



2023 Fall Kentucky Bourbon Trail Weekend Trip

October 27th-29th, 2023



Trip Overview

Details: The Kentucky Derby. Mint Juleps. Rolling hills and horse farms. Louisville Sluggers and Bluegrass music. Of all the things that Kentucky is known for perhaps none have had a bigger impact than its Bourbon – known around the world and arguably the quintessential American spirit. For the driving enthusiast there is also the bonus of vast, winding country roads that connect the network of idyllic distilleries across the countryside. In our inaugural Kentucky Bourbon tour we'll explore some of the best distilleries in the business with plenty of scenic driving and opportunities to get to know your fellow PCA members in between. With this perfect of a pairing... it's a trip not to be missed.



Primary / Guided Tour Destinations: Bardstown, KY with a day trip to Frankfort, KY area for a lunch / optional tasting at Castle and Key Distillery, sightseeing stops at Four Roses Distillery / Buffalo Trace Distillery, a private dinner at Bardstown Bourbon Distilling, and a tour / optional tasting at Maker's Mark Distillery.

Optional / Self-Guided Destinations in the Area (Friday, Sunday): National Corvette Museum (Bowling Green), Corvette Bowling Green Plant Tour, Willet Distillery (Bardstown), Preservation Distillery (Bardstown), Heaven Hill Brands Experience (Bardstown), My Old Kentucky Home (Historic Mansion in Bardstown), New Haven Train Museum (New Haven – 20 min drive from Bardstown).

Accommodations Options

- **Hampton Inn Bardstown – PCA Room Block (Hilton Group)**
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bdstwhx-hampton-bardstown/>
- **Fairfield Inn Bardstown (Marriott Group)** <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sdffb-fairfield-inn-and-suites-bardstown/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>
- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites (IHG Group)**
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/bardstown/brytw/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-EX_-US_-BRYTW

Trip Capacity:

- Musik Stadt PCA: 30 people
 - KY PCA Clubs (Louisville): 1 driving lead and guest
 - KY PCA: Up to 2 additional attendees
 - **Total: 34 attendees**
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Itinerary

Day 1: Friday

- **Commute to Bardstown, KY** at your own pace (~2.5-3 hour drive from Nashville)
 - *Optional / Self-Guided Stop* – consider stopping at the National Corvette Museum and/or Corvette Plant Tour in Bowling Green on the way up
 - *Optional / Self-Guided Stop* – historical detour to Abraham Lincoln’s birthplace and historic home (roughly 20-25 min detour from I-65 route)
<https://www.nps.gov/abli/index.htm>
 - *Optional / Self-Guided Stop* – if you arrive early in Bardstown there are multiple distilleries within a 10-15 minute drive of the hotel (Willet, Preservation Distillery, Heaven Hill, etc.) – but note that most close by 5PM

- **Welcome Reception & Dinner** at 7:00PM
 - **The Rickhouse:** *A premier bourbon-inspired fine dining establishment and effortlessly classy bar located below the famed Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History. The Rickhouse offers satisfying options for both dining and imbibing... The menu boasts a Bourbon roster with over 150 selections.*
– VisitBardstown.com
 - <https://therickhouse-bardstown.com/>
 - Three course buffet dinner (salad, pasta entrée, dessert) and a cash bar
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Day 2: Saturday

- **Grab breakfast** at the hotel (complementary) **and a coffee** at one of the coffee shops in town and meet us for the Bourbon Country Tour at 7:45AM (we'll depart promptly at 8:15AM)
- **Driving Stage 1:** Bardstown to Four Roses Distillery (8:15 – 9:15AM, approximately 1.0 hour drive time)
- **Gift Shop & Self-Guided Grounds Tour at Four Roses Distillery** (9:15 – 10:00AM)
 - **Distillery Description:** The Four Roses Distillery is the place where one of the most famous Bourbons is produced but it is also one of the most beautiful distillery buildings in Kentucky - or let's say in the US! It was built in a very amazing Spanish mission-style, even though Kentucky had never been a main area of Spanish mission. You can even find the Four Roses Distillery listed in the National Register of Historic Places. – *whisky.com*
- **Driving Stage 2:** Four Roses to Castle and Key Distillery (Assemble at 10:00AM, drive time approximately 10:15 – 11:00AM)
- **Distillery Tour / Optional Tasting at Castle and Key Distillery** (11:00AM – 1:15PM)



- **Distillery Description:** Castle & Key began restoring the historic Old Taylor Distillery in 2014, and after four years of hard work, was overjoyed to open the distillery to visitors in September of 2018. The Castle has been standing proud over this site since 1887 and it first served as a distillery as early as 1819. In 1887, Colonel Edmund Haynes Taylor, Jr. built a new kind of distillery destination in Millville, Kentucky. Inspired by European architecture, the site featured a Castle, a classical Springhouse, and a Sunken Garden. What he built became the birthplace of bourbon hospitality and tourism. As our team restored the distillery we pondered a name that fit with both the distillery's history and modern ideals. After much debate and exploration, Castle & Key was a perfect fit as it highlighted both our historic distillery in the Castle and the importance of our grounds and water source, the keyhole-shaped Springhouse.
– *Castle and Key Distillery*
- <https://www.castleandkey.com/visit-the-distillery>
- <https://www.castleandkey.com/craft-and-heritage/a-brief-history>
- **Catered / Boxed Lunch** served picnic style at Castle and Key Distillery
- **Driving Stage 3:** Castle and Key Distillery to Buffalo Trace (Assemble at 1:15PM, drive time approximately 1:30 – 1:45PM)
 - *Optional:* Return to hotel via Bluegrass Parkway (unguided) for additional downtime or local sightseeing before dinner
- **Self-Guided Grounds Tour, Gift Shop, and Optional Gift Shop Tasting at Buffalo Trace** (1:45 – 2:45PM)
 - *Note:* this (optional) tasting is offered through the Buffalo Trace gift shop and is not scheduled or included in trip fee – availability may vary based on crowds/visitor throughput



- **Driving Stage 4:** Buffalo Trace to Bardstown via National Scenic Byway (Old Frankfort Pike) (Assemble at 2:45PM, drive time approximately 3:00 – 4:25PM)
 - **Private Dinner, Tour, and Optional Tasting at Bardstown Bourbon** (5:30 – 8:30PM)
 - **Distillery Description:** The Bardstown Bourbon Company is a New Blend of Bourbon Makers, pushing the boundaries through innovation, while honoring the traditional art of making whiskey. Set on 100 acres of active farmland in the heart of the Bourbon Capital of the World®, we produce the highest-quality Kentucky bourbon, whiskey, and rye brands as well as offer custom whiskey production through our one-of-a-kind Collaborative Distilling Program. We are the first Napa Valley style destination on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® to combine distilling, culinary, and beverage expertise to create a modern, authentic bourbon experience. – *Bardstown Bourbon*
 - Private tour / optional bourbon tasting
 - 3 course meal and cash bar
 - <https://bardstownbourbon360.com/>
 - <https://www.bardstownbourbon.com/our-products/>
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Day 3: Sunday

- **Grab a coffee** at one of the coffee shops in town and meet us for the final drive to **Maker's Mark** (assemble at 8:15AM, depart at 8:45AM)
- **Driving Stage 1:** Bardstown to Maker's Mark (8:45 – 9:30AM)
- **Distillery Tour / Optional Tasting at Maker's Mark** (9:30AM – 11:30AM)



- **Distillery Description:** Bill Samuels, Sr.'s quest to create Maker's Mark began with his only copy of the family's trusted, 170-year-old recipe. The one the sixth-generation distiller promptly set on fire, of course. After accidentally burning a set of drapes in the process, Bill experimented with different flavoring grains, searching for a mash bill all his own. To save years of aging time, Bill baked several loaves of bread with various grain combinations instead of distilling them. His quick thinking not only saved time but also led him to swap out the traditional rye grain that is commonly used in bourbons for soft, red winter wheat. This replaced the hot bite of rye with the delicate sweetness that Maker's® is known for today. You'll find that the same attention to detail that goes into making our bourbon has gone into preserving our distillery. Star Hill Farm covers more than 1,000 acres. This includes North America's first natural water sanctuary, started as part of our commitment to sustainability.
– *Maker's Mark*
- <https://www.makersmark.com/visit-us>
- <https://www.makersmark.com/family>
- **Driving Stage 2:** Maker's Mark to Impellizzeri's Pizza in Elizabethtown for optional lunch (assemble at 11:30, drive time approximately 11:45AM – 12:45PM)
 - *Optional / Self-Guided Stop:* continue south on to Nashville (opting out of lunch)
- Group lunch at **Impellizzeri's Pizza – Elizabethtown**
[Optional / individual pay, not covered in trip fee]
 - Selected as the best pizza in KY by Reader's Digest (see article)
 - Located in the Stewart Opry House, built in 1907 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places
 - 16 taps flowing with great craft beer selections and over 80 bourbons
 - 5 Garage Doors open the restaurant for "Al Fresco Dining" (weather permitting)
- **End of Guided Trip**
 - Continue on to Nashville via I-65
 - *Optional / Self-Guided Stops* – see trip overview section on pages 1-2



Trip Fee

\$375
Per Person

- Trip fee includes guided driving routes, distillery tours / optional tastings (3 – Castle and Key, Bardstown Bourbon Company, Maker’s Mark), multi-course private dinners on Friday and Saturday night (alcohol additional a la carte), Saturday lunch, event gratuities / fees, and a trip gift (custom trip hat)
- Trip fee and agenda is non-negotiable due to the need to pre-reserve meals and tours – please consider your ability to attend the entire itinerary before signing up
- Hotel rooms to be booked / paid for by each attendee individually. The club has established a PCA rate at the Hampton Inn Bardstown for \$130/night plus taxes and fees for double queen beds to minimize per room cost. Some king beds may be available at the hotel’s discretion / by request and subject to availability. Room block details will be shared with confirmed registrations in early August. Attendees also have the option to book their own accommodations at the Bardstown Marriott Fairfield Inn or IHG Holiday Inn Express down the street as preferred.
- Final itinerary to be confirmed (subject to change) based on level of attendance and distillery tour scheduling
- All drivers must be PCA members (and all cars must be Porsches!)
- Adults only (recommended)
- 50% deposit per person (\$190) required within two weeks (14 days) of signup to reserve a spot – waitlist will be created as needed. Payment instructions will be sent via email once you complete the signup survey and your spot is confirmed
- Remaining 50% of trip fee (\$185) due on or before 9/15/2023
- Deadline to cancel and receive a full trip fee refund is October 1 – after 10/1 the trip fee will be forfeited unless the trip spot can be filled from the waitlist
- Please contact Oscar Wolff with any questions (oscarwolff615@gmail.com)

