

Sample Multi-Day Itinerary: Louisville → Ark Encounter → Pikeville, KY

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Day One – Louisville, KY

Morning – Churchill Downs & Kentucky Derby Museum

Lunch – Whiskey Row dining

Afternoon – Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory tour

Evening – Dinner downtown & overnight Louisville

Day Two – Ark Encounter (Williamstown, KY)

8:30 AM – Depart Louisville (1 hr 30 min drive)

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Ark Encounter visit (full immersion with exhibits, zoo & lunch on-site)

3:15 PM – Depart for Lexington (45 min)

Evening – Downtown Lexington dinner & overnight Lexington

Day Three – Lexington Attractions

Morning – Kentucky Horse Park or Keeneland tour (seasonal)

Lunch – Lexington Distillery District dining

Afternoon – Bourbon Trail stop at Buffalo Trace or Woodford Reserve

Evening – Overnight Lexington

Day Four – Red River Gorge → Pikeville

8:30 AM – Depart Lexington for Red River Gorge (1 hr 15 min)

Morning – Natural Bridge Sky Lift & overlook walk

12:30 PM – Lunch at Miguel's Pizza or Hemlock Lodge

1:30 PM – Depart for Pikeville (2 hrs 15 min drive)

3:45 PM – Arrive in Pikeville, check into hotel

5:00 PM – Pikeville Cut-Through overlook tour (photo stop)

6:30 PM – Dinner with local musicians in Downtown Pikeville

Day Five – Country Music Highway / Prestonsburg

8:30 AM – Depart Pikeville for Prestonsburg (40 min)

9:15 AM – U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum (Paintsville)

11:00 AM – Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum & lunch on site

1:00 PM – Butcher Holler (Loretta Lynn's birthplace, shuttle service)

3:00 PM – Jenny Wiley State Park guided nature and history tour

5:30 PM – Return to Pikeville

7:30 PM – Live performance at the Appalachian Center for the Arts (The MAC)

Overnight in Pikeville

Day Six – Hatfield & McCoy Country / Matewan, WV

8:30 AM – Depart Pikeville for Williamson, WV (45 min)

9:15 AM – Coal House in Williamson (unique coal-built landmark)

10:00 AM – McCoy Well Site & Hog Trial Cabin

12:00 PM – Lunch in Matewan, WV

1:30 PM – Matewan Massacre Museum & Historic District walking tour

3:30 PM – Optional Tug Fork River Airboat Tour

5:00 PM – Return to Pikeville for farewell dinner downtown

Overnight in Pikeville

Day Seven – Departure

8:00 AM – Breakfast & check out

Option A – Breaks Interstate Park (35 min from Pikeville, 'Grand Canyon of the South')

Option B – Ashland, KY stop (Paramount Arts Center or Highlands Museum)

Depart for home