

# 2015 National AITC Conference

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Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky



## #1 Historic Kentucky

### Lunch at the Old Talbott Tavern



The Talbott Tavern has been nationally recognized for its significant place in American History. This tavern has been continuously operated since it was built (except the time necessary to repair fire damage) in the same building and at the same location. Since the late 1700s, the Old Talbott Tavern on Court Square has provided shelter, food and drink to American travelers. It has been a silent witness to a stunning array of historical personages and events right out of the pages

of American history. These historical figures sought food and shelter here during their travels: as a young boy Abraham Lincoln and his family; Gen. George Rogers Clark; Daniel Boone; and exiled French King, Louis Phillippe and his entourage stayed here, even painting murals on the upstairs walls. There are noticeable bullet holes in the now faded paintings where it is legend that Jesse James shot them.

### My Old Kentucky Home

The house that came to symbolize Kentucky's gracious hospitality, and according to legend, inspired Stephen Collins Foster to write his immortal song, "My Old Kentucky Home" is one of the most cherished historical sites in the commonwealth. Built between 1795 and 1818, Federal Hill, the home of Judge John Rowan, became a part of the Kentucky State Parks System on February 26, 1936. Located near Bardstown in Nelson County, the house and estate had been the home of the Rowan family for three generations, spanning a period of 120 years. In 1922 Madge Rowan Frost, the last Rowan family descendent, sold her ancestral home and 235-acres to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. My Old Kentucky Home remains one of the most popular of the commonwealth's state parks. The legacy of the Rowan family and the music of Stephen Collins Foster live on in this magnificent tribute to Kentucky history and Southern culture.



### Maker's Mark Distillery

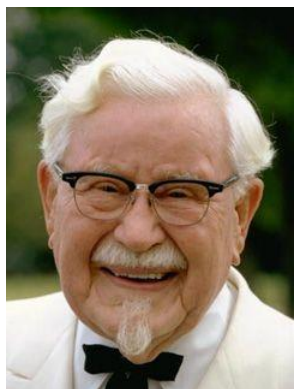
When most people think of Kentucky, they think BOURBON. This tour will take you through the countryside to visit one of Kentucky's premier bourbon distilleries. As you enter the grounds of Star Hill Farms, home of Maker's Mark Bourbon, you will feel as though you've stepped back in time. The Samuels family has been making whiskey since 1840, and they consider what they do an art, not just a business. On the tour is the Still House, which



is the heart of Maker's Mark, where guests can actually see the whiskey being made by hand every step of the way. Everyone will also visit the Barrel Warehouse, where the barrels are stored after they are filled. A short walk from the original owners restored Victorian house is the Quart House, believed to be America's oldest remaining "retail whiskey store." Built in 1889, this is where the distillery used to sell the bourbon to the surrounding neighbors. Lastly, guests will stop in the visitor's center, which has a wonderful gift gallery of unique items to purchase as memories of a relaxing day at Maker's Mark.

## #2 Heart of Kentucky

### Lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House



While ravished by fire the day after Mother's Day, 1999 the Dinner House has reopened in an improved facility. Although we have larger banquet facilities and a state of the art kitchen, we have maintained the country charm of the old dinner house. With the enlarged and updated kitchen, we have the space and equipment to prepare your favorite Kentucky dishes the way your grandmother made them. In 1959, at the age of 69, Colonel Harland Sanders and his wife, Claudia, moved from Southeastern Kentucky to Shelbyville. Prior to this, the Colonel had spent many years in Corbin, Kentucky, developing his now world-famous chicken recipe. His move to Shelbyville was prompted by the opening of Interstate 75, which bypassed Corbin and his restaurant. It was however, from this very building that Kentucky Fried Chicken grew into a worldwide organization. The 125-year-old dwelling, Blackwood Hall, which is adjacent to the Dinner House, served as the Sander's residence and the base of operation for

Kentucky Fried Chicken after their move here. The expanding business soon brought a need for office and warehouse space, so they constructed a building, later to become Claudia Sanders Dinner House.

### Woodford Reserve Distillery

The Distillery itself has been in operation since 1812, making it one of the oldest of nine working bourbon distilleries in Kentucky. In 1995, the distillery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2000, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. Woodford Reserve officially reopened its visitor center at the Woodford Reserve Distillery in Versailles, Kentucky, on April 9, 2014 after completing a renovation project. Visitors may enjoy a panoramic view of the scenic Distillery grounds from the new tasting room, which is lined with copper stools. A fireplace with copper detail separates the lounge area from the tasting room. The tabletops in the visitor center and tables in the tasting room are crafted using reclaimed wood from a barn on the Distillery property.

Coffee tables in the main area of the visitor center are built from a cypress vat once used at the Distillery. Come visit us in the heart of bourbon country. Take a guided educational tour through the Distillery that explains the history of bourbon, how we're unique at all five sources of flavor, the bottling process, and much more.

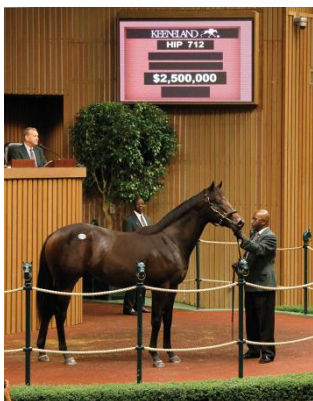


### Keeneland

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.



## #3 Famous Kentucky

### Lunch / 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, participants enjoy a 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. (Also located in the garden terrace are the gravesites of five famous Kentucky Derby winners, Brokers Tip (1933), Swaps (1955), Carry Back (1961), Dust Commander (1970) and Sunny's Halo (1983). Second place Derby finishing filly Eight Belles is interred in the museum's back garden under a Magnolia tree planted in her honor.)



### 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 first 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. Whether you're a Bourbon enthusiast or looking for something exciting to do in the city, come for a taste of Bourbon's rich history. You will step back in time to 1783 and experience life and distilling as it was in the early days of the Republic. 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.

### Louisville Stoneware

One of the oldest stoneware manufacturers in the United States, Louisville Stoneware has been dedicated to the tradition and careful craftsmanship of transforming clay into enduring, functional art forms for the home, kitchen and garden since 1815. Located in Louisville, Kentucky the art factory in the Paristown Pointe neighborhood offers tours twice a day Monday through



Friday. On the guided Factory Tour, you'll follow the steps of more than 20 skilled artisans who take the clay from



raw form to completed piece. Along the way, you'll be able to touch the clay in its various states: the richness of raw materials, the perfection of a basic form, and the poetry of a hand-applied brush stroke. In our machine-driven age, these natural and simple essences seem to have become a lost art. Since their early beginnings, Louisville Stoneware has been working with the basic elements of earth, water, air and fire, skilled artisans create timelessly beautiful dinnerware, bakeware, flowerpots and serving pieces that can be enjoyed and cherished for generations.

## # 4 Rolling on the River

### Lunch / Gagel's Farm

A family farm for more than 100 years, Gagel's started as a traditional truck farm located on Greenwood Road, growing vegetables taken to market first by horse-drawn wagon and later, by truck. Over time, the farm's focus has shifted more towards floriculture. Located on 11.5 acres in southwest Jefferson County,



Gagel's growing and retail facility is comprised of 20 joined greenhouses that form the main range with an additional 17 standalone houses for a total of 100,000 square feet of production space. Their seeding and cutting propagation facilities

utilize state of the art water automation, fertilization, and both heat and light manipulation. Gagel's produces roughly 5 million bedding plants annually, with mint being one their specialties. With its small rounded leaves and sharp, crisp flavor, the mint is used to flavor peppermint candy, wonderful teas, and of course, the famous Mint Julep!



### Farnsley-Moremén House

Standing atop a gentle rise overlooking the Ohio River, the Farnsley-Moremén House is the centerpiece of a 300-acre historic site in Louisville, Kentucky, called Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing. Built circa 1837, the house stands as a testament to the important role agriculture along the river played in the development of our country. In addition, the site offers a breathtaking view of the Ohio River framed by rolling hills on the opposite bank. Gabriel Farnsley built the impressive two-story brick "I" house with its full-height Greek Revival portico by 1837. Farnsley had purchased the 200 acres, upon which the house is built, with a business partner in 1826. By



1828, Farnsley bought out his business partner to become the sole owner of the property. Farnsley prospered at his Ohio River farm located 13 miles downriver from Louisville. By 1849, the year of his death, Farnsley had increased his land holdings to 400 acres. Today, visitors to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing can tour the historic house and grounds, which include the reconstructed 19th century detached kitchen, on-going archaeological excavations (seasonal), and the kitchen garden where volunteers grow many of the same vegetables and herbs that would have been part of meals served during the period. A modern visitors' center houses an auditorium, museum exhibits and a museum store.

### Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory

It takes a special place to craft the official bat of Major League Baseball. Since 1884, Louisville Slugger has put prime lumber in the hands of the greatest players of the game. The museum, located in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, showcases the history of the Louisville Slugger brand of baseball bats made by Hillerich & Bradsby, and of baseball in general. Inside, the production of the bats is presented, along with historical examples of bats (such as an 1880s Pete Browning bat they recently discovered and the bat that Babe Ruth used to hit his last home run as a



Yankee). The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is one of the city's most popular attractions, is also housed with the corporate headquarters. The location is well marked by the World's Biggest Baseball Bat that casually leans against the side of the building. Guests are invited to learn about the Official Bat of Major League Baseball—Louisville Slugger. Today, over 3-million people have enjoyed the museum and factory tour experience at this location. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is proud to be a stop along the Heartland Historic Baseball Trail.



## #5 Horse Country

### Spindletop Hall

At a cost of one million dollars, construction of Spindletop Hall began in 1935 and took two years to complete. Mrs. Yount deemed the house to be a showplace of Kentucky, a modern mansion of classical architecture. When completed, the mansion housed 40 rooms, each with its own thermostat. There is over 45,000 square feet of floor space. At the time of construction, the circular staircase and the 30x60 foot living room were the largest in Kentucky. Eventually, Mrs. Yount expanded the farm to 1,066 acres. On the property were seven miles of metal fences, 17 houses for servants and farm hands, and 18 barns. There was a greenhouse, swimming pool, bathhouse, tennis court, two aviaries, and three kennels. Pansy Yount lived at Spindletop with her adopted daughter, Mildred, and second husband and horse trainer, Cape Grant. She was considered “new money” by the Kentucky Blue Bloods and was never accepted into their social circle. Shortly after Mrs. Yount left the residence in 1955, the home and farm was sold to The University of Kentucky for \$850,000.



### 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 come included with park admission.

### Winstar Farms

WinStar Farm, located in Woodford County, is an American Thoroughbred horse breeding and racing farm near Versailles, Kentucky. Formerly known as Prestonwood Farm, it was owned by



Houston, Texas oilmen Jack, Art, and J. R. Preston whose better known horses included Da Hoss and Victory Gallop. In 2000, Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner, both with long-standing interests in horses



came together to purchase Prestonwood, adding to its area, and renaming it WinStar Farm. Kenny Troutt is currently the sole owner of Winstar. Trainer W. Elliott Walden is the president of racing and bloodstock services for WinStar Farm. Winstar Farm is also the home of Pioneer of the Nile who sired, American Pharoah, a Triple Crown contender after a resounding victory in the 140<sup>th</sup> Preakness Stakes! WinStar has grown to 1800 acres and currently houses 23 stallions.

## #6 Down Under and Over The River

### Lunch at Joe Huber's Family Farm & Restaurant

Simon Huber migrated from Baden-Baden, Germany in 1843 and settled in Starlight, Indiana with apple trees ready to plant. The eighth generation of Huber's now lives in Starlight. Depending on the season and time of the year, guests can pick their own apples, pumpkins or choose from all sorts of just-picked fruits and vegetables in the farmers market. The large gift shop offers homemade gift boxes, apple butter, preserves and fudge. Let the kids run in the barnyard with fun activities like tether ball, 40' slide, cow train, pony rides or outdoor laser tag. Enjoy the view on a pony or wagon ride. Also, enjoy down-home, family-style food served in Joe Huber's Family Restaurant. This everything-made-from-scratch menu will make you think of grandmother's cooking with country-fried chicken, honey ham and famous fried biscuits with apple butter. And that's just the start! "Real Food" is waiting for you at Joe Huber's Family Restaurant! You will not find food as freshly prepared as ours...accept maybe at your mother's or grandmother's table!



### Koetter Woodworking

In 1959, Tom Koetter started Koetter Woodworking with little more than a few pieces of equipment and a commitment to do a superior job. Working at night and on weekends, Tom began turning out mouldings for Starlite Cabinet Company, who soon realized it had found a more reliable supplier of quality work. The rest, as they say, is history. Tom, with his wife and partner, Mary Frances, went full-time and moved the operation into a two-story



concrete block building next to the family home—the modest beginning of what is today Koetter Woodworking's modern complex. For over 50 years, they have been committed to manufacturing the finest wood products available including Architectural Millwork, Solid Wood Doors, and Stairparts as well as a variety of Wood Components for the kitchen cabinet, office furniture, and store fixture industries. American hardwoods have long been appreciated for their beauty, warmth, durability, and lasting value. Koetter Woodworking is committed to supporting, practicing, and teaching the importance of sustainable forestry management to ensure the proper use of our woodlands for generations to come.

### Louisville Mega Cavern

The Historic Tram Tour will take you on an underground adventure that is 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 the physically challenged.

