



Top 15

THINGS TO DO IN LOUISVILLE

Here is a glimpse at Tripadvisor's 15 most highly ranked Louisville attractions. Whether you want to seek adventure, explore history or delve into Kentucky's native spirit, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

LOUISVILLE MEGA CAVERN

One hundred exhilarating underground acres await at the Louisville Mega Cavern. For thrill seekers, there's MEGA ZIPS, a fully underground adventure tour with six zip lines up to 100 feet above the cavern floor. For history and science enthusiasts (or anyone seeking a more relaxed experience), there's the Historic Tram Tour, where you'll ride in the MEGA TRAM as you learn about the cavern's geology, history (including what was once the top-secret use of the cavern), environmental aspects and the mining techniques used from the 1930s to 1970s when the cavern was a limestone quarry. In November and December, the Tram Tour becomes Lights Under Louisville, a nationally recognized holiday light show. Year-round, there are walking tours, aerial ropes courses and bike tours.

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM & FACTORY

Hillerich & Bradsby Co. has been making the Louisville Slugger since 1884, and you don't have to be a die-hard baseball fan to enjoy visiting the factory where the world's most famous baseball bat is manufactured. However, baseball enthusiasts will get a particular thrill out of seeing Babe Ruth's 1927 record-setting bat and Hank Aaron's 700th home run bat. Take a factory tour to see how the Louisville Slugger bat is made and depart with a souvenir mini-Slugger bat.



KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM

Experience the thrill and traditions of the Kentucky Derby every day at the Kentucky Derby Museum, located on the grounds of Churchill Downs. Learn about the history of the Derby, tour the track at Churchill Downs, sip a Mint Julep in the museum cafe, and watch the 18-minute epic film, "The Greatest Race," a 360-degree, high definition media experience. Exhibits, many of which are interactive, take visitors through every stage of a Thoroughbred's life and give an in-depth look into the history of the sport's most famous jockeys and horses. Favorite exhibits include "Derby Fashion Through the Ages" and "Black Heritage in Racing."





CHURCHILL DOWNS

The home of the Kentucky Derby since 1875, Churchill Downs is one of the country's most beautiful and historic racetracks. Derby week races can see more than 100,000 fans for Thurfby, a Kentucky-celebration day on Thursday, Oaks on Friday and Derby on the first Saturday in May. Churchill Downs also hosts live Thoroughbred racing in spring, summer and fall, including night races under the lights.



CONRAD-CALDWELL HOUSE MUSEUM

Travel back to the Gilded Age at the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum. Also known as "Conrad's Castle," it holds court amidst the largest concentration of Victorian homes in the country and is one of the finest examples of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture in Louisville. Constructed in 1895 by renowned architect Arthur Loomis, of Clarke & Loomis, the Conrad-Caldwell house has been restored with historical detail to the Edwardian era. Learn about the history of one of Louisville's most beautiful homes and the families who lived there on self-guided or docent-led tours.



MUHAMMAD ALI CENTER

Muhammad Ali's legacy continues at this immersive museum, which begins with a 14-minute film introducing viewers to his "Six Core Principles: Confidence, Conviction, Dedication, Respect, Spirituality and Giving." Ali's boxing career is showcased with exhibits and memorabilia, including the interactive "Train with Ali" exhibit, where you can shadow box with "The Greatest." Ali's life and achievements are put in historical context with the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement.

BIG FOUR BRIDGE

Take in the sights of the Ohio River as you cross this pedestrian bridge linking the waterfronts of Kentucky and Indiana. Set out on foot or bike the one-mile span for picturesque views of the Ohio River, Waterfront Park and the Louisville skyline. After sunset, a rotating LED light show illuminates the bridge, setting a vibrant scene for an after-dark walk.





STITZEL-WELLER

Bourbon aficionados regard Stitzel-Weller as hallowed ground, as a cathedral of the industry and a must-see stop on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail®. Five brass keys hung on the door when the distillery first opened on Derby Day in 1935. When you visit Stitzel-Weller, you'll discover the significance of the keys and learn about the past, present and future of Bourbon. In 2021, Stitzel-Weller established its Garden & Gun Club, one of only two in the country, where you'll want to have a cocktail and experience Southern hospitality in an intimate and elevated environment.

ANGEL'S ENVY

Angel's Envy is a labor of love from multiple generations of the Henderson family. Visit the distillery located across the street from Louisville Slugger Field to get an up-close look at the entire operation, enjoy a tasting in the Finishing Room, a cocktail at the private bar and the opportunity to bottle your own port barrel-finished Bourbon.



COPPER & KINGS

Discover the sonic role music plays in the creation of American brandy at Copper & Kings. Visiting this Butchertown distillery is a full sensory experience from the bass notes of rock 'n' roll to the sights of the gleaming copper pot-stills and, of course, the exquisite taste of their highly reviewed brandy, gin, absinthe and Bourbon. The Rooftop Bar & Restaurant serves craft cocktails and seasonal Kentucky fare and offers a unique view of the neighborhood and city skyline.



EVAN WILLIAMS BOURBON EXPERIENCE

The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience was the first distillery to open on Whiskey Row since Prohibition, signaling a whole new era in Bourbon City. Here you'll find an immersive experience that transports you back to the 1780s and celebrates the legacy of Evan Williams, Kentucky's first distiller, whose original still was located just a block away. History and Bourbon buffs alike will appreciate the multimedia experience that explores the intertwined history of Bourbon and the Ohio River city.

CAVE HILL CEMETERY

The final resting place of Muhammad Ali and Colonel Harland Sanders, Cave Hill Cemetery also contains 600 species of trees and shrubs and is the city's only accredited arboretum. Its 296 acres also include lakes, mausoleums, sculptures, and the graves of 228 Confederate and 6,100 Union soldiers. Whether you visit to pay respects, learn about history and botany or just for a lovely walk, Cave Hill Cemetery has much to offer and is free and open to the public.

LOUISVILLE ZOO

From rhinos, giraffes and elephants to polar bears, seals and snow leopards, experience some of the world's most majestic animals up close as you explore the habitats of Africa, Australia, Central and South America and more, all in one day. The Louisville Zoo is home to more than 1,400 animals across 130 acres, including the award-winning Islands, Gorilla Forest and Glacier Run exhibits.



KENTUCKY PEERLESS DISTILLING CO.

The first Peerless whiskey was barreled in 1889, but operations were shut down during WWI to conserve corn supplies. After being shuttered for almost a century, the Taylor family has revitalized the brand at the distillery right off Main Street. At this state-of-the-art facility you can authentically experience the entire whiskey-making process as the grains are milled, cooked, fermented, double-distilled and barreled to become Bourbon and Rye.

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FIELD

Originally a 19th-century rail depot, Louisville Slugger Field was constructed in 2000 and has become an iconic part of Louisville's downtown. This unique minor league ballpark is now home to the Louisville Bats professional baseball team, Triple-A Affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.