

Three-Day Sample Itinerary

DAY ONE

8:30am – Travel time to General George Patton Museum of Leadership at Fort Knox from Elizabethtown (Only access through Chaffee Gate)

9:00am – Visit the General George Patton Museum. As impressive as the man himself, military hardware displays and General Patton's personal items are among the museum's artifacts. www.radclifftourism.org/pattonmuseum.shtml 502-624-3812

10:00am - Travel time to Elizabethtown

10:30am – 11:30am – Inspect the historic cabins at Freeman Lake Park. 800-437-0092

Lincoln Heritage House – Although this beloved historic double cabin was gutted by fire early in 2009, the community rebuilt the house using historic building materials including salvaged timbers in 2011.

Sara Bush Johnston Lincoln Memorial – A replica of the home of Sarah Bush Johnston, Abraham Lincoln's stepmother.

One Room School House – The 'finest school in the county' originally built in 1892.

11:30am - Lunch in Elizabethtown. Whether you're looking for soups and sandwiches, a southern-style dinner or something exotic, Elizabethtown has a wide selection of dining options to choose from.

12:30pm – Travel time to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum

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Admire and reminisce as you look at 50-plus antique and classic cars in mint condition. <u>www.swopemuseum.com</u>, 270-763-6175

1:30pm - Elizabethtown Nature Park & Veterans Tribute

The park, located at 1900 Ring Road is home to the Hardin County Veterans Tribute. For more info call 270-765-6121, or visit www.vettribute.org

2:30pm - Travel time to Glendale

2:45pm –Visit and shop the Glendale Historic District

This historic district is a restored 1920's railroad community that offers a relaxed atmosphere and quaint shopping. www.historicglendale.com

5:30pm - Travel time back to Elizabethtown

5:45pm – Dinner in Elizabethtown. Our city offers a wide variety of restaurants appealing to every appetite.

Seasonal Evening Event

Historic Downtown Costumed Walking Tour/Tavern in the Garden, *Thursday evenings, June thru September* This hour-long outdoor theater begins at 7:00 pm, at 25 Public Square in Elizabethtown. From there you will take a leisurely stroll back in time as you are guided through the downtown to meet prominent figures in American history such as P.T. Barnum, Jenny Lind, General George Armstrong Custer, and Carrie Nation. You will also be introduced to some not-so-famous characters who have very interesting stories to tell. The tour consists of walking around a block with frequent stops. Visit the **Tavern in the Garden at the Brown-Pusey House** and enjoy refreshments served by a barmaid in period costume and listen to the music provided by local talent, open from 6:00-9:00 pm, 800-437-0092

Christmas in the Park Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve

An illuminated roadway will guide you through this beautiful spectacle of Christmas spirit. Music of the season on your radio, along with lights glimmering upon Freeman Lake will create that special Christmas magic for you and your entire family, 800-437-0092

The Historic State Theater

Described in 1942 as "one of the finest . . . outside of Louisville," this beautiful, recently restored theater includes a 200-seat black-box theater. The main theater seats over 600. For a schedule of old movie showings and various performances or for ticket information call *270-234-8258* or visit <u>www.historicstatetheater.org</u>

The Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center (The

PAC) The PAC is a regional performing arts center located in the heart of Kentucky, dedicated to bringing professional-quality experiences to our community. The center seats just under 800 and is equipped with a full fly system, orchestra pit lift and a soon to be added orchestral shell. Past performances have included The Lettermen, Vicki Lawrence, and the Peking Acrobats. www.thepac.net 270-769-8837

DAY TWO

8:00am – Travel time to Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace, Hodgenville

8:30am – Explore Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace Climb the marble and granite memorial's 56 steps, one for each year of Lincoln's life. Located 1 mile south of Hodgenville on US 61. www.nps.gov/abli/index.htm, 502-358-3137

9:30am – Travel time to Lincoln Museum

9:45am – 10:30am – Tour Lincoln Museum. Exhibits and wax figures feature the life of Lincoln. Located at Lincoln Square in Hodgenville. Group rates available. www.lincolnmuseum-ky.org 270-358-3137

10:30am – Travel time to Knob Creek

11:00am – Tour Abraham Lincoln's Boyhood Home. Abraham Lincoln said, "My earliest recollection is of the Knob Creek place." After a land title dispute, the Lincolns moved to Indiana when Abraham was 7. Abraham Lincoln Cabin and Gift Shop. www.nps.gov/abli/index.htm 270-358-3137

11:30am – Travel time to Kentucky Railway Museum

12:00pm – Inspect railroad artifacts at the **Kentucky Railway Museum**. Ride the train through Rolling Fork River Valley. Lunch available on trains for groups. Gift Shop. <u>www.kyrail.org</u> 800-272-0152

2:00pm – Travel time to Maker's Mark

2:30pm – Tour Maker's Mark Distillery. See America's awardwinning bourbon being produced. Each lot is checked a minimum of 5 times while aging. Reservations recommended for over 15. Motor Coach parking available, <u>www.makersmark.com</u> 270-865-2099

4:00pm – Travel time to Elizabethtown for dinner.

DAY THREE

8:30am – Travel time to Jim Beam Distillery

9:00am – Visit Jim Beam Distillery. Learn how the barrel makers developed their craft and visit the tasting parlor in the Beam home. Don't miss the one-of-a-kind authentic moonshine still. Gift shop. Reservations recommended for over 20. Motor Coach parking available. www.jimbeam.com 502-543-9877

10:00am – Travel time to Bardstown

OPTIONAL: Stop at **Rooster Run General Store**, KY Hwy 245, Cox's Creek. A nationally known "must see" spot, it is known for its caps. 502-348-8753 **10:30 - Visit Heaven Hill Bourbon Heritage Center**. Experience the state-of-the-art interactive exhibits and learn to appreciate Single Barrel Bourbons inside the Parker Beam tasting barrel. www.bourbonheritagecenter.com 502-337-1000

12:00pm - Travel time to Old Talbott Tavern

12:15pm –Lunch at Old Talbott Tavern, America's oldest Western stagecoach stop. Prominent visitors included Abraham Lincoln, General George Patton and Jesse James. www.talbotts.com 800-4-TAVERN

1:30pm - Travel time to My Old Kentucky Home

1:45pm – Step back in time as you enter **My Old Kentucky Home**, Antebellum Federal Hill made famous by Stephen Foster's song. Tours and group rates available, 800-638-4877

2:15pm – Travel time to Spalding Hall

2:30pm – Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History and **Bardstown Historical Museum** are located in **Spalding Hall**. Once used as a Civil War hospital, the building now houses American whiskey artifacts and area historical items covering a 200-year period. <u>www.whiskeymuseum.com</u> 502-348-2999

3:30pm – Shop around Bardstown. The area boasts a variety of specialty shops offering gifts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, arts and crafts.

5:00 - My Old Kentucky Dinner Train – Relax while enjoying a gourmet meal on a two-hour excursion in restored 1940's dining cars. Available for individuals, families and tour groups. Reservation information at *502-348-7300.*

www.rjcorman.com/dinnertrain.html

8:00pm - Seasonal Evening Event – The Stephen Foster Story

Professional outdoor production of Stephen Foster's life and music located in My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Mid June to mid August. Some matinee performance held inside air-conditioned theater. Also held inside in the event of rain. Advance reservations are recommended. All tickets will be held at the box office. Special rates for groups and backstage tours are also available. Visit the website or call for information or to make reservations. <u>www.stephenfoster.com</u> 800-626-1563