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# 2025 Kentucky Derby

--- April 30-May 4, 2025 ---

Experience the charm of the horse capital of the world with a unique Kentucky Derby adventure in Lexington & Louisville, Kentucky. Revel in downtown luxury at the Lexington Marriott City Center while immersing yourself in the essence of the Run for the Roses. Explore the American Saddlebred Museum, venture along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, embark on tours of working horse farms, visit the iconic Keeneland racetrack, and more! Be at the heart of the action on Derby Day, savoring the spectacle, elegance, and iconic hats at Churchill Downs. This exclusive tour provides an unforgettable journey into “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports.”

*The Kentucky Derby*

## Program Highlights



- Four (4) nights' deluxe hotel accommodations at the Lexington Marriott City Center in the heart of bustling downtown, steps from various restaurants and shops
  - Check-in: Wednesday, April 30
  - Check-out: Sunday, May 4
- Welcome hospitality area staffed by experienced SET liaisons to provide a seamless check in experience and local recommendations
- Welcome reception with expert horse racing industry speaker including food and drinks at nearby venue
- Full breakfast Thursday through Saturday including a Saturday breakfast with Derby photo opportunity
- Official Kentucky Derby souvenirs
- Experienced SET Staff available throughout the tour
- Detailed pre-travel and on-site travel documents
- Thursday morning robust breakfast at the American Saddlebred Museum, with a chance to tour the museum which houses the largest collection of Saddlebred artifacts in the world
- Motor coach transfers, lunch and beverages during Thursday and Friday tours
- Morning workouts at Keeneland Racecourse with guided tour
- Select horse farm tours
- Bourbon distillery tour
- Roundtrip motor coach transfers to Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby
- **Guest to select a reserved seat ticket option for the Kentucky Derby.**  
***NOTE: Price varies by section and will be an additional fee to the package price.***



### Activity Level: Moderate

The tour includes horse farms and distilleries where there are uneven surfaces and walking involved.

## Your Itinerary

**DAY ONE:** Arrive in style and check into the luxurious Lexington Marriott City Center. Meet our SET Staff for a personalized welcome, where you'll pick up exclusive souvenirs and essential on-site travel documents. The evening welcomes you with a special reception featuring a distinguished guest speaker from the horse industry. Indulge in delectable heavy hors d'oeuvres and sip on your favorite drinks at the open bar.

**DAY TWO:** Start your morning with a breakfast experience at the American Saddlebred Museum, go behind the scenes and immerse yourself in the history of the saddlebred industry. The journey continues to a renowned distillery for an insider's tour along the famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Enjoy a delectable lunch between tours at another area distillery and return to the hotel in the mid-afternoon. Your evening is free to explore the vibrant downtown scene of Lexington at your leisure.

**DAY THREE:** Start your day with a grab-and-go breakfast before heading to Keeneland, where you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the facility and witness the morning workouts trackside. Following this, explore a selection of enchanting horse farms, enjoying a provided lunch at Fasig Tipton, North America's oldest Thoroughbred auction company. Return to the hotel and unwind or explore downtown Lexington on your own.

**DAY FOUR:** Kick off the day with an early morning breakfast buffet in a private dining room at the Marriott. Capture the moment in your Derby finest with a professional photographer on hand. Hop on a motor coach for a seamless transfer to Louisville for the iconic Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. After a thrilling day at the races, return to the Marriott for a late evening filled with memories.

**DAY FIVE:** It's departure day! Check out of your hotel and bid farewell to Lexington with a heart full of unforgettable experiences. Wishing you a safe and pleasant journey home!



## Your Ticket Options

Customize your Derby experience by selecting the ticket option that is right for you. Please reference [TravelingBulldogsFanTravel.com](http://TravelingBulldogsFanTravel.com) or call 888-503-5297 for current ticket options and pricing.

**Note: Tickets are not included in the package price.**

### TICKET OPTIONS:

- 100 Level Covered Tip-Up Chair (Sections 100-110)
- 200 Level Uncovered Grandstand Seating (Sections 221-228)
- 300 Level Covered Grandstand Seating (Sections 321-325)
- 300 Level Covered Winner's Circle Seating (Sections 318-320)



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of the World...*

*The Birthplace of  
Bourbon...*

*The Heart of the  
Bluegrass...*



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