

Sample Itinerary Collection: Touring Kentucky into Pikeville-Pike County

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Western Kentucky to Pikeville: Cars, Music & Mountains

Day One – Bowling Green

Morning – National Corvette Museum tour

Lunch – Local restaurant in Bowling Green

Afternoon – Mammoth Cave guided tour

Evening – Lost River Cave boat tour; Dinner & overnight Bowling Green

Day Two – Owensboro

Morning – Depart for Owensboro (2.5 hrs)

Lunch – Ohio River waterfront dining

Afternoon – Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum

Evening – Depart for Lexington (3 hrs), dinner & overnight Lexington

Day Three – Lexington to Pikeville

Morning – Kentucky Horse Park or Keeneland

Lunch – Downtown Lexington

Afternoon – Red River Gorge Sky Lift & overlook, then depart for Pikeville (2 hrs 15 min)

Evening – Check into Pikeville hotel; Dinner with local music downtown

Day Four – Paintsville & Country Music Highway

Morning – U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum

Lunch – Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum & Coal Miner's Lunch

Afternoon – Butcher Holler tour; Mountain Homeplace Living History Farm

Evening – Return to Pikeville, dinner & overnight

Day Five – Pikeville Experiences

Morning – Big Sandy Heritage Center tour

Lunch – University of Pikeville campus visit with catered lunch

Afternoon – Pikeville Cut-Through overlook group photo & Welcome Center gift shop stop

Evening – Show at the Appalachian Center for the Arts (The MAC); overnight Pikeville

Day Six – Matewan & Feud Country

Morning – Coal House in Williamson, WV

Lunch – Wingos in Matewan, “Dine with the Hatfields & McCoys”

Afternoon – McCoy Well Site & Hog Trial Cabin; Matewan Historic District walking tour (Train Depot & Mine Wars Museum gift shops)

Evening – Tug River Airboat rides; Return to Pikeville for overnight

Day Seven – Departure

Morning – Breakfast & checkout

Afternoon – Scenic stop at Breaks Interstate Park (“Grand Canyon of the South”)

Depart for home

Louisville to Pikeville: Bourbon, History & Feud Country

Day One – Louisville

Morning – Churchill Downs & Kentucky Derby Museum

Lunch – Whiskey Row dining

Afternoon – Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory tour

Evening – Dinner downtown & overnight Louisville

Day Two – Frankfort & Bourbon Country

Morning – Buffalo Trace Distillery tour

Lunch – Frankfort restaurant

Afternoon – Kentucky State Capitol tour; Depart for Lexington

Evening – Check into hotel, dinner downtown Lexington

Day Three – Lexington to Pikeville

Morning – Kentucky Horse Park or horse farm tour

Lunch – Downtown Lexington

Afternoon – Red River Gorge Sky Lift & overlook; Depart for Pikeville (2 hrs 15 min)

Evening – Check into Pikeville hotel; Dinner downtown

Day Four – Pikeville Heritage Day

Morning – Big Sandy Heritage Center tour

Lunch – Local Pikeville dining

Afternoon – Pikeville Cut-Through overlook tour; Welcome Center gift shop stop

Evening – Live show at The MAC; Overnight Pikeville

Day Five – Country Music Highway & Paintsville

Morning – U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum

Lunch – Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum & Coal Miner's Lunch

Afternoon – Butcher Holler tour; Mountain Homeplace Living History Farm

Evening – Return to Pikeville, dinner downtown, overnight

Day Six – Hatfield & McCoy Country

Morning – Coal House in Williamson, WV

Lunch – Wingos in Matewan, dine with Hatfield & McCoy descendants

Afternoon – McCoy Well Site & Hog Trial Cabin; Matewan Historic District (Train Depot & Mine Wars Museum gift shops)

Evening – Tug River Airboat Tour; Return to Pikeville for overnight

Day Seven – Departure

Morning – Breakfast & checkout

Afternoon – Option A: Breaks Interstate Park; Option B: Ashland cultural stop (Paramount Arts Center or Highlands Museum)

Depart for home

Northern Kentucky to Pikeville: Ark Encounter & Appalachian Trails

Day One – Ark Encounter (Williamstown, KY)

Morning – Depart for Williamstown (from Cincinnati/Louisville)

Lunch – Ark Encounter dining halls

Afternoon – Explore full Ark Encounter & exhibits

Evening – Depart for Lexington (45 min), dinner & overnight Lexington

Day Two – Lexington

Morning – Kentucky Horse Park or Keeneland (seasonal)

Lunch – Lexington Distillery District dining

Afternoon – Bourbon Trail stop (Woodford Reserve or Buffalo Trace)

Evening – Dinner & overnight Lexington

Day Three – Red River Gorge to Pikeville

Morning – Natural Bridge Sky Lift & hiking overlook

Lunch – Miguel's Pizza or Hemlock Lodge

Afternoon – Depart for Pikeville (2 hrs 15 min); hotel check-in

Evening – Dinner downtown with local musicians

Day Four – Pikeville & Local Heritage

Morning – Big Sandy Heritage Center tour

Lunch – Pikeville University campus tour with group lunch

Afternoon – Pikeville Cut-Through overlook photo stop; Welcome Center gift shop visit

Evening – Live entertainment at The MAC; Overnight Pikeville

Day Five – Country Music Highway

Morning – U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum

Lunch – Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum & Coal Miner's Lunch

Afternoon – Butcher Holler shuttle tour; Mountain Homeplace Farm tour

Evening – Return to Pikeville for dinner & overnight

Day Six – Matewan & Feud Country

Morning – Williamson Coal House

Lunch – Wingos in Matewan, dine with Hatfields & McCoys

Afternoon – McCoy Well Site; Hog Trial Cabin; Matewan Historic District (Mine Wars Museum + Train Depot gift shop)

Evening – Tug River Airboat ride; Return to Pikeville overnight

Day Seven – Departure

Morning – Breakfast & checkout

Afternoon – Breaks Interstate Park scenic tour OR Ashland cultural stop

Depart for home