



Classic Kentucky  
Horse Country

# From Kentucky Colts to Nashville Notes

March 17 - 24, 2027 (8 days)

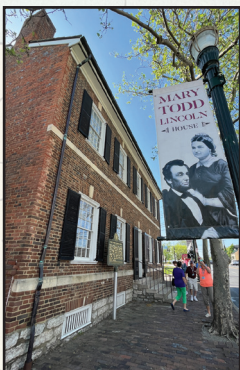
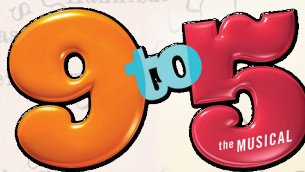
## HIGHLIGHTS

- \* "9 to 5" Musical at Drury Lane Dinner Theatre
- \* 3 Nights at Origin Hotel Lexington
- \* Lane's End Farm Stallion Tour
- \* Mill Ridge Farm Interactive Tour
- \* The Kentucky Castle Tour & Dinner
- \* Keeneland Racecourse Morning Works Tour
- \* Mary Todd Lincoln Home Visit
- \* Bluegrass Distillers Tour & Tasting
- \* National Corvette Museum
- \* 2 Nights at Dolly Parton's New Songteller Hotel in Nashville
- \* Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- \* Studio B Tour & Recording Session
- \* Nashville Night Life Dinner Theatre



Recording our own group song at RCA Studio B!

## MAP AT A GLANCE



Lane's End Farm - meet legendary stallions!



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## Day 1 - Home to Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Sit back, relax and enjoy a comfortable motorcoach journey as we travel through the scenic countryside to Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Upon arrival, we'll check in to the newly renovated Hilton Garden Inn. This evening, we'll take a short, easy walk to the Drury Lane Dinner Theatre for a delightful dinner followed by the hit musical "9 to 5," featuring music and lyrics by Dolly Parton! What a wonderful way to set the tone for our delightful week ahead!

**Included Meals: Dinner**  
**Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn**

## Day 2 - Oakbrook Terrace to Lexington, KY

After breakfast, we depart the Chicago area and continue our journey south through the heart of the Midwest, watching as the scenery transitions to the rolling hills and picturesque landscapes of Kentucky's famed Bluegrass region. Arriving in Lexington, known as the "Horse Capital of the World," we'll settle in for three nights at the Origin Hotel Lexington, perfectly located within The Summit at Fritz Farm. Our accommodations provide a truly authentic Kentucky experience with its locally-inspired design. This evening, dinner is on your own, giving you the opportunity to explore The Summit at Fritz Farm, a lively shopping and dining district featuring a mix of local boutiques, well-known retailers and an inviting collection of restaurants just steps from our hotel.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**  
**Hotel: Origin Hotel Lexington (3 Nights)**

## Day 3 - Lexington

Today, we'll experience the heart of Kentucky's legendary horse country! We begin the morning with a visit to Lane's End Farm, one of the world's premier thoroughbred farms, encompassing more than 2,300 pristine acres. Our tour begins with a history of the farm and its legacy of champion racehorses. We will learn about the ins and outs of an elite Thoroughbred breeding operation, and find out more about the pedigree, race record and progeny of the Lane's End Stallions. We'll head outside to the stallion complex, home to stars such as Flightline, Candy Ride and more. A handful of stallions will be shown for us, before the tour walks through each of the stallion barns and the equine cemetery. Next, we are treated to a wonderful, southern-style buffet with Kentucky-ish vibes for lunch. Then we continue on to Mill Ridge Farm, where the focus turns to the next generation. Here, we'll see impressive stallions as well as mares and their foals - offering a special opportunity to witness these beautiful young horses up close. This is an interactive tour, so we'll have the chance to feed the mares and retired broodmares carrots! Later, we're guests at the enchanting Kentucky Castle for an interesting guided tour of this impressive castle. Afterwards, we're treated to a memorable dinner in this unique and elegant setting! What a grand day!

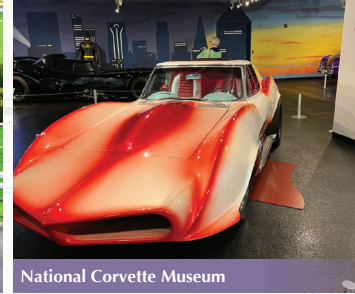
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## Day 4 - Lexington

Start your day early for a memorable behind-the-scenes experience at Keeneland Racecourse, a National Historic Landmark and one of the most beautiful racetracks in the world. Watch as the horses take to the track for their morning exercise - a special opportunity to witness the grace and power of these magnificent athletes in a serene, early-morning setting! We'll learn about the storied past of Keeneland Racecourse and the process of training and racing Thoroughbreds on our guided walking tour through the Keeneland paddock, grandstand, grounds, and track. Our day continues with a visit to the Mary Todd Lincoln House, the childhood home of Mary Todd Lincoln from 1832-1839. Explore this historic, three-story residence and gain insight into her complex life and legacy, from her refined upbringing in a wealthy, slave-holding family to her reclusive years as a mourning widow. This afternoon, we'll discover the craftsmanship behind Kentucky's signature spirit at Bluegrass Distillers. Enjoy a guided tour and learn about



Tour Keeneland Racecourse during morning training



National Corvette Museum



Not only will we enjoy a tour of the Kentucky Castle but a splendid dinner here as well!



Greetings from Mill Ridge Farm!



Country Music Hall of Fame - so many treasures to see, like George Jones' boots & guitar

## Nashville Night Life Show



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the time-honored traditions of bourbon-making as well as partake in four tastings. This evening, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner and sharing stories from our day in the Bluegrass region.  
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### Day 5 - Lexington to Nashville, TN

This morning, we depart Lexington and travel south to visit the National Corvette Museum. The National Corvette Museum showcases the Chevrolet Corvette, an American sports car that has been in production since 1953. America's Sports Car... an exciting legend produced only in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Museum features over 80 Corvettes in periodic settings, including mint classics, one-of-a-kind prototypes and modern-day wonders of engineering and design. During our visit, enjoy a boxed lunch at the museum. Then we continue south toward the excitement of "Music City." Arriving in Nashville, we'll check-in for a two-night stay at the all-new Songteller Hotel, inspired by the legendary Dolly Parton. This evening, enjoy a relaxed, music-filled night at the Songteller Hotel. We'll gather for dinner, followed by live performances that bring the music and storytelling spirit of Nashville to life right at our hotel!  
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner**  
**Hotel: Songteller Hotel (2 Nights)**

*Welcome to Songteller Hotel*  
**"Nashville, I Will Always Love You. All my life, I've been a SongTeller. And there's no better place to write a song than Nashville. SongTeller Hotel is my love letter to the city. It's a place where musicians and guests will come together to experience Music City's inspiring spirit... I've poured my heart into this new song, and I'm dedicating it to you, Nashville."**  
**DOLLY PARTON**



Stay 2 nights at brand-new Storyteller Hotel



Bluegrass Distillers tour & tasting!

### Day 6 - Nashville

Today, we'll dive into the rich musical heritage of Music City. We begin with a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, one of the world's largest museums dedicated to the celebration, preservation and interpretation of American music. For an artist in the country music field, induction into the CMHOF is the highest honor that can be attained. The very first inductees in 1962 were Hank Williams, Jimmie Rodgers, Fred Rose, and Roy Acuff. Next up is a private tour of RCA Studio B, Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio. This studio became known in the 1960's for being an essential factor to the development of the musical production style and sound engineering technique known as the "Nashville Sound." In the two decades the studio was in operation, Studio B produced 60% of the country music's chart hits. The list of famous artists that have recorded here is mind-boggling! Not only will we get to stand in the very space where iconic artists recorded and experience the history behind the music, we'll also have the opportunity to record our own group song! Then we'll enjoy free time on Broadway, Nashville's lively entertainment district, where you can explore, shop, and choose from a wide variety of restaurants - including Honky Tonks - for lunch on your own. Our day caps off with a celebration of country music from both past and present at the Nashville Night Life Dinner Theatre. Hear songs from many of the great artists in country music history along with today's hottest superstars. Enjoy the music of everyone from Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline to the superstars of today like Sara Evans and Toby Keith! Come with an appetite as we'll be partaking in their tasty, homestyle dinner buffet.  
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### Day 7 - Nashville to Bloomington, IL

We bid farewell to Nashville this morning and begin our journey north. Relax and reflect on the wonderful memories made throughout our tour, from Kentucky's beautiful horse country to the music and energy of Nashville. Arriving in Bloomington, we'll gather with our fellow travelers for a special farewell dinner and time of sharing stories, laughter, and highlights from an unforgettable week.  
**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**  
**Hotel: DoubleTree**

### Day 8 - Bloomington to Home

After breakfast, we'll depart Bloomington and journey the rest of the way home. From Kentucky Colts to Nashville Notes, we've made wonderful memories and new friendships to last a lifetime!  
**Included Meals: Breakfast**



Dolly Parton at RCA Studio B



*From Kentucky Colts to Nashville Notes*



The ballroom at Kentucky Castle

### 2027 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	March 17 - 24, 2027 (8 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,299 Double	\$4,139 Single
	\$3,089 Triple	\$2,969 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	15 Meals, Activities & Hotels as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$260 Double per person	\$332 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$45 per person on future travel with R&J	
TOUR PACE:	Light to Moderate Walking (See page 9 for description)	

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