# NAITC 2015 Conference Pre-Conference Tour

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

### Heart of the Bluegrass

Time: 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Maximum: 43 persons per coach

Price: \$155

**Thoroughbred Center** 



The Thoroughbred Center is located in Fayette County, Kentucky, just outside the city limits of Lexington. Built in 1969, and formally named the Kentucky Horse Center was originally situated on 133 acres of prime central Kentucky farmland. Established as a Thoroughbred training and sales facility by Rex Elsworth and Dr. Arnold Pessin, KHC was immediately popular as an alternative to training at the local racetracks. Amenities at the training facility included a 5/8-mile track with a metal roof, two barns made primarily of concrete with metal roofs that could house up to 260 horses and had 40 tack rooms and a state of the art, 920 seat sales pavilion, complete with a lounge and full service bar.

The Thoroughbred Center is nestled among the most lavish horse farms in Lexington. Our tour offers a 'behind the scenes' look at the care and training of Thoroughbreds like no other. During the tour, you will get to watch, at rail side, morning workouts of Thoroughbred horses; see horses up close at trackside, the paddocks and barns; visit with a horse owner/trainer who will answer questions; learn how Thoroughbred horses are trained for racing; experience a typical day in the life of a racehorse; learn why and how Central Kentucky came to be the Horse Capital of the World.



#### Keeneland



Located in the heart of Kentucky's famed Bluegrass region, Keeneland plays an important role in both Thoroughbred racing and breeding. From its inception in 1936, Keeneland's founders, led by respected horsemen, Hal Price Headley and Major Louis Beard, intended it to be a special place—one that symbolizes the best in Thoroughbred racing. Today, Keeneland continues to be guided by that original mission, taking a

leadership role in the industry to improve safety, promote integrity and preserve racing's storied history. Each April and October, the nation's best Thoroughbred owners, trainers and jockeys converge at Keeneland to compete for some of North America's richest purse money. As the world's leading Thoroughbred auction house, Keeneland has sold more

champions and stakes winners than any other sales company, including 83 Breeders' Cup World Championship winners; 19 Kentucky Derby winners; 21 Preakness winners; 18 Belmont winners; 11 recipients of the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year; and five Epsom Derby winners. Keeneland's global brand attracts a diverse international clientele, with buyers representing nearly every U.S. state and 50 countries attending its four annual sales. Keeneland is a National Historic Landmark, and its beautiful, park-like grounds are open to the public every day. Fans also are welcome to visit the Keeneland Library, one of the world's largest informational and pictorial repositories related to Thoroughbred racing. You will enjoy lunch at Keeneland before departing.



#### Kentucky Horse Park



The place to get close to horses, the Kentucky Horse Park is the leading tourist attraction for all things "horse" and one of the world's best equine competition facilities. Kentucky Horse Park tickets include admission to the world-renowned International Museum of the Horse, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the American Saddlebred Museum - the Showplace for Saddlebreds, a Horse-Drawn Tour and equine presentations throughout the day. The excitement of the racetrack is brought to life by the elite group of champion horses that reside at the park's Hall of Champions. Here, Thoroughbred legends Da Hoss, Funny Cide, and Go For Gin, as well as American Quarter Horse Be A Bono, Standardbred Trotter Mr. Muscleman,

and Standardbred Pacers Staying Together, Western Dreamer, and Won The West are shown in daily presentations. Hall of Champion Shows are included with park admission.

Price includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation

Pre-planning Written confirmations to attractions Professional guide service

Attraction reservations Routing for motorcoach Menu Coordination

All admission fees

Lunch (includes beverage, tax & gratuity)

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### **Old Kentucky**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Maximum: 43 persons per coach

Price: \$125

The Kentucky Derby Museum & Churchill Downs



Your tour begins with a drive along historic West Main Street, where cast-iron, stone, and terra cotta facades add visual excitement to the collection of 19th century warehouses, second only to New York City's SoHo district. The Kentucky Derby Museum features exciting exhibits dedicated to the "Greatest two minutes in sports." Three floors of hands-on displays, artifacts, memorabilia and fine art, highlighted by an award-winning audio-visual presentation of "The Greatest Race" takes viewers through the excitement of the first Saturday in May. Additionally, tour participants enjoy, guided walking tour of historic Churchill Downs. Learn about past Derby winners and the rich history of this location. Guests will first visit our resident horse and his sidekick

miniature horse, Winston. Visitors will walk through the property to the paddock and out to the grandstand learning trivia and fun facts along the way. Bring your camera! This tour is wheelchair accessible.

Louisville Mega Cavern



The Historic Tram Tour will take you on an underground adventure rich in history, geology, mining, recycling, green building technology, and just

simply HUGE in scale! The man-made cavern spans under a number of roadways above and is part of 17 miles of corridors located beneath the city of Louisville, Kentucky. It's a great tour for all ages—whether you want to learn about science and history or simply want to see what a giant man-made cavern of this magnitude looks like! You'll hop on an SUV-pulled tram and be joined by a MEGA Cavern expert who will guide you on your underground adventure. It's a 60-70 minute tour, strategically lit to enjoy highlights such as: some early cavern formations, a historic replica of the

Cuban missile fallout bunker, sights and facts of the early mining operation, and more surprises wait around every corner! Louisville MEGA Cavern is an all-weather attraction. The temperature inside the cavern hovers at a comfortable 58 degrees year round. Because you ride through the cavern and never walk, it is especially convenient for parents with small children, seniors and physically challenged.

Next we will have lunch at The Café, a favorite of locals for homemade soups, fresh salads, and delicious sandwiches.

#### **Evan Williams Distillery**

The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience is a multi-million dollar artisanal distillery, immersive tourism experience, and retail location that celebrates the legacy of Evan Williams, Kentucky's firstFriday, June 19th commercial distiller and namesake of Heaven Hill's flagship Bourbon brand. It is located along downtown Louisville's historic "Whiskey Row" and across the street from the riverfront location where Evan Williams' distillery once stood in the late 18th



century. The guided tour features an operating Artisanal Distillery where you will not only learn the process for making Bourbon, but you will see it being made right before your eyes. The tour also includes premium Bourbon tastings and concludes in our Retail Shop where you can take home an array of signature items, including a personalized bottle of Evan Williams.

Price includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation

Pre-planning

All admission fees
Attraction reservations

Written confirmations to attractions Professional guide service

Routing for motorcoach Menu Coordination

Lunch (includes beverage, tax & gratuity)

## NAITC 2015 Conference Pre-Conference Tour

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### **Bats and Bridles**

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Maximum: 43 persons per coach

Price: \$75

Your tour begins with a drive along historic West Main Street, where cast-iron, stone, and terra cotta facades add visual excitement to the collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century warehouses, second only to New York City's SoHo district.

The LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM & FACTORY opened its doors in July 1996, hosting over 230,000 visitors in its first year! An impressive 120-foot tall baseball bat welcomes visitors to the museum. Watch as bats are handcrafted much as they were when the first Louisville Slugger was turned in 1884. The priceless bat used by Babe Ruth is on display and a breathtaking interactive display lets you stand at home plate receiving 90 mile-per-hour fastballs. Before leaving the plant, spend time in the tour center browsing

the history of "America's Pastime" featuring mementos from Babe Ruth to Ken Griffey, Jr.

The KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM features exciting exhibits dedicated to the "Greatest two minutes in sports." Three floors of hands-on displays, artifacts, memorabilia and fine art, highlighted by an award-winning audio-visual presentation of "The Greatest Race" takes viewers through the excitement of the first Saturday in May. A walking tour of legendary CHURCHILL DOWNS includes the historic Grandstand and Paddock area.

Price includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation

Routing for motorcoach
Professional guide service
Attraction reservations

All admission fee
Pre-planning

Written confirmations

## NAITC 2015 Conference Post-Conference Tour

Saturday, June 20, 2015

### Best of the Bluegrass

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Maximum: 43 persons per coach

Price: \$95



On the quiet banks of the Kentucky River stands one of America's most historic sites. Rich in heritage and legend, BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY™ is located in Franklin County, Kentucky, at an ancient buffalo crossing that became a pathway for westward-moving

explorers, pioneers, and settlers. Distilling on the site began over two centuries ago, and since that time the distillery has earned a reputation for producing some of the finest spirits in the world. Enjoy your morning at the Distillery by taking an inside look at how the distillery is run and what goes into perfecting this distillery's namesake spirit.

Next, we will head to lunch in downtown Frankfort.

What began as a dream ended as a retirement and rescue facility for pensioned Thoroughbreds. OLD FRIENDS FARM is a wonderful home for "at risk" racehorses, whose racing and breeding careers have come to an end. They are provided with the dignified retirement and attention these great champions deserve. OLD FRIENDS has retired two mares (including Bonnie's Poker, the dam of 1997 Derby winner Silver Charm) and five geldings (including Seabiscuit star Popcorn Deelites). As the only thoroughbred rescue/retirement facility that accepts stallions, Old Friends is home to Sunshine Forever (1988 Eclipse-winning Turf Champion and the last great son of Damascus, Ogygian).



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Pre-planning Attraction reservations
Written confirmations to attractions Routing for motorcoach
Professional guide service Menu Coordination

Lunch (includes beverage, tax & gratuity)