



Kentucky Thoroughbreds, Bourbon, Bluegrass, and The Brown Hotel

October 18 - 23, 2026

\$2,995 /double • \$3,450 /single

Rolling bluegrass meadows, grand thoroughbred estates, storied racetracks, and the warmth of Kentucky bourbon — the Bluegrass State invites you to slow down. From three elegant nights at Louisville's renowned Brown Hotel to an immersion in racing heritage at Churchill Downs, bourbon tastings along scenic byways, and the handsome avenues of Lexington, this six-day journey blends rich history, graceful landscapes, and the comforts of fine Kentucky hospitality.

Blending historic grandeur with comfort, Kentucky offers distinct hotel experiences. A Louisville treasure since 1923, The Brown Hotel features a soaring lobby crowned with hand-painted ceilings, marble columns, and a double staircase, serving as the birthplace of the legendary Hot Brown sandwich. Meanwhile, in Lexington, the Origin Hotel blends contemporary design with subtle equestrian touches. Located within The Summit at Fritz Farm placing guests steps away from boutique shopping and entertainment—a refreshing base for exploring the bluegrass charm.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- Fully escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- All meals, attractions, guides, and activities
- Deluxe Globe Treks motorcoach with refreshments
- Three nights at The Brown Hotel in Louisville
- Two nights at Origin Hotel Lexington
- Louisville city touring, waterfront district, and Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
- Churchill Downs & Kentucky Derby Museum
- Bardstown: "Bourbon Capital of the World" & My Old Kentucky Home
- Kentucky Bourbon Trail excursion
- Afternoon racing at Keeneland
- Kentucky Horse Park, Mary Todd Lincoln House & Henry Clay Estate

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Kentucky Thoroughbreds: **Day by Day**

Day 1 – Sunday, October 18 – Arrival in Louisville & The Brown Hotel

Your Bluegrass adventure begins with a warm greeting at your doorstep. Enjoy a continental breakfast aboard our private motorcoach as we travel north. After lunch en route, we arrive at the elegant Brown Hotel — your home for the next three nights. Settle in and savor dinner this evening.

Day 2 – Monday, October 19 – Louisville's Stories & Spirit

After breakfast, a local guide leads us through Louisville's riverfront, architectural gems, and historic neighborhoods. Hear tales of early settlers, steamboat trade, and the vibrant cultural renaissance shaping the city today. Next, we visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, where the crack of America's pastime comes to life. Stand beneath the giant bat, watch bats being crafted for MLB players, and explore exhibits celebrating baseball's greats. We then unwind at the tranquil Waterfront Botanical Gardens — a peaceful escape filled with native plants, sculpted paths, and sweeping river views. Dinner tonight is at one of Louisville's farm-to-table restaurants.

Day 3 – Tuesday, October 20 – Churchill Downs & Bardstown

This morning we step into the beating heart of Kentucky's equestrian heritage. At Churchill Downs, stand trackside beneath the twin spires, imagine the thunder of Derby Day, and feel centuries of racing history beneath your feet. The Kentucky Derby Museum deepens the experience with immersive exhibits, films, and memorabilia celebrating the "Run for the Roses." In the afternoon we continue to Bardstown — a charming small town framed by rolling pastures and historic streets. Known as the "Bourbon Capital of the World," Bardstown is home to My Old Kentucky Home State Park, the inspiration for Stephen Foster's beloved melody. Enjoy time to stroll its shops and tree-lined square before dinner.

Day 4 – Wednesday, October 21 – Bourbon Trail to Lexington & Racing at Keeneland

After breakfast, we travel along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail to one of the region's distinguished distilleries. Learn the craft of distilling — from limestone water to charred oak barrels — and enjoy a guided tasting. By afternoon, we're off to Keeneland, one of America's most beautiful racetracks. Feel the elegance of the ivy-clad grandstand and watch live racing surrounded by the rust and amber colors of fall. This evening we arrive in Lexington and settle in for two nights at the stylish Origin Hotel.

Day 5 – Thursday, October 22 – Horses, History & Bluegrass Beauty

Today brings a sweeping look at Kentucky's cultural and equestrian heritage with a local guide. At the Kentucky Horse Park, meet extraordinary breeds, visit the Hall of Champions, and learn about the global influence of Kentucky's horse tradition. Next, we visit the Mary Todd Lincoln House, where the future First Lady spent much of her early life. Afterward, the elegant Henry Clay Estate — Ashland — reveals the story of one of America's most influential statesmen. This evening, enjoy a delicious farewell dinner at one of Lexington's finest restaurants.

Day 6 – Friday, October 23 – Boone Tavern & Homeward Bound

Our return route includes a relaxing lunch at Boone Tavern in Berea, a historic landmark located in the state's renowned craft community. Enjoy warm hospitality, regional cuisine, and perhaps a chance to browse local artisans' work. Arrive home by evening, where a Globe Treks representative returns you to your doorstep — carrying the gentle charm of Kentucky and the memories of a Bluegrass adventure.

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