

TRI-STATE TRAVEL

# The 150th Kentucky Oaks

## 4 Days May 1-4, 2024

*Enjoy the 150th Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs, America's premier race for 3-year-old fillies – female horses. The winning filly receives a garland of lilies (instead of Roses). The Oaks, like the Derby, is one of the longest continually held sporting events in American history and it is filled with tradition. You are also encouraged to wear the color pink – honoring The Oaks official flower (stargazer lily) and advocacy of women's health issues. This tour also includes lodging in Owensboro, KY and the Bluegrass Hall of Fame.*

### Tour Highlights:

- BBQ & Evening of Music
- Guided Bill Monroe Bluegrass Tour
  - Bill Monroe Homeplace & Bill Monroe Bluegrass Museum
  - Lunch at Rosine General Store Plus Rosine Barn Jamboree
- Tour & Tasting at Green River Distillery
- The Bluegrass Hall of Fame
- Dinner & Show at Bluegrass Hall of Fame
- Kentucky Oaks Tickets - 1st Level
  - includes All Food & Beverages at Churchill Downs
- Churchill Downs Parking Pass
- Three Nights First Class Lodging
- Three Hotel Breakfasts & Two Dinners
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, and Meals
- Luggage Handling
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Full Time Tour Director

**For Additional Information  
Or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

**Tri-State Travel**  
**1-800-779-4869**

### Per Person Prices:

**\$1,475** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**\$1,415 TRIPLE...\$1,345 QUAD...1,725 SINGLE**

**\$200 per person deposit due with reservation**

**Final Payment due February 23, 2024**

**Travel Insurance is available  
and strongly recommended.**

*(see page 2 for details)*

### Physical Activity Level

To assist the traveler in understanding the general physical activity levels associated with a tour, we have assigned a Physical Activity Rating **LEVEL 4** to this program (Walking several city blocks, aggregate walkways, climbing a flight of stairs, occasional standing during tours and handling your carry-on bag.) We hope this will be of benefit in choosing a tour that will be a "Worry Free Vacation."



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**Day 1 – Owensboro, KY – BBQ Dinner & Evening Entertainment –** Travel today takes you to Owensboro, KY where you enjoy a three-night stay at the Hampton Inn. Located on the banks of the Ohio River, the Hampton Inn sits within walking distance of four music stages and beside the Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

Tonight, enjoy a Western Kentucky Dinner at the locally famous "Moonlite Bar-B-Q. Just like Kansas, Texas or Memphis, Western Kentucky has its own unique style of barbecue. Owensboro is known as the Western Kentucky "BBQ Capital of the World." Kentucky 'cue famously features pit-cooked mutton, sliced paper-thin and topped with a variety of "dips." And if you don't yet have a taste for mutton, don't worry: this big ol BBQ joints also serve up pork, chicken and other slow-cooked classics.

Returning to the hotel after dinner, your group will enjoy music by a local performer either outside on the patio overlooking the river (weather permitting) or in the hotels meeting room. (D)

**Day 2 - Guided Bill Monroe Tour – Distillery Tour & Tasting - Bluegrass Hall of Fame - Dinner & Live Music -** After breakfast, meet your local guide and travel to Rosine, KY for a Bill Monroe tour. Here your tour bus is going to turn onto a wide gravel road and climb through the forest to the top of Jerusalem Ridge to see the Bill Monroe Homeplace. This is where his parents raised 9 children all of whom learned to play on the front porch. To make the story more authentic and because the home tour can only accommodate 8-10 people at a time, you will have a Bluegrass group singing on the porch while you alternate in and out of the home. You will learn about Bill's early years and why he played the Mandolin.

Then there's a windshield tour to the Rosine Methodist Church that Bill attended as a boy. You'll hear the story of the Farewell Concert for him at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, then of the local service here in Rosie and of the many music Celebrities that came to Rosine for the Graveside service. Your bus will stop at the cemetery where a local man will share a few more stories and songs about Bill and his Uncle Pen.

Uncle Pen's Cabin is next. Your bus navigates a narrow road to the hilltop where Bill lived high on a hilltop with Uncle Pen from the age of 16 to 18, after his parents passed. Then you visit the Bill Monroe Bluegrass Museum filled with memorabilia from his legendary career. There's also a small stage here for photo ops or an impromptu song.

Next is a lunch at the Rosine General Store, beside the Rosine Barn where you'll find more music on a stage where Bill played frequently. You'll also hear the history of the Rosine Barn Jamboree and you'll have a photo op on the stage.

Returning to Owensboro this afternoon, your tour stops at the Green River Distillery for a tour and tasting. There are 28 acres of bourbon whiskey production, barrel storage, and history. You will see it all, from grain unloading to barrel dumping, and then taste a few of their products.

Then you have a couple of hours to visit the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. Located on the riverfront in downtown Owensboro, it is a state-of-the-art museum shining a light on Kentucky's signature brand of music... Bluegrass. Come, immerse yourself in the sights and sounds built on the foundations of gospel, jazz, and blues by the Father of Bluegrass Music, Bill Monroe. A Kentucky native he cultivated bluegrass music as a sound built on rhythm and harmonies.

Just inside the front door your visit begins with a Pickin' Porch. A room filled musical instruments where your travelers can pick up a guitar or fiddle, banjo or bass and together work out a few tunes of their own. The Hall of Fame tells the story of the greats who played this music including Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, The Stanley Brothers and more. The story is still growing with new performers, such as Alison Krauss, Kentucky greats Ricky Skaggs and Sam Bush, and many others who are re-shaping bluegrass for a new era. Once your group has had time to freshen up at the Hotel, you'll walk next door to Bluegrass Hall of Fame for dinner and live music. (B,L,D)

**Day 3 – 150th The Kentucky Oaks –** Today, enjoy a full day at the 150th Kentucky Oaks. The Kentucky Oaks runs on Friday, the day before the Kentucky Derby. It, like the Derby, is one of the longest continually held sporting events in American history and it is filled with tradition. You are encouraged to wear the color pink - from hats to handkerchiefs, suits to sundresses, sunglasses to stilettos!

This focus on pink honors the Oaks official flower, the stargazer lily, and celebrates Churchill Downs' advocacy and fundraising efforts for women's health issues. One of the most beloved traditions of this 15-year effort is the Survivors Parade - a march of breast and ovarian cancer survivors that takes place on the historic racetrack prior to the Race. This year there will be 150 deserving cancer survivors invited to walk.

Your day at Churchill Downs begins with the first race at 10:30am a dozen races later The Oaks runs at 5:51pm. During the day at Churchill Downs, all Food & Beverage is included even the cocktail known as "The Oaks Lily," featuring Vodka and Cranberry Juice.

A Parking Pass for your motorcoach is also included, but this is still a very long walk. Return to Owensboro for the evening. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 - Depart for Home –** After breakfast, depart for home. (B)

**The Travel Protection Plan:** is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package.

For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to [www.tripmate.com/Plan\\_TPD013](http://www.tripmate.com/Plan_TPD013) for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-Existing conditions will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

\* Tri-State Travel reserves the right to change any arrangements listed in this itinerary. Should conditions necessitate changes: substitution of equal value or cancellations of the arrangements may occur.

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