Better in the Bluegrass
Pre and Post Kentucky FAM Tours, January 2019
Kentucky’s Legacy Tour
Richmond, Berea, Danville, Harrodsburg

Kentucky’s legacy runs deep and this tour will let you experience a glimpse of modern day interpretations of long held traditions, and life in pioneer days. The tour begins at White Hall State Historic Site, in Richmond, home to Cassius Marcellus Clay, 19th century emancipationist, politician, newspaper publisher, Ambassador to Russia and friend of Abraham Lincoln. In nearby Berea, explore Kentucky’s role in the fight for civil rights as well as traditional Appalachian crafts still being practiced at Berea College. Tour Berea’s crafts district (where you may even take a class and leave with a handcrafted memento), and overnight at the world-class Boone Tavern. Day 2 will continue the exploration of our legacy with stops in Danville, site of the first Kentucky constitution; Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, the largest restored Shaker community in the U.S.; and Harrodsburg, Kentucky’s oldest town and home to Old Fort Harrod State Park.

History with a Shot of Bourbon
Frankfort, Lawrenceburg, Bardstown, Shepherdsville

Did you know that 95% of the world’s bourbon is produced in Kentucky? On this tour, you will be immersed in our bourbon culture, which is much more than just Bourbon. The day will begin with a tour of Kentucky’s Capitol building in Frankfort and a visit to Buffalo Trace Distillery, the oldest continuously operating distillery in America. After lunch, it’s off to tour the Wild Turkey Distillery near Lawrenceburg before reaching the Bourbon Capital of the World, Bardstown. While distilleries dot the landscape around Bardstown there is much more to see. Before returning to Louisville, you will stop at Jim Beam American Stillhouse and other group-friendly destinations.
Mountains, Music and Legends
Winchester, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Paintsville

On this trip, you will travel through the unsurpassed natural beauty of Kentucky’s Appalachian Mountains. Your first stop will be in Winchester for lunch along the Beer Cheese Trail and a tour of the Ale-8-One Bottling Plant (Kentucky’s original soft drink). Then on to Pikeville, home of the world-famous Hatfield-McCoy feud and Eastern Kentucky’s first (and one of the state’s newest) bourbon distilleries, Dueling Barrels. The tour will follow the Country Music Highway to experience the area’s music culture at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. You will visit Butcher Hollow, childhood home of music legend Loretta Lynn, the “Coal Miner’s Daughter,” and see the area that inspired the lyrics of some of her hit songs. You will leave with a feel for the welcoming hospitality and culture of these beautiful mountain towns.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles
(Or an Ark, Horses & a Castle)
Williamstown, Covington, Newport, Georgetown, Lexington and Shelbyville/Simpsonville

On this tour, you will meet some original horsepower (the 4-legged kind), experience motorized horsepower and visit some really BIG boats. You will visit Northern Kentucky’s Ark Encounter, a one-of-a-kind theme attraction featuring a full-sized Noah’s Ark. You will also visit The Kentucky Speedway, Newport Aquarium and B&B Riverboats. Your next stop is Georgetown, where horsepower comes into play with a stop at the Toyota Manufacturing Plant and also a chance to enjoy a taste of Country Boy beer. On to Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World, where you will visit the legendary Keeneland Racetrack, the famous Kentucky Castle and other favorite destinations. The tour will conclude in Shelby County, the Saddlebred Capital of the World, to see a working Saddlebred farm, shopping, and great food.
Western Kentucky Classics: Caves, Quilts and Bluegrass Music

Horse Cave, Bowling Green, Paducah, Owensboro

The Western Kentucky Classics Tour offers many unique places to experience. This tour will include the world’s longest cave system on display at Mammoth Cave National Park, the only place in the world where America’s Sports Car, the Corvette is manufactured at the National Corvette Museum; the arts scene in Paducah, a UNESCO Creative City, which includes the National Quilt Museum and Lower Town Arts District; and the birthplace of Bluegrass Music which is honored and celebrated in the brand new International Bluegrass Music Museum and Hall of Fame. We invite you to experience Western Kentucky through these classics as well as the great food and entertainment, which help define this region.

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Looking forward to showing you why it’s Better in the Bluegrass! See you at ABA!

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