



## LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS



# Better in the Bluegrass – Kentucky & Ohio featuring The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

April 13 –17, 2020      4 Nights – 5 Days

**Kentucky.... A spiritual destination since the days of Colonial America, a destination with one of a kind experiences. In addition to the Ark and Creation Museum you'll learn about gangsters, whiskey and thoroughbreds. Come along and tour this beautiful Bluegrass Region with so much to see and do.**

**Day One -4/13/20** Arrive in **Cincinnati Ohio** and check-in to **the Drury Inn and Suites**. Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** at **The Hofbräuhaus, Newport**, modeled after the original 400+-year-old Hofbräuhaus in Munich, Germany, and home to the area's largest bier garden, with a lovely view of Cincinnati's skyline. D

**Day Two -4/14/20** - Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning.

Enjoy a **Guided Thoroughbred Trail Tour** to include a

- **Racetrack Tour.** Walk through **Keeneland Race Course**, home to the world's most expensive horse auctions. Watch horses train in their morning workouts.
- **Horse Farm Tour.** Tour a working thoroughbred horse farm. You will learn about this industry, see the horses and hear the farms tales of success, failure and competition.
- **Thoroughbred Retirement Home.** Old Friends Horse Farm is a retirement ranch for at risk racehorses - those whose racing and breeding careers have come to an end. Here they are provided with the dignified retirement they deserve.

After an included boxed lunch en route, spend the afternoon at the **Ark Encounter**. Featuring a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, it spans 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. This modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals at the zoo, to the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before. Enjoy **dinner on own** while visiting.

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### Day Three – 4/15/20

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning before departing with your **Guide** on a **Highlights Tour of Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati**. You'll tour several sites including:

- **MainStrasse Village** where you will learn about the German heritage and hear some famous folk tales.
- Drive along **Riverside Drive**. View gorgeous mansions and hear of the incredible bravery of those that used their homes as stops on the Underground Railroad.
- Drive through beautiful **Eden Park** to Mt. Adams, often referred to as a mini San Francisco, then continue on to **downtown Cincinnati** to see some of the city's main sights.

Spend the afternoon, and lunch on own, at the world-class **Creation Museum** and see the history of the Bible vividly come to life. On your walk through biblical history, you'll encounter a realistic Garden of Eden, animatronic Noah, flood dioramas, stunning video displays, and much more. Enjoy lunch on own while visiting. This evening, you'll embark on a **Sightseeing Riverboat Dinner Cruise** and learn about the history of the river, enjoy a magnificent meal, and dance under the stars on a memorable journey. B, D

### Day Four - 4/16/20

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning before exploring the streets on a **Newport Gangster Tour**. Join a **Gangster Guide** for a raucous, high energy presentation inside an old casino. Take a **Guided Tour & Tasting** and **enjoy lunch included** at **New Riff Distilling**, the latest addition to the world-famous Bourbon Trail. You'll also visit the **Harriett Beecher Stowe House**, the Cincinnati home where Harriet Beecher Stowe, later author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," lived from 1832 to 1836. Afterwards, explore the funky and unique **American Sign Museum**. Tonight, enjoy a **free evening** to **explore** and have **dinner on own** at **Newport on the Levee**, playground of Northern Kentucky, home to one of the highest rated aquariums and home to many quaint shops and dining opportunities. B, L

### Day Five – 4/17/20

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for home. B

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$976 Member / \$1021 Non-Member**  
**SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$1220 Member / \$1265 Non-Member**

**Tour Includes:**

- Hotel Accommodations for Four (4) Nights.
- Luxury, round-trip motorcoach transportation.
- Four (4) Breakfasts, Two (2) Lunches, and Two (2) Dinners.
- Admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes, and gratuity. *Gratuity for Guide & Driver NOT included.*
- Luggage handling: 1 suitcase per person.
- Payable in 4 equal installments

**Please note, this trip requires extensive walking and long periods of standing**

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