2021 Tours for the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky

Tours are available online at www.lwml.org/2021-convention and click on Tours. We are delighted to offer a “brief description” of the following tours for the 2021 LWML Convention:

HALF DAY TOURS  Wednesday, Thursday, and Monday — Morning and Afternoon Departures

Horse Park Museum with Scenic Drive — $88: Passing right through the heart of the Kentucky Bluegrass Region, expect lovely farmland views off this rural two-lane route while en route to the Kentucky Horse Park. The Kentucky Horse Park is for anyone who loves horses or wants to learn more about them. You will have diverse opportunities to engage with, learn about, and be enchanted by the beauty, strength, and spirit of the horse. Upon arrival to The Kentucky Horse Park, you can immerse themselves in all things “horse,” allowing time for self-exploring with scheduled exhibits. Activity Level: Moderate

Buffalo Trace and Rebecca Ruth Chocolate — $83: Buffalo Trace is an incredible introduction to the history and science of bourbon. You will walk amidst the path of rolling bourbon barrels while being captivated by the alluring smell and atmosphere of bourbon sleeping inside the aging warehouses — and keenly aware that they are standing where history was and continues to be made in the heart of Kentucky. Before heading back, there will be a quick stop at Rebecca Ruth Candies. This experience invites you to see the process, smell the confection, and taste the deliciousness of Rebecca Ruth. Activity Level: Easy/Moderate

Nursery Farm and Keeneland — $88: Your Mill Ridge tour begins in the Breeding Shed where you will gain an understanding of why this land is so uniquely suited for the Thoroughbred and participate in the storytelling of the Headley family involvement in the industry. Leaving Mill Ridge, continue to Keeneland Racetrack, the internationally renowned racecourse and the Thoroughbred industry’s leading auction house. Founded in 1936, Keeneland’s mission is to continually invest in the industry and to preserve the tradition of Thoroughbred racing. This casual walking tour will lead you through the barns, the paddock, the grandstand, and the racetrack. Activity Level: Easy/Moderate

Lexington City Tour and Scenic Drive — $78: Enjoy a drive on Versailles Road, Pisgah Pike, and Old Frankfort. Enjoy the sights of Lexington’s historic homes including the Henry Clay Estate, the Mary Todd Lincoln House, and the Hunt-Morgan House. Just outside of Lexington, along sections of Old Frankfort Pike and the shorter Pisgah Pike, you will find grazing horses, wide-open spaces, beautiful barns, and some extravagant properties, hidden by fencing and lush trees. This area is filled with expansive horse farms, stone fencing, and historic properties that seem too perfect to be real. Activity Level: Easy

FULL DAY TOURS  Wednesday, Thursday, and Monday — Morning Departures

Churchill Down Derby Museum and River Boat Cruise — $173 including lunch: Home to the most exciting two minutes in sports, the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs is rich in history and tradition. You will enjoy a 30-minute, guided walking tour of this historic racetrack while taking in the Twin Spires and “The Big Board.” Learn about past Derby winners and the rich history of this location. After leaving Churchill Downs, continue over to the Belle of Louisville. Step aboard the only remaining authentic steamboat from the great American packet boat era for a trip back in time. Experience spectacular views of downtown Louisville and explore the area’s rich history as your group cruises the Ohio River. Activity Level: Easy

Bardstown Day and My Old Kentucky Home, Bardstown — $123: In just an afternoon, one can easily understand why Rand McNally and USA Today declared Bardstown the Most Beautiful Small Town in America. Stop awhile and take a stroll along these charming streets. One of the most notable addresses in Bardstown is that of “My Old Kentucky Home.” You will explore the 200-year-old mansion and plantation of the Rowan family. While taking in stories of deadly duels, horse racing, fortune, fame, demise, all alongside original fine antiques and beautiful architectural spaces. A final stop will be at Barton 1792 Distillery, the oldest fully operating distillery in Bardstown, Kentucky. Lunch on your own at Talbott Tavern. Activity Level: Easy/Moderate
Harrodsburg-Shaker Village and Old Fort Harrod — $128: This tour encompasses a drive along US-68 noted as America’s most spectacular drives with stops at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, which has over 3,000 acres for discovery of the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. Stop at Old Fort Harrod, a full-scale replica of the fort built by James Harrod in 1774. Lunch on your own at Shaker Village. Activity Level: Moderate/Intense

Ark Encounter — $120 including lunch: This features a full-size Noah’s Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington on I-75. From the moment you turn the corner, and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, to the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you will experience the pages of the Bible like never before. Activity Level: Moderate

Creation Museum — $111 including lunch: A 75,000-square-foot facility allows you to experience earth history as God has revealed it in the Bible. At the heart of the Creation Museum is a chronological retelling of biblical history in seven parts called the Seven C’s. Step back in time, beginning with Creation, and fast-forward to Christ’s return. Along the way, you will see how God’s Word provides the big-picture answers for our most difficult questions, whether about science, the Bible, or our personal relationship with God. Activity Level: Moderate

POST CONVENTION TOURS — Monday Departure

Nashville - Monday, June 28 — Enjoy a tour and lunch at the Belle Meade Plantation. Then check in at the Inn at Opryland where you will spend the next two nights. Tuesday, June 29 — Depart for the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum and a Music City Tour presented by a LIVE singer/songwriter who will perform songs, along with a guided tour of Downtown Nashville and the surrounding area. Cap off the evening with dinner at the Opry Backstage Grill and a show at the Grand Ole Opry. Wednesday, June 30 — Visit the Johnny Cash Museum and Antique Archeology Nashville. Lunch will be at the World-Famous Wildhorse Saloon.

Single Rate $834; Double Rate $658 each (2/room); Triple Rate $621 each (3/room); Quad Rate $593 each (4/room)

Pigeon Forge/Asheville/Biltmore - Monday, June 28 — Arrive at Pigeon Forge and visit Dollywood Theme Park. Check in at the Inn at Christmas Place with dinner at Applewood Farmhouse. Tuesday, June 29 — Depart for the Biltmore Home where you can enjoy lunch at the Biltmore Stable Café, and visit Antler Village and the Biltmore Winery. Check in at the Doubletree Biltmore and enjoy dinner and a show at the Blue Ridge Mountain Opry Dinner Show. Wednesday, June 30 — Enjoy Asheville’s spectacular scenery and history during a guided tour. Lunch will be at the Moose Café.

Single Rate $865; Double Rate $767 each (2/room); Triple Rate $692 each (3/room); Quad Rate $640 each (4/room)

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