

This is just a recommendation for 2 full days of tours. This is also giving you a day before to get there and you can really leave at the end of your last tour. Remember tours are on the hour and take approximately 1 hour but you want to give yourself at least 2 hours at the distillery for shopping and tastings. The 2nd day can be a full day if you stop at all of them.

I've marked the tours not to miss but I do recommend you stopping at most of them on day two and they are pretty close together for the most part.

Day Before Tour

Louisville

Downtown life you would want to stay near 4th Street Live which is their entertainment district. Embassy Suites, Hyatt Regency, Omni, Louisville Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott (2nd St.) Look for hotels near KFC Yum Center or 4th Street Live. If you get into town early a fun thing is **Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse** Tableside Cocktail Class 3:00, 5:00, 7:00pm. \$25. Call ahead. Half hour class and they teach you to make a Jim Beam drink which was good and fun. Right downtown is also the **Evan Williams Experience** which is supposed to be a good tour (open 11:00-5:30 \$15). Don't waste your time on the **Old Forester** tour also downtown. **Doc Crow's Barbeque** has excellent food. **Against the Grain Brewery** also great place to eat (fantastic dry rub wings) right by the baseball stadium, **Angels Envy** across the street (open 10:00-5:00). Great bar to hit if you don't want anything fancy was the **3rd Street Dive Bar** (it is a diver bar, but fun), mostly locals, a lot of fun when we were there otherwise **4th Street Live** has multiple bars. The last trip we ate at **Guy Fieri's Smokehouse** on 4th St. and it was phenomenal, great sandwiches and the meatloaf WOW!!! **Silver Dollar Bar** has always been a place we've wanted to stop for drinks but have yet to make it. **Sidebar** on Whiskey Row, good bar. If you want to have a fancy drink go to the Seelbach Hilton Hotel for a nightcap.

First Day

***Jim Beam Stillhouse** Clermont, Ky (at least 2 hour visit)

Louisville to Clermont 35 Minutes

9:30 (1st Tour) Tour \$14

Jim Beam is a great place for lunch or on your way to Loretto (Makers Mark) eat in Bardstown at **Old Talbott Tavern** (Tavern

built in 1779 and has never closed since then, a very unique town)

You'll pass by **Heaven Hill Distillery Heritage Center**. We have never done the tour there since it really isn't a distillery, but they do have a wide variety of Bourbons for sale, good place to stop for Bourbon made by Heaven Hill.

***Makers Mark** Loretto, Ky (at least 2 hour visit)

Clermont to Loretto (Beam to Makers) 50 minutes

Tours 9:30-4:30 \$14

Town Branch Distillery Lexington, Ky (if you have time for the tour if not just go into Lexington, Not the worlds best tour but a nice tour. They also make bourbon beer)

Loretto to Lexington Makers to Town Branch) 1 ½ hrs

Tours 9:30-6:00 (allow 1 hour)

We normally stay downtown Lexington either at the Hyatt or Hilton, great Bourbon bar area, Cheapside Park, walking distance from both hotels.

2nd Day

Four Roses Lawrenceburg, Ky (Good stop but no tour unless you really want to)

Lexington to Lawrenceburg 30 minutes

Open at 9:00

Wild Turkey Versailles, Ky (Again a good stop but not a good tour, great tasting if they allow just tasting, they do have a bar set up now))

Lawrenceburg to Versailles 15 Minutes

***Woodford Reserve** Versailles, Ky

Wild Turkey to Woodford 15 Minutes

Tours 10:00-3:00 \$15.00

Castle & Key (Year old distillery, no Bourbon yet, fantastic tour(\$\$\$) stop if you have time or this is your last stop for the day , you need to add Buffalo Trace into the mix)

Woodford to Castle & Key 8 Minutes

Tours \$30 (about 1 ½ hours)

***Buffalo Trace** Frankfort, Ky (Hit this on your way home either last stop of the day or first stop of the day) Great tour a tastings.

Castle & Key to Buffalo Trace 17 minutes

Lexington to Castle & Key 35 Minutes
Tours 9:00-4:00 (1 ½ hours) FREE

Buffalo Trace to South Bend 5 Hours

(*) Recommended Tours

Other distilleries, location and tour experience:

Bulleit Frontier Whiskey-Stitzel Weller: Louisville, very good tour

Angels Envy: Louisville, good tour

Four Roses Warehouse: Cox Creek, south of Louisville, okay tour

Jefferson: Louisville, good tour

Copper & King: Louisville, brandy, different tour

Rabbit Hole: Louisville, never made it here

Michters: Louisville, so-so tour

Old Forester: Louisville, better than Michters but not by much

Barton 1792: Bardstown, stopped there never did tour

Willet: Bardstown, good tour, some hard to find bottles of their bourbon

Independent Stave Co.: Lebanon, Barrel Making, Fantastic tour but this is the southernmost area of the western side tour and they have limited tours.

New Riff: Newport Kentucky, Just now releasing their bourbon which is pretty good. This is on the Ohio-Kentucky border just outside of Cincinnati but if you're heading up 75 to go home and you have the time. I've never done their tour. Located in the parking lot of one of the largest liquor stores in the United States, worth a stop!!

Bulliet Distillery: Shelbyville, one of the newest distilleries in Kentucky, was kind of disappointed in the tour and tasting.

The best place to buy regular not special bourbons in **Kroger's** all throughout Kentucky. They have much better prices than the distilleries. At the distilleries you may want to concentrate on only bourbons you can buy there or locally and not nationally distributed. Yes, it is cheaper at Kroger's than the distilleries.

BOURBON TOUR 2018

Transportation

Enterprise Mishawaka \$799.

Enterprise Elkhart \$666.39

Motorhome \$1,000 ??

Day 1 Wednesday September 26

????-???? Leave Osceola to Lexington Hilton 5 ½ hr. drive

Day 2 Thursday September 27

Lexington

- 8:45 Leave hotel
(35 min. drive)
- 10:00 Castle & Key
(8 min. drive)
- 11:40 Woodford Reserve
(30 min. drive)
Lunch Lexington Barrel House-Elkhorn Tavern
- 5:45 Leave Hotel
(40 min. drive)
- 7:00 Buffalo Trace Ghost Tour

Day 3 Friday September 28

- 7:15 Leave Hotel (1hr. 25 min drive)
- 9:30 Makers Mark Tour
(30 min. drive)
- 12:00 Willett
(10 min. drive)
- 2:00 Lunch Old Talbot Tavern
(5 min. drive)
- 4:00 Barton
(1 hr. drive)
Check in Hyatt Louisville
- 8:00 Dinner Doc Crow's (10 minute walk from Hotel)
Drinks Seelbach Bar??

Day 4 Saturday September 29

Louisville

9:00 Leave Hotel

10:00 Kentucky Artisan Distillery

12:00 Copper & Kings

1:30 Lunch-Against the Grain

3:00 Rabbit Hole Distillery

4:00 Old Forester Distillery

???? Dinner

Silver Dollar (10 min. drive)

Holy Grail (10 min. drive)

Mussel & Burger Bar (10 min. walk)

Impellizzeris Pizza (10 min. walk)

Sidebar Grill (10 min. walk)

Day 5 Sunday September 30

8:30 Leave Hotel

9:00 Jim Beam Distillery

10:30 Bulleit

11:30 On the Road 4 ½ hr. drive

5:00 Home

OPTION #1

6:45 Leave Carmel to Makers Mark (3 Hrs. 11 min)

10:30 Tour Makers Mark (Roughly 1.5-2 hrs.)

Join us for a guided tour that will teach you about our history and how we make our bourbon. You will get to visit a barrel warehouse and our Bourbon Limestone Cellar. Of course, you'll finish with a guided tasting. This tour will last approximately 45-55 minutes and has limited availability due to CDC guidelines

Makers Mark to Old Talbot Tavern 30 Minutes

Lunch at Old Talbot Tavern

The Old Talbot Tavern, also known as the Old Stone Tavern, a historic tavern built in 1779, is located in the Bardstown Historic District of Bardstown, Kentucky, across from the historic Nelson County Courthouse. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 30, 1973.

According to tradition, the tavern has never closed since its opening in 1779. It is rumored as well to have guests that have never checked out. Each room is named after a historical person who is said to have visited where the likes of The James Gang, Abraham Lincoln, and General George S. Patton have visited. You will find a vast amount of history in this building. Enjoy the world's oldest bourbon bar and eat great southern cooking in our restaurant.

2:00 Tasting Barton Distillery

Barton 1792 Distillery was established in 1879 and continues today as the oldest fully-operating Distillery in Bardstown, Kentucky. Situated in heart of bourbon country on 196 acres, the Distillery boasts 29 barrel aging warehouses, 22 other buildings including an impressive still house, and the legendary Tom Moore Spring

Drive from Bardstown to Stitzel Weller 45 Minutes

4:00 Tour Stitzel Weller

Originally opened on Derby Day in 1935 and reopened to the public in 2014, the historic Stitzel-Weller Distillery is one of the true cathedrals of the American whiskey industry. Located only five miles from downtown Louisville, the Stitzel Weller Experience is one of the most convenient and impressive stops along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®. We are proud to invite guests to step foot on this hallowed ground and gain a unique perspective on the dichotomy of the historic contrasted with the innovations of tomorrow that include Bulleit Bourbon, Blade and Bow Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey and I.W. Harper Bourbon.

Hotel Louisville-Omni Hotel

**OPTION #2 Same as above but add 6:15 tasting at Angels Envy.
Hotel is about 2 minutes away**

OPTION #3 Doing this would be a quicker trip and earlier tour at Stitzel Weller and Angels Envy getting us to the hotel at an earlier time (Subject to if current reservations can be changed)

Makers Mark Tour

Lunch on the road -quick

Tasting at either Barton or Willett

Stitzel Weller Tour

Angels Envy Tasting

Ideas for dinner:

Walking distance from hotel

Doc Crows (Barbecue) *Very Good* \$\$

Repeal (Steaks and quality dining) *??* *\$\$\$\$*

Omni-Bobs (Steak and Chop House) *??*

O'Sheas (Irish Bar) *??* \$\$

Guy Fieri's Smokehouse *Excellent* \$\$

~~Super/Comet~~ 2022 Bourbon Trail

All distilleries recommend masks

Thursday March 23

(Westfield to hotel 2 Hours)

Galt House Louisville

Galt House Hotel
140 North 4th St.
Louisville, Ky

Dinner ideas

Doc Crowes Barbecue (7 minute walk)

Guy Fieri's Smokehouse (4th St. Live) 11 minute walk

Troll Pub Under the Bridge (8 minute walk)

Watch game ideas

Troll Pub Under the Bridge (8 minute walk)

Sports and Social Club (4th St. Live) 11 minute walk

March 25, Friday

Leave hotel 9:15

10:30 Makers Mark (1 Hour 15 Minute Drive) Go to gift shop BEFORE tour

12:00 Makers Mark Tour (1 Hour Tour & Tasting)

Makers Mark to Jim Beam 50 Min.

2:30 Jim Beam Tour

Could eat at Beam for Lunch after tour, new restaurant

Jim Beam to Elwood Hotel & Suites Lexington 1 Hr. & 16 Minutes

Elwood Hotel & Suites
444 Parkway Dr.
Lexington, Ky

Dinner & Drinks Lexington downtown

March 26, Saturday

Leave Hotel 8:15

Hotel to Woodford Reserve (opens at 9am) 28 minutes

9:15 Tasting at Woodford Reserve

Woodford to Castle & Key 7 Minutes

10:30+ Castle & Key (\$10 self tour and 1 drink, that day they are introducing their first Bourbon available)

Castle & Key to Buffalo Trace 17 Minutes

Buffalo Trace – Gift Shop Only

Buffalo Trace to Westfield 3 Hours

Option to stop at Bulliett Buffalo Trace to Bulliett 27 Minutes (on the way home)

Bulliett Gift Shop & Bar only

Bulliet to Westfield 2 Hr. 41

Bourbon Trail 2022

October 25

Leave from our house roughly 3:30

Arrive 6:30-7:00 Hyatt Regency Lexington (Free room)

October 26

Leave hotel 7:30 ??

8:15 Buffalo Trace (get in line for daily bottle) Opens at 9:00

Depending on time may go to Castle & Key

11:15 Woodford Reserve (Tasting)

Lunch and possibly Wild Turkey

2:00 Four Roses (Tour)

Town Branch or Old Pepper for drinks

Back to hotel

October 27

Leave hotel around 7:30 depending how day before went

8:15 Buffalo Trace (get in line for daily bottle)

Drive 1 Hr. to Willett

12:00 Willett (Tour)

Lunch ??

Drive 30 Minutes

2:30 Jim Beam (Tour)

Drive 30 Minutes

4:45 Barrels & Billets (Tour)

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Louisville

October 28

Head Home 2 Hrs.

Wednesday Oct. 11

Leave from ~~Carrollton~~

Louisville

Holiday Inn Express

800 W. Market St.

Louisville, Ky.

3rd Street Dive

442. S. 3rd St.

Thursday

Bulleit (No Time)

Lunch or Supper

Against the Grain Brewery & Smokehouse

401 E. Main St.

Louisville, Ky

1:00 pm

Kentucky Artisan Distillery Booking # 12672825

6230 Old LaGrange Rd.

Crestwood, Ky.

3:00 pm

Angel Envy Booking # 55RVY92PM645

Arrive 20 min. early

500 E. Main St.

Louisville

Friday

9:00 Barton 1792 Distillery

501 Cathedral Manor

Bardstown Ky

11:00 Willett

1869 Loretto Rd.

Bardstown, Ky

Lunch Old Bardstown Tavern

Makers Mark (No Time)

Hotel Hyatt Regency

401 W. High St.

Lexington, Ky

8:30 Buffalo Trace

113 Great Buffalo Trace

Franklin Ky

Saturday

New Riff Distillery

The Party Source Liquor Store

Because of the closeness to the dates you will be at the mercy of the distilleries for tours so start contacting as soon as possible. You said you want to go the Buffalo Trace and the others. The decision you'll have to make is it's kind of like going to Elkhart and Michigan City whereas Buffalo Trace is in Michigan City and Bardstown is in Elkhart, it's possible but there is a distance between them, if this makes sense. I would say if you want to go to Buffalo Trace, you make it your first stop going down since on Sunday it opens later. As I explained they have their special allotment every day and they open at 9, but it's best to get there by 8. From Broad Ripple this is a 3 hour drive.

I will give a point rating for tours out of 5 for what I feel are the best tours and/or gift shop experiences. I recommend only 2 tours at the most each day but visit other distilleries in between

SAMPLE Day #1 (1st option)

Buffalo Trace (Tour 5/5 Gift shop 5/5) Sometimes you can get same day tours at distillery
Four Roses (Tour 4/5 GIFT Shop 4/5)
Willett (Tour 4.5/5 Gift Shop 3/5 but they have things hard to find Restaurant 4/5)
Heaven Hill (Tour never taken, not at distillery Store 4/5 many of their products)

Sample Day #1 (2nd option)

Angels Envy (Louisville) Tour 4/5 Gift Shop 3/5
Or
Stetzel Weller (Tour 4/5 Gift Shop 3.5/5
Jim Beam (Tour 5/5 Gift Shop 5/5 Restaurant 5/5)
Heaven Hill
Bardstown Bourbon Company (Have not done tour Gift Shop 3/5 Restaurant 5/5)

Day 2

Independent Stave Company (Southernmost part of this day, where barrels are made) Tour 5/5
Makers Mark (Tour 5/5 Gift Shop 5/5)
Willett (Gift shop and just tasting)
Lux Row Distillery (Have not done this tour but have it set up for end of June, they have a special tour once a day at 11 which is \$50 but looks like a great tour)
Bardstown Bourbon Company (If you need to fit another in)

Other distilleries in the Bardstown Area

4 Roses Coc Creek (Not their distillery but their storage and bottling Tour 3/5 Gift Shop 4/5)
Limestone Distillery
Preservation Distillery
Barton 1792 (Not sure if they are doing tours Gift Shop 3/5 but amazing Cream Bourbon)

In Bardstown I've known people very happy with VRBO or Air BNB right in town
Talbot Inn-I've stayed there, very limited rooms, like a BnB. Make sure room is not above bar because of weekend music. Very unique, haunted, but fun
Jailers Inn-Jail turned into hotel downtown
Bourbon Manor Bed & Breakfast
Many other places on the outskirts of town

Restaurants in Bardstown

Old Talbott Inn

Mammy's

Rickhouse

Day 1

6:00 Leave from Westfield
3.5 Hour Drive to Makers Mark
10:00 Tour Makers Mark (1.25 hrs)
12:00 45 Minute drive to Jim Beam
12:45 Lunch at Jim Beam
2:00 Tour Beam (1.25 hrs)
3:30 30 Minute drive to Angels Envy or Michters
4:00 Shop & drinks at Angels Envy or Michters
7:00 Dinner Doc Crow's

Day 2

7:00 Leave for Buffalo Trace
8:00 Get in line for daily special
9:00 Doors open
10:00 30 Minute drive to Castle and Key
10:30 No Tour walk grounds and gift shop
11:30 Leave for The Stave (Lunch)10 minute drive
11:45 Lunch at the Stave
5 Minute drive to Woodford Reserve
1:30 Woodford Reserve Tour
3:30 30 Minute drive to hotel

Day 3

8:00 Leave hotel for home
11:30 3:12 Drive to Westfield
12:00 2:34 Drive to Dowagiac
3:00 Arrive Dowagiac

May 9

10:30 Tour Makers Mark (1.25 hrs)

12:30 30 Minute Drive to Willett

1:00 Lunch at Willett

2:20 30 Minute drive to Jim Beam

3:00 Tour Jim Beam (1.25)

4:30 30 Minute Drive to Hotel

5:00 Hotel

Louisville-Courtyard-Main St.

7:00 Dinner at Doc Crow's

May 10

7:00 Leave for Buffalo Trace 1 Hour Drive (Possible Tour)

8:00 Get in line for daily special

9:00 Doors open

10:30 30 Minute drive to Castle and Key

11:00 Possible Tour or just walk grounds and gift shop

12:00 Leave for The Stave (Lunch) 10 minute drive

12:30 Lunch at the Stave Confirmed

5 Minute drive to Woodford Reserve

2:00 Woodford Reserve Tour

3:30 Either back to Castle & Key if missed or

30 Minute drive to hotel

Lexington-Hyatt Regency

7:00 Dinner at Carsons

May 11 (Can be deleted or added)

7:30 Leave hotel for Buffalo Trace (Only if we want to go back and get that days allotment)

8:00 In Line for Daily Special

9:00 Doors open

9:30 30 Minute drive to Bulliet (opens at 10)

10:00 Bulliet no tour, maybe tasting

11:00 38 Minute drive to Artisan Distillery (Opens at 10)

12:00 Artisan Distillery tour

Day 1

10:00 Tour Makers Mark (1.25 hrs)

12:00 45 Minute drive to Jim Beam

12:45 Lunch at Jim Beam

2:00 Tour Beam (1.25 hrs)

3:30 30 Minute drive to Angels Envy or Michters

4:00 Shop & drinks at Angels Envy or Michters

7:00 Dinner Doc Crow's

Day 2

7:00 Leave for Buffalo Trace

8:00 Get in line for daily special

9:00 Doors open

10:00 30 Minute drive to Castle and Key

10:30 No Tour walk grounds and gift shop

11:30 Leave for The Stave (Lunch)10 minute drive

11:45 Lunch at the Stave

5 Minute drive to Woodford Reserve

1:30 Woodford Reserve Tour

June 25 Tuesday Night before stay in Westfield

June 26

- 6:45 Leave for Makers Mark (3 Hour Drive)
- 10:30 Tour Makers Mark (BOOKED)
- 12:30 Leave for Jim Beam (45 Min. Drive)
or Old Talbot Tavern (27 min. Drive)
- 1:15 Lunch at Jim Beam or 1:00 Lunch Old Talbot Tavern (20 min drive to Beam)
- 2:30 Tour Jim Beam (BOOKED)
- 4:00 Leave for Michters
- 4:30 Drinks at Michters
- 5:30 Hotel Louisville
Towneplace Suites By Marriott Louisville Downtown
- 7:30 Dinner at The Silver Dollar

June 27

- 7:30/8:00 Leave for Buffalo Trace
- 8:30 Buffalo Trace Shop, Walkaround-Tour if available-Tasting
- 11:00 Castle & Key Walkaround/drinks
- 12:00 Lunch at The Stave Booked
- 1:30 Tour Woodford Reserve (BOOKED)
- 3:30 Wild Turkey for drinks
- 5:00 Arrive hotel - Lexington Hyatt Regency
- Confirmation Number: ~~#00000000~~
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- 7:45 Dinner Carsons

June 28 Head home or

- 9:30 Leave hotel for Bulleit
- 10:00 Tour/Tasting/Shop
- 11:00 2:00 Drive to Westfield
- 1:00 2:34 Drive to Dowagiac
- 3:30 Arrive Dowagiac