

2019 TOURS USS ESSEX REUNION

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Tour #1 ~ Horseshoe Casino ~ Monday August 12, 2019 ~ 1400-1900

Experience the outstanding atmosphere of a Las Vegas-style casino on a visit to the Horseshoe Casino which is a 100,000 square foot, single-level facility that will include a casino, restaurants, and entertainment venues and retail outlets. Recently the Horseshoe Casino went under an \$85 million dollar redesign. Dinner will be on your own and upon arrival at the casino you will receive a \$15 food voucher and \$5 casino cash.

Tour #2 ~ Louisville City Tour & Conrad-Caldwell House ~ Tuesday August 13, 2019 ~ 1000-1630

Enjoy the history and sites of Louisville narrated by a knowledgeable local guide along with a visit to the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum which is a historic, Victorian mansion. It is one of the finest examples of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture and was the masterpiece of famed local architect Arthur Loomis of Clarke & Loomis. Surrounded by a beautiful courtyard neighborhood at the center of the largest collection of Victorian Homes in the US, "Conrad's Castle" featured all the latest innovations of its day, including interior plumbing and electric lighting.

Tour #3 ~ Kentucky Derby Museum & Churchill Downs ~ Wednesday August 14, 2019 ~ 1245-1615

You will find yourself immersed in the next best thing to actually being at the Derby! Hold on to your Derby hats for a thrilling immersive sound and visual experience, "The Greatest Race" Projected larger-than-life in one of the world's only 360°, 4K extremely high resolution theaters, it's an 18-minute experience that will send your heart racing and emotions soaring. Next there will be a short walking tour of Churchill Downs Racetrack. After the walking tour you will have time to explore the museum exhibits. The exhibits will take you through the journey from the birth of the foal to the winner's circle. You will also enjoy a unique experience with the Kentucky Derby Museum's team of curators as they take you through an up-close and personal journey through Thoroughbred racing history using rare artifacts not currently on display to the general public. Hear the stories and history behind each item and have the opportunity to ask your questions!

Tour #4 ~ Dinner Show ~ Wednesday August 14, 2019 ~ 1730-2230

Enjoy a buffet dinner while you watch everyone's favorite ogre (Shrek) in the hilarious and twisted adventure based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film. Follow this unlikely green hero on a life-changing journey full of romance and dozens of zany misfit characters. Shrek is the perfect show for any age.

Tour #5 ~ AAA Baseball Game ~ Wednesday August 14, 2019 ~ 1900-2330

Enjoy an exciting game between the Louisville Bats who play in the International League as the Triple-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds and The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. The Iron Pigs are the Triple-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Tour #6 ~ Bourbon Trail Distillery Tours ~ Thursday August 15, 2019 ~ 0830-1730

Starting at the Wild Turkey Distillery where for over 75 years, they have made their whiskey the right way at the top of Wild Turkey Hill in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. It's where heritage, craft and patience come together to create Wild Turkey's true, rich flavor. There will be a 60 minute "From Barrel to Bottle" tour which includes the historic rickhouse, where the barrels age. At the end of the tour there will be a tasting featuring Wild Turkey Bourbon. After the tour we will stop for lunch at Heaven's to Betsy's. The second distillery you will tour and do a tasting at will be the Four Roses Distillery. The Four Roses Distillery is the place where one of the most famous Bourbons is produced, but it is also one of the most beautiful distillery buildings in Kentucky. It was built in an amazing Spanish mission-style. The Four Roses Distillery listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The third distillery tour and tasting will be at Buffalo Trace Distillery which is also listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. For over 200 years Buffalo Trace Distillery has been operating, before, during, and after Prohibition"

Tour #7 ~ Mega Caverns & Farmington House ~ Friday August 16, 2019 ~ 1300-1730

The Mega Cavern is a former limestone mine in Louisville, Kentucky. The cave stretches under parts of the Watterson Expressway and the Louisville Zoo. Tour will take you on an underground adventure rich in history, geology, mining, recycling, green building technology. Next you will visit the Farmington House, an 18-acre historic site in Louisville, Kentucky, which was once the center of a hemp plantation owned by John and Lucy Speed. The 14-room, Federal-style brick plantation house was possibly based on a design by Thomas Jefferson and has several Jeffersonian architectural features.

Tour #8 ~ Scenic Train Ride ~ Saturday August 17, 2019 ~ 1130-1600

ALL ABOARD FOR FUN! Enjoy a 22 mile train ride through the Rolling Fork River Valley which includes a quick stop in Boston, Kentucky. After the train ride you can visit the Museum's collection of railroad artifacts and memorabilia. The museum owns four steam locomotives, six diesel locomotives and over a hundred pieces of rolling stock. Four of the pieces are separately on the National Register of Historic Places: the Louisville and Nashville Steam Locomotive No. 152, the Louisville and Nashville Combine Car Number 665, the Mt. Broderick Pullman Lounge-Obs-Sleeping Car, and the Frankfort and Cincinnati Model 55 Rail Car.

Tour #9 ~ Dinner Cruise ~ Saturday August 17, 2019 ~ 1800-2130

Enjoy a relaxing two hour sail on the Ohio River which includes a delicious buffet dinner on the steamboat named the Mary M. Miller. She was named after Louisvillian Mary Millicent Miller, who also happened to be the first woman to ever attain her steamboat captain's license way back in 1884. Originally built in nearby Utica, Indiana, Mary has proudly served in both Kansas City and Savannah, GA.