio Way*
ROOMS 117

The Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection by Hilton
(859) 255-4281 *1375 South Broadway*
ROOMS 250

Tru by Hilton
(859) 687-9700 *535 Waller Ave*
ROOMS 97

Tour Companies

By plane or car, it's a breeze to get to Lexington. Once here, these are the companies that can help you get around and discover everything our city has to offer. From daily van tours to private custom tours, there are plenty of options to accommodate any occasion or budget.

EXPERIENCE TOURS

Arts Connect
Lexington (859) 321-1341 — **artsconnectlex.org**

Bites of the Bluegrass
Lexington (859) 420-9340 — **bitesofthebluegrass.com**

Central Kentucky Tours
Harrodsburg (859) 806-8729 — **centralkentuckytours.com**

Horse and Barrel Tours
Lexington (859) 489-4053 — **horseandbarrelexperiences.com**

Lex History Tours
Lexington (859) 335-8705 — **lexhistorytours.org**

Stone Fences Tours
Lexington (606) 548-2181 — **stonefencestours.com**

Sweetman Tours
Frankfort (502) 316-1663 — **sweetmantours.com**

Thoroughbred Heritage Horse Farm Tours
Lexington (859) 260-8687 — **seethechampions.com**

UnBridled Horse Tours
Midway (859) 333-8940 — **unbridledhorsetours.com**

Unique Horse Farm Tours
Lexington (859) 213-6653 — **uniquehorsefarmtourslexington.com**

Visit Horse Country
Lexington (859) 963-1004 — **visithorsecountry.com**

TOUR PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Blue Grass Tours & Charter
Lexington (859) 252-5744 — **bluegrasstours.com**

Destination Bluegrass, INC
Lexington (859) 264-7822 — **destinationbluegrass.net**

Lexington In Touch
Lexington (859) 224-4226 — **lexintouch.com**

Lexington Private Tours
Lexington (859) 278-9488 — **LexingtonPrivateTours.com**

Poplar Hospitality
Lexington (859) 509-3757 — **poplarhospitality.com**

Scott Goodlett Events
Lexington (859) 361-3539 — **scottgoodlettevents.com**

TRANSPORTATION

Big Blue Pedaler
Lexington (859) 421-5975 — **bigbluepedaler.com**

Celebrity & Boss Limousines
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Coachman & Co
Lexington (859) 363-5617 — **coachmanandco.com**

Gold Shield
Lexington (859) 255-6388 — **goldshieldcars.com**

Kentucky Legacy Tours
Lexington (859) 825-8685 — **kylegacytours.com**

Lextran
Lexington (859) 255-7756 — **lextran.com**

Limestone Limousines
Lexington (859) 880-3242 — **limestonelimousines.com**

Martin Motorcoach
Lexington (859) 456-6928 — **martinmotorcoach.com**

Mobility Equipment Lexington
2551 Regency Rd (859) 523-0993 — **mobilityequipmentlexington.com**

Superior Van & Mobility
Lexington (859) 955-5282 — **superiorvan.com**

Thoroughbred Limousine
Lexington (859) 273-3690 — **thoroughbredlimo.com**

Wombles Transportation
Nicholasville (859) 887-4611 — **womblescharters.com**

Lexington Visitors Center

We're here to help

Planning a trip to an unfamiliar place can be a challenge. The Lexington Visitors Center is here to lend a more personal touch and help you curate a truly authentic travel experience.

Our staff of local hospitality professionals can provide you with the most up-to-date information and recommendations tailored just for you, so you can spend less time stressing and more time enjoying an unforgettable stay in Lexington.

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Looking for the perfect gift or souvenir to commemorate your time in Lexington? In addition to helpful maps and brochures, our Visitors Center also carries uniquely Lexington keepsakes, apparel, and other merchandise for all ages like our signature Big Lex "blue horse" gear. Stop in and pick out something special for yourself or someone you care about that can only be found in Lexington, KY—The Horse Capital of the World.

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Lexington's SustainabLEX Certified Business Program highlights local businesses that go above and beyond in their commitment to sustainability. These partners have met or surpassed key environmental benchmarks, helping to create a cleaner, greener Bluegrass for everyone.

There are currently 25 SustainabLEX Certified Businesses—hotels, restaurants, attractions and more—that you can feel extra good about patronizing during your stay. Find the latest information on our LEX for Good Sustainability page.

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Greater LEX is a multifaceted, nine-county region in Central Kentucky where close to 700,000 residents enjoy diverse cultures and an eclectic food scene. Ready to enjoy a cost of living that consistently rates below the national average? Our region offers immense affordability paired with a unique livability that includes rolling pastures, charming city life and world-renowned bourbon distilleries. Surrounded by welcoming communities and plenty of job opportunities across a diverse set of industries, Greater LEX just feels like home.

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