



BOURBON & BLUEGRASS

Louisville - Shelbyville - Georgetown - Versailles - Bardstown - Louisville
365 miles, 18529 ft of climbing

Small Group Tour with Cargo Van SAG, AM Stop, Lunch Stop, Hotels

PRICE = Around \$1600, extra for single accommodation, based on # of riders (10-15)

Non-refundable deposit of \$300

Orientation: Louisville Downtown Holiday Inn Express, Friday September 1, 8pm

Departure: Louisville Downtown Holiday Inn Express, Friday September 8, am



The Bluegrass State can refer to either the rolling pastures full of thoroughbred horses or the wonderful native music with guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass. Bourbon is a whiskey specific to Kentucky just like champagne is specific to the Champagne province of France. Many think that Kentucky is quite the poor state in this country, but this area of Kentucky is quite the contrary. Horse barns more elegant than most houses of America. The country is quite inviting although its dogs are a bit frisky if you know what I mean. I am known as “the dog whisperer” so stick with me on the road.



Saturday, September 2 (67mi, 3374 ft climbing)

We invade Indiana just like the Confederates' did in 1863 in the Civil War. But this time over the Big 4 Bridge. The history of Indiana along the Ohio River includes the buffalo trace, riverboat building, and the underground railroad. In Corydon, the very fine horses of Morgan's Cavalry were finally caught and surrendered their horses, now called Morgan Horses, which I hope we'll see in the rolling countryside. Corydon is also the first state capital

of Indiana.



Sunday, September 3 (55mi, 2842 ft climbing)

After another night in Louisville, and hopefully not too much bourbon or even bluegrass, we leave this river city, along Old Frankfort Pike. We head to Shelbyville with a couple of distilleries along the way.



Monday, September 4 (67mi, 4438 ft climbing)

We ride to Kentucky's State Capitol and along the Kentucky River, and I can't forget the multitude of hills today while we reach a couple more distilleries. I've heard that Woodford Reserve is worth the stop. I plan on rubbing a shot on my knees! We then bluegrass country at Midway and arrive in Georgetown. Good job on the "queen stage".



Tuesday, September 5 (55 mi, 3283 ft climbing)

Today is all about the horses. It is a known fact that the roads are the smoothest, and that's for all the horses traveling in their trailers. A stop at the Kentucky Horse Park is well worth the time and expense to learn about thoroughbred horse racing. We again ride through Midway and then the famous Keeneland racetrack. Today's ride ends in Versailles.



Wednesday, September 6 (62 mi, 2819 ft climbing)

We head southwest into the heart of Bourbon country, and the final stop is Bardstown, the Bourbon capital of the world. Also is the Old Kentucky Home, Stephen Foster's mansion.



Thursday, September 7 (59mi, 1667ft climbing)

We finish our tour without any distilleries. There'll be plenty in Louisville. We'll go by a huge tobacco drying barn, now used for storage as tobacco is no longer the cash crop. We approach Louisville from the southwest as we ride along the Ohio River. We finish biking through some old parts of town and Broadway Park. Overnight lodging is included so drink all the bourbon you'd like.