



Conclave 2025 | Branson MO

**Smokies to the Ozarks
Tour**
***Including Conclave
2025***

May 5-23, 2025

DAY -3: Wednesday, April 30 (est)

Load 'em up!



If you are shipping your car to Nashville, we will load the cars on or about April 30, to insure an on-time delivery on Saturday, May 3. The exact load date will be determined about 48 hours prior, once a specific truck is contracted for the job. Trucks with two drivers can make the trip in a shorter time than trucks with one driver due to mandatory rest stops.

The pickup locations will be chosen based on the home locations of each car owner and will be announced well in advance. All shipments will be via **Reliable Carriers** enclosed trailers like the one above. We have used Reliable several times in the past and they have always been on time with no damage.

DAY 1: Saturday, May 3

We're off to Nashville.

Today we'll all be flying into Nashville (unless you are driving there or opted to arrive early) with (hopefully) early afternoon arrivals. From the airport it's a short 7-mile cab ride to the **Inn at Opryland**, our home for the next three days. The Inn is strategically located on the former Opryland grounds, home to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel (too big and too expensive), the Grand Old Opry, Opry Mills Mall and many other dining and entertainment options. The hotel runs a continuous free shuttle service to all these attractions.



Inn at Opryland Hotel

Shipped cars should arrive early this afternoon for unloading.

Later this afternoon, we'll be Meeting and Greeting at our **Tour Welcome Party** at the hotel. Then it's dinner on your own and there is a myriad of choices nearby, including a famous BBQ house and one of my favorites, the Cracker Barrel.

However, if you chose the optional **Grand Old Opry Show**, tonight's the night. The hotel will shuttle you right to the door. Hope you see some big stars; you never know who will turn up at the Opry.



If you are not going to the Opry, perhaps you want to check out the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel** with its many dining and entertainment venues and spectacular atriums, or **Opry Mills Mall**, right next door, with plenty of shopping and dining options.



One of several Atriums at the Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel

DAY 2: Monday, May 20

Taking In the Nashville Sights and a Noted Automotive Museum

Today is our first full day, and a full day it will be!

We'll set off in the morning, after a hearty breakfast, to see some of the sights in and around Nashville. We'll head downtown and cross the Cumberland River into the old town and **Honky Tonk Row**, passing by the **Ryman Auditorium** (original home of the Grand Old Opry) and the **Tennessee State Capital**, before heading to the West End. In this area we'll see **the Parthenon** in Centennial Park, the only full-size replica of the Greek original in the world. If you want to make a quick stop, you can get a selfie on **Taylor Swift's bench**.



The Parthenon, Centennial Park, Nashville

A bit further on we'll pass through stately **Vanderbilt University** and nearby **Belmont University** with its classic Mansion (maybe visit tomorrow?). Then it's off to Nashville's own Beverly Hills, **Belle Meade**. Timeless antebellum mansions line the streets of this oldest of the old money Nashville neighborhoods. We'll make a brief stop at the **Belle Meade Plantation** which you might want to visit tomorrow. In formerly rural Pasquo, we'll turn onto a section of the famous **Natchez Trace Parkway**, which runs for 440 miles from here south to Natchez, Mississippi.



Natchez Trace Bridge, Franklin, TN

We'll make a Lunch Stop in trendy but nicely preserved downtown **Franklin** and then travel north along very scenic **Hillsboro Pike**, before reaching our destination, **Lane Motor Museum**.

Lane Motor Museum features 150 unique cars and motorcycles and is home to the largest European automotive collection in the U.S. The vehicles date from the early 1900s all the way up to modern day and feature a varied collection of microcars, amphibious vehicles, military vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, prototypes, one-of-a-kind vehicles and motorcycles. Your Group Admission is prepaid. The Lane is a working museum and almost all the vehicles are in running order. This being a Sunday we are likely to see several of them being "exercised".



Lane Motor Museum, Nashville

It's only a short drive back to the hotel and should be mid-afternoon. Maybe the ladies want to do a little shopping at **Opry Mills Mall** while the guys make some fine-tuning adjustments to their cars at the hotel bar?

Tonight, we'll ride the bus for the ten-minute trip to the **Bavarian Bierhaus**, a real German style beer hall with trestle tables, liter steins and buxom ladies in trundle dresses. The beer list is long (vom fass), the menu extensive and authentic and the music as you would expect. And for a little twist, we will be holding (literally) a **Masskrugstemmen competition**.....who can hold a full liter stein of beer straight out for the longest time?

Back at the hotel, we're likely to find more music in the bar as there is entertainment pretty much every night. Or maybe just a soak in the indoor hot tub?

DAY 3: Monday, May 5

More Countryside Touring and a Dinner Cruise

Today you have choices, **The Antebellum Driving Tour**, a **Downtown Nashville Tour**, or just select one of the highlighted attractions below for a more laid-back day. You are on your own and we generally travel in smaller groups on these “FreeStyle” days.

The Antebellum Driving Tour

(147 miles, 3:30 hours for the full loop, but you can cut off at any time)

On this tour you will pass by, and have the option to stop at and tour, the following:

1. **The Hermitage**, Andrew Jackson’s home, only 15 minutes from the hotel. You might start early and have breakfast there.
2. **Historic Traveler’s Rest**, home of Jackson’s influential friend Judge John Overton.
3. **Carnton Plantation**, near Franklin, an elegant home that was turned into a field hospital during the civil war Battle of Franklin.
4. **Rippavilla**, just south of Spring Hill, an elegant, restored mansion that also has a Civil War Museum and a Horse and Mule Museum.
5. **Columbia**, a lovely, preserved town with a central square for dining and shopping. President James K. Polk’s Ancestral Home is in the heart of town.



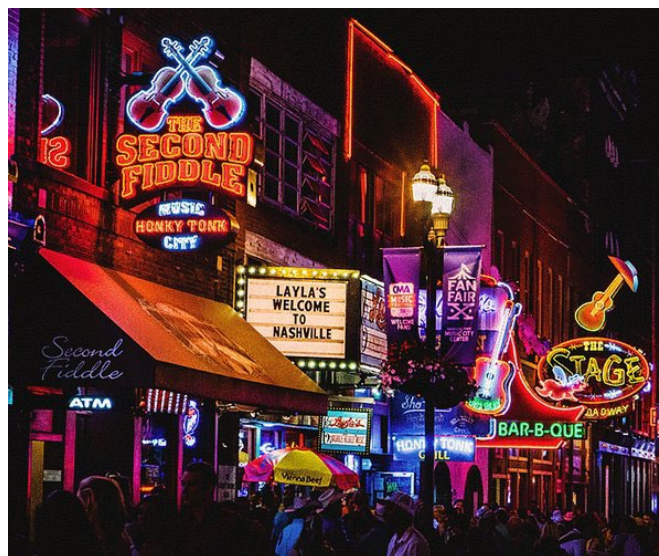
Columbia's Town Square

6. The return trip to the hotel will take you on a longer section of the **Natchez Trace Parkway** that you briefly visited yesterday.

The Downtown Nashville Tour

This is just a list of things to do in and around downtown Nashville. You will find WayPoints in your Tour Directions that will take you directly to any of them.

1. Downtown Nashville's **Honky Tonk Highway**, located along Broadway. Don't miss **Tootsie's Orchid Lounge** (420 Broadway). 3 Floors, 3 Bars, 3 Stages, with music pretty much all the time. While that action heats up at night, you'll find plenty of revelers any time of day.



Honky Tonk Highway

2. **Country Music Hall of Fame.** If you are a country music fan, no more explanation is required. Buy tickets online in advance. \$29.95, allow two hours.

3. **Ryman Auditorium.** Original home of the Grand Old Opry, now a museum featuring self-guided tours and rotating exhibits. \$35. Buy timed tickets online in advance.



Ryman Auditorium

4. **Ole Smoky Distillery and Yee-Haw Brewery.** 423 6th Street South. Two blocks from Honky Tonk Highway. Lots of indoor and outdoor space.

5. **Johnny Cash Museum.** All things Johnny Cash, with a BBQ restaurant included. No need to purchase tickets in advance. 131 3rd Street South, half block off Broadway. \$26 for the museum, restaurant is free.

GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT DINNER CRUISE

Whatever you do today, be sure to get back to the hotel by late afternoon, as tonight we are taking the renowned **General Jackson Showboat Dinner Cruise** (included). Our cruise includes a three-course dinner, great views along the Cumberland River, including the Nashville skyline at night.



General Jackson Paddle Wheel Showboat

Music City Nights is the General Jackson Showboat's all-new dinner cruise stage production featuring some of Nashville's premiere singers, dancers, and musicians with vibrant choreography and costumes, authentic country music "picking and singing," and a mesmerizing multi-media display.

DAY 4 : Tuesday, May 6

On to Chattanooga and our first Distillery Tour

Today's drive takes us on more Tennessee backroads to Chattanooga, by way of the **Jack Daniel's Distillery** in Lynchburg. Your one-hour tour and tasting is included and we will break into three groups so everyone gets to hear the tour guide. After a quick "taste", we are off down the street for lunch.



Jack Daniels Tasting Room

Ms. Mary Bobo's Boarding House and Restaurant is a short walk down Main Street and has been in operation for over 100 years. This is true "boarding house" style dining, with several entrees and side dishes served family style. Southern Fried Chicken, Board House Meatloaf, Fried Catfish and Country-Style BBQ ribs are typical, not to mention a half dozen vegetables, casseroles, potatoes and cornbread biscuits! Oh, and five kinds of pie!



Ms. Mary Bobo's Boarding House and Restaurant

After lunch and a much-needed stroll back to our cars, it's off to **Lookout Mountain**, near Chattanooga. The area boasts three attractions, or just a view from the summit. **Rock City** tours include the 100-foot waterfall seen below as well as a 200-foot swinging bridge and the famous "See Seven States" lookout a Lover's Leap.



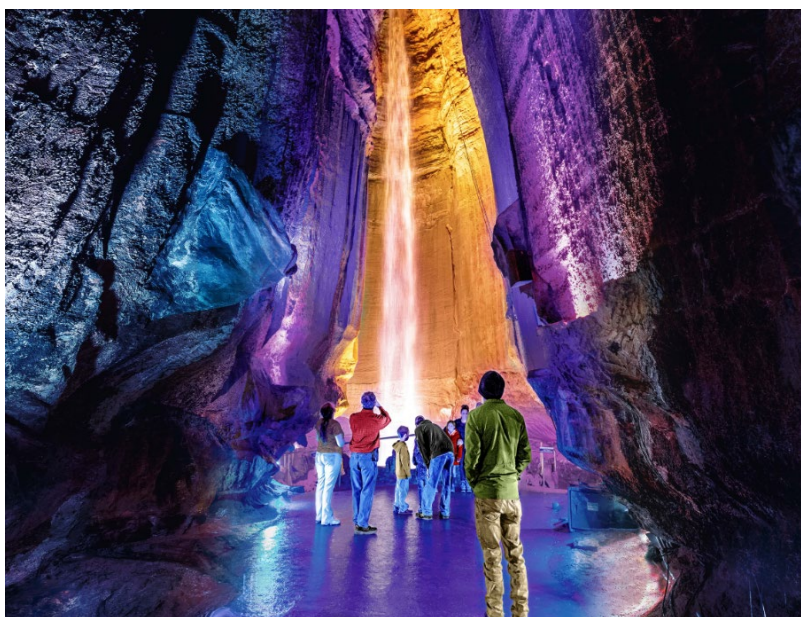
Rock City Tour Waterfall

Another way to enjoy the view, with less climbing, is the **Incline Railway**, the steepest cable car ride in the US. The mile long railway departs from nearby St. Elmo, which itself boasts a variety of shops restaurants and a microbrewery.



Incline Railway at Lookout Mountain

The final option is **Ruby Falls**, the tallest and deepest Underground waterfall in the US. You'll descend 260 feet in a glass front elevator before your guided walk to the Falls. After dark tours are available, so you might include this tour with one of the others.



Ruby Falls

DAY 5: Wednesday, May 7

Backroads Drive to Asheville, NC and Tour of the Biltmore Estate

We are off a bit early today, as we have a beautiful backroads drive of 3 ½ hours to Asheville, NC. Before arriving at our classic hotel, The Restoration, we will have lunch and tour the Vanderbilt's "home", the Biltmore.

The Biltmore is more than just the largest home in America (35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, 65 fireplaces and four acres of floor space), but it is a testimony (no matter perhaps how politically incorrect today) to the wealth and ambitions of America's early "Captains of Industry" and their descendants. Grandson of Cornelius "the Commodore" Vanderbilt, George Washington Vanderbilt began construction in 1889 and with armies of craftsmen and laborers employed, completed the estate and grounds in December, 1895



The Biltmore, America's Home

Before our Tour, we'll enjoy a three-course lunch at the **Stable Café Loft** adjacent to the house, then take our guided Tour (both included).

After our Tour we will make the short drive to our hotel for the next two nights, **The Restoration**. Conveniently located in downtown Asheville, this all-suite, boutique hotel boasts a fine dining restaurant, a basement pub with an arcade and bowling alleys, a rooftop lounge, coffee bar and other amenities. For our group, a complimentary breakfast basket will be delivered to your room each morning. Of course, for us, parking and Wi-Fi are free.



The Restoration Hotel – Asheville

Asheville prides itself on its eclectic diversity, embracing its Southern roots while expressing its modernity through art, food and independence. Our location, just on the edge of downtown, offers easy access to dozens of restaurants, galleries and shopping options.

DAY 6: Thursday, May 8

Another “FreeStyle” Day: Drive “the Rattler”

Today you have more **Options**. Needless to say, you can just hang out in beautiful Asheville and The Restoration, or, of course, *YOU CAN DRIVE!*

Actually, we have one longish drive planned that can be split in two if you want something shorter. Full circuit, north half circuit, or south half circuit. But it's going to be hard to decide!

The **full circuit** includes some of the most scenic and interesting driving roads in the state, including the section of Highway 276 known as “**The Rattler**”. 290 curves in 24 miles and no traffic. This is one of the top five ranked driving roads in the South and some say superior to the much more famous “Tail of the Dragon”, which we will do later.

You will start by heading south on Hwy 25 for a few miles, then west to **Penrose** and north into the **Pisgah National Forest** on squiggly Hwy 276. Along the way you will come to **Looking Glass Falls**, which is easily accessible from the road.



Looking Glass Falls

After about 35 miles, you will exit the forest at the hamlet of Waynesville, right next to **Boojum Brewery Taproom**, perfect for lunch.

After lunch, continue north about 15 minutes to Iron Duff and the start of “**The Rattler**” section of Hwy 276. It’s an hours drive to Hot Springs and the end of the twisties. From Hot Springs, head South on Hwy 25 and a bit of Hwy 19 back to Asheville.



Get Your T-Shirt Here!

OPTIONS:

Full Circuit: 3:45 hours, 147 miles (clockwise)

South Circuit (Including Pisgah Forest, Looking Glass Falls and Waynesville): 2:30 hours, 93 miles (stops in Waynesville for lunch) (clockwise)

North Circuit (Including Hot Springs, The Rattler, Iron Duff and Waynesville): 3:00 hours, 105 miles (stops in Waynesville for lunch) (counter-clockwise)

DAY 7: Friday, May 9

Driving Two of the Best to Tapoco Lodge

This is a true driver's day. Nothing but backroads and spectacular scenery! Multiple waterfalls and **the Joyce Kilmer National Forest drive**, another of the "top five".

Sticking with our "no Interstates" theme, we'll head south from Asheville on two lane US highways into **Gorges State Park** and the beginning of Hwy 64, which is designated as **North Carolina Waterfalls Scenic Byway**. There are dozens of them visible from the highway and probably hundreds for those willing to hike a bit. We'll see a few, beginning with **Toxaway Falls** which flows below the highway. Just past the Falls is our Coffee Stop at the Panthertown Café.



Toxaway Falls with Highway 64 Bridge above

After our break, it's back on the road for more falls. **Bridal Veil Falls** will be a "drive by", but nearby **Dry Falls** is worth a stop. From the viewing platform you can make your way down to a paved walkway *under* the falls.



Path Under Dry Falls

A few more miles and a few more waterfalls and we will come across the small town of Franklin and our lunch stop at the 50's style **Motor Company Grill**....just our style!



Our Lunch Stop

But our day is far from done. Saved the best for last. A short one hour drive brings us to Robbinsville and the start of the **Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest Run** (another top five road). Kilmer was the poet who wrote "*Trees*". He was killed in WWI. This beautiful stretch of road is less than an hour long and will take us to our destination, **The Historic Tapoco Lodge**.



Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest



The Historic Tapoco Lodge

Nearly 100 Years of History, A Travel Tradition Since 1930

*Nestled on the banks of the Cheoah River, the historic Tapoco Lodge has been a North Carolina mainstay for outdoor adventurers, gear heads, and nature enthusiasts since 1930. Whether you want to explore our 120 acre campus via groomed trails, visit Nantahala National Forest, enjoy a wine whilst seated around one of our riverbank fire pits, or drive the **Tail of the Dragon**, we have something for everyone. At Tapoco Lodge, we don't just say 'welcome,' we say 'Welcome Home'.*

Our lodgings tonight are a combination of hotel rooms and multi-bedroom lodges and cabins. We have the entire hotel booked. The **Tapoca Tavern** will be our hospitality room and most likely source for dinner.

But get to bed early, we have a BIG day tomorrow!

DAY 8: Saturday, May 10

Tail of the Dragon, Smoky Mountains National Park, Cumberland Gap and Gatlinburg

What a driving day we have ahead of us!

Firstly, we will rise early to take on the infamous **Tail of the Dragon** before breakfast. While it's only 11 miles each way and literally starts at our hotel, with 318 curves (some say it is really more like 200), it is a challenging drive. We'll head out early, so we can enjoy the road with little or no traffic, then return to the hotel to eat and pack up.



Tail of the Dragon, North Carolina and Tennessee

The rest of the day will be devoted to traversing the **Smoky Mountains National Park** via Hwy 441 and the **Cumberland Gap**, where Daniel Boone first blazed the trail in 1769 that would eventually carry tens of thousands of settlers West. We'll make a number of scenic stops on our 2+ hour drive and you will have the option to explore more side roads and attractions if you wish.



The Cumberland Gap, border of North Carolina and Tennessee

Once exiting the Park, we'll arrive at touristy Gatlinburg where we will have creekside rooms at the **Bearskin Lodge on the River**. All the attractions are within walking distance from the hotel and you will find plenty to do with your free time, or just relax on your balcony and watch the water.



Balcony View from your Bearskin Lodge room

DAY 9: Sunday, May 11

On to Lexington and Blue Grass Country

We'll be off a little early today for the longest drive of the Tour at just over five hours, but we'll be making our usual "comfort" stops along the way at intervals of no more than 90 minutes.

First, coming off the mountain, we'll skirt **Knoxville, TN** with just 11 miles of I-140 interspersed with our otherwise backroads route. Heading northwest we will pass through **Oak Ridge, TN**, where the US Department of Energy has long had a nuclear research facility along with a top-secret national security presence.

From there it's just miles of rural two-lane blacktop eventually crossing the border into Kentucky. We'll stop shortly thereafter for lunch and then enter the **Daniel Boone National Forest**.



Daniel Boone National Forest

From lunch, it's only two hours to our destination, **The Origin Hotel** in Lexington, where we will spend the next three nights.



Origin Hotel, Lexington

Our hotel prides itself on being “*Authentic Kentucky*”. The hotel is located on Lexington’s outer ring road, so we don’t have to contend with downtown traffic. The adjacent “**Summit at Fritz Farm**” shopping center offers several options for dining, in addition to the excellent in-hotel restaurant, **33 Staves**.

Relax and enjoy, we’re here for three nights!

DAY 10: Monday, May 12

Pick Your Pleasure, Day 1

The next two days are “Pick Your Pleasure”. You will have the option to take one or all the three driving Tours that are pre-planned and routed and which cover some of the most interesting sights and fabulous driving roads. Each Tour is under 2 hours (without stops) and begins and ends at the hotel, so you can actually take two in one day. Also, there is an option to explore vibrant **downtown Lexington** or just go to and from any of the attractions mentioned below.

The Regal Traditions Tour

(1:15 hours, 43 miles)

This route will take you first to **Keeneland Racetrack**, where you can find breakfast and the book a tour (Keeneland is much more visitor friendly than its more famous cousin, Churchill Downs). Nearby is the **Kentucky Aviation Museum**. Enroute you will pass **Manchester Farm**, one of the area’s top breeders.

A bit further down the road, stop at **Kentucky Castle** for a selfie and then see the historic **Pisgah Presbyterian Church**, founded in 1784 and in the same building since 1812. Lovely stained-glass windows.



Kentucky Castle near Versailles, KY

Next you will come to the small town of **Versailles**. The turn of the century downtown area features lots of dining and shopping opportunities. A great lunch or coffee stop.



Downtown Versailles, KY

The next 20 miles takes you through some of the **most beautiful horse country in Kentucky**, with miles of white fencing, green grass and antebellum mansions. Part way along you will find the **Headley Whitney Museum** featuring a Jewel Room, Shell Grotto, Dollhouse collection and Garden.

Returning to Lexington, you will pass by the **Secretariat Statue** in a Roundabout. Have your camera ready.



The Frankfort and Regal Traditions Tours

(2:10 hours, 71 miles)

This is a longer version of the above Tour which adds a loop into charming **Frankfort**, capital of Kentucky, with a spin around the **State Capital Building** and an opportunity to see **Daniel Boone's Gravesite**.

All the above-mentioned sights are on this route too.



Kentucky State Capital, Frankfort

Parks and Paddocks Tour

(1:30 hours, 47 miles)

This is your horsey Tour! Plus, a little look at downtown Lexington and areas east of the Regal Traditions Tour. First, it's into Lexington proper, passing the **Arboretum State Botanical Garden**, and then past the center of the historic district and **Triangle Park**.

Heading out of the city center, you'll make a right at the **Secretariat Statue** roundabout. You pass numerous horse farms before arriving at the **Kentucky Horse Park**, largest and most famous of the Horse Parks you can visit. Alas, it is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, so we will find an alternative.

The rest of the drive is all about enjoying the **bluegrass countryside** and admiring the **horse farms** that seem to flow one into the other.



Horse Farm Country Driving

DAY 11: Tuesday, May 13

Pick Your Pleasure, Day 2

Today is another Pick Your Pleasure Day. Before the Tour we will surely discover even more interesting places to visit and scenic drives to enjoy, all of which will be detailed in your final Tour Book.

Some of the individual places to visit include:

- Ashland – The Henry Clay Estate
 - Mary Todd Lincoln's House
- Aviation Museum of Kentucky
 - McConnell Springs Park
 - James E. Pepper Distillery
 - The Lexington Cemetery
- Waveland State Historic Site
- Bluegrass Distillers Downtown
- Lexington Brewing and Distilling Company
- University of Kentucky Art Museum
- International Museum of the Horse



McConnell Springs State Park – Hidden Oasis in the Heart of Lexington

DAY 12: Wednesday, May 14

The Bourbon Trail and Bardstown

Another scenic driving day, this time along the famed “**Kentucky Bourbon Trail**”, home to dozens of bourbon distilleries, big and small. Today we will visit one, with your option to visit one or two more enroute.

But first it's off to **Harrodsburg**, the first permanent settlement West of the Allegheny Mountains. Established in 1774, **Old Fort Harrod** still stands as a full-scale replica and living museum. If you are interested in visiting, you'll be leaving the hotel an hour or so ahead of the rest of the group.

From Harrodsburg we will cruise through **Danville**, another historic Kentucky town and then on towards **Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site**, location of the largest Civil War battle in Kentucky in 1862.

But we need to keep moving, because we have a date at **Maker's Mark Distillery** for a guided tour.



Maker's Mark Distillery

Just down the road from Maker's Mark, and after our Tour and Tasting, is the **Cozy Corner Café** where our pre-arranged lunch awaits. Today's special is **Southern Fried Chicken** with three sides!

From here you have some choices. First, continue into **Bardstown** for our overnight (about 20 minutes) or second, visit one or both other nearby distilleries, **Log Still** or **Bardstown Distillery**.

Tonight, we have booked the entire **Bardstown Motor Inn**, a comfortable 50's sort of roadhouse with restaurant and bar. We have the whole place to ourselves. Breakfast tomorrow is included.



Bardstown Motor Inn Common Area

Things to Do This Afternoon in Bardstown

- **My Old Kentucky Home Museum** (across the street from the hotel)
- **Museum Row** (Civil War Museum, Women's Museum of the Civil War, and Old Bardstown Village with ten original 18th/19th century log structures) 9-minute walk from the hotel.
 - **Oscar Getz Museum of Bourbon History** (20-minute walk)
- **The Old Talbott Tavern** (established 1779 and has hosted celebrities from Jesse James to Abraham Lincoln to King Louis Philippe). **DON'T MISS THIS PLACE**, right across from the Courthouse in the center of town and a 13-minute walk from the hotel.

• **DAY 13 : Thursday, May 15**

• **Bardstown to Bowling Green; Mammoth Cave Tours**

Before today you will have made your choice of Mammoth Cave Tours (or none at all) and we'll be leaving Bardstown (after the included breakfast) in groups according to tour times. It's about a 90-minute drive, mostly on old US Highway 31E to the Cave Visitor's Center.

Along the way we will make a brief stop at **Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace**, just south of Hodgenville, KY.



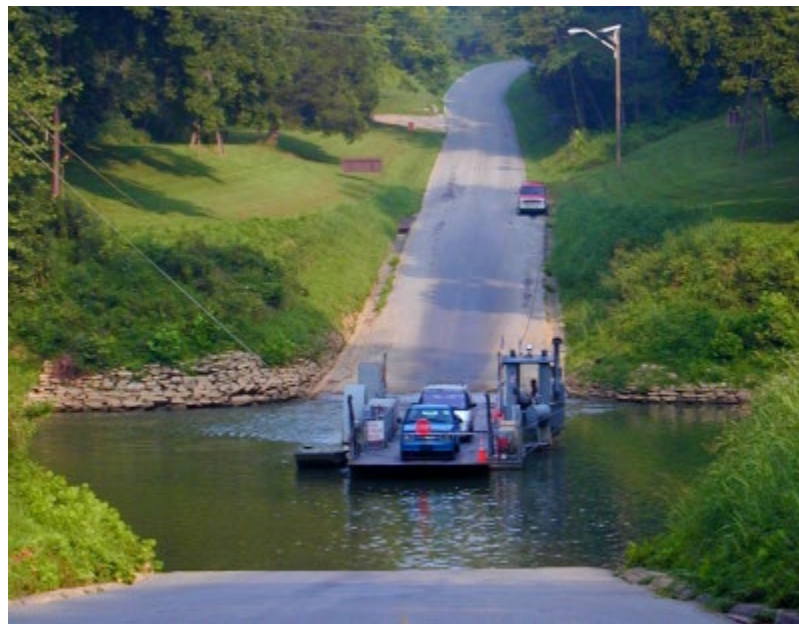
Lincoln's Birthplace and Childhood Home

Mammoth Cave National Park offers a variety of tours each day, ranging from 45-minute self-guided walks to full on spelunking treks (sometimes crawling on your belly). You can pick your favorite (we'll book ahead) or if you have visited before, or just don't like caves, you can carry on the scenic route and get to Bowling Green a little bit earlier.



Many spectacular views inside Mammoth Cave

After leaving the Cave Visitor Center, we'll take a ferry across the Green River and enjoy the **Duncan Hines Scenic Byway Loop**. This area is steeped in history going back to the 1700's and well worth doing a little research on before the trip. The roughly 90-minute trip to our hotel in Bowling Green will pass through many scenic areas as well as some fine Civil War era homes.



Green River Ferry

If you arrive in Bowling Green early (as a result of having skipped the Cave), there is an interesting **Downtown Heritage Walk** which will be detailed in the final Tour Book.



Downtown Bowling Green, Home of Western Kentucky University

- **DAY 14: Friday, May 16**

- Bowling Green to Greenville, KY;
National Corvette Museum

After enjoying the included breakfast at our hotel, it's a quick ten-minute drive to the **National Corvette Museum**...who doesn't like Corvettes? And remember that big sink hole in the middle of the museum a few years ago?

We'll have a prearranged guided tour, then any interested can try out the side-by-side **Corvette Race Simulators!**



Museum Entrance above, 2014 Sink Hole below



Heading west out of Bowling Green, we'll skirt Russellville (where the Corvettes are actually made), then head northwest for our lunch at the **Shady Cliff Resort on Lake Malone**. The roads can be a bit flat and straight around here, but we should make good time. The Shady Cliff Restaurant is a little famous locally for their **catfish and hush puppies**, but there will be other stuff on offer for lunch.



Shady Cliff Resort, Lake Malone, KY

Following lunch, we'll make the short drive into Cindi's hometown of **Greenville** where we have a surprise event planned.



Greenville, KY County Courthouse

Downtown Greenville is full of quaint and interesting shops and the **Greenville Commercial Historic District** surrounding the Courthouse is well worth strolling around. There will be a suggested **Walking Tour** in your Tour Book.

Farewell Dinner and Party

Alas, our Tour is at an End.

Tonight, we will hold a **Farewell Dinner and Party** at a private location to be announced later. As always, we will share stories of adventures (and misadventures). We'll say goodbye to those who are not attending Conclave as they will be returning to Nashville tomorrow to catch flights home.

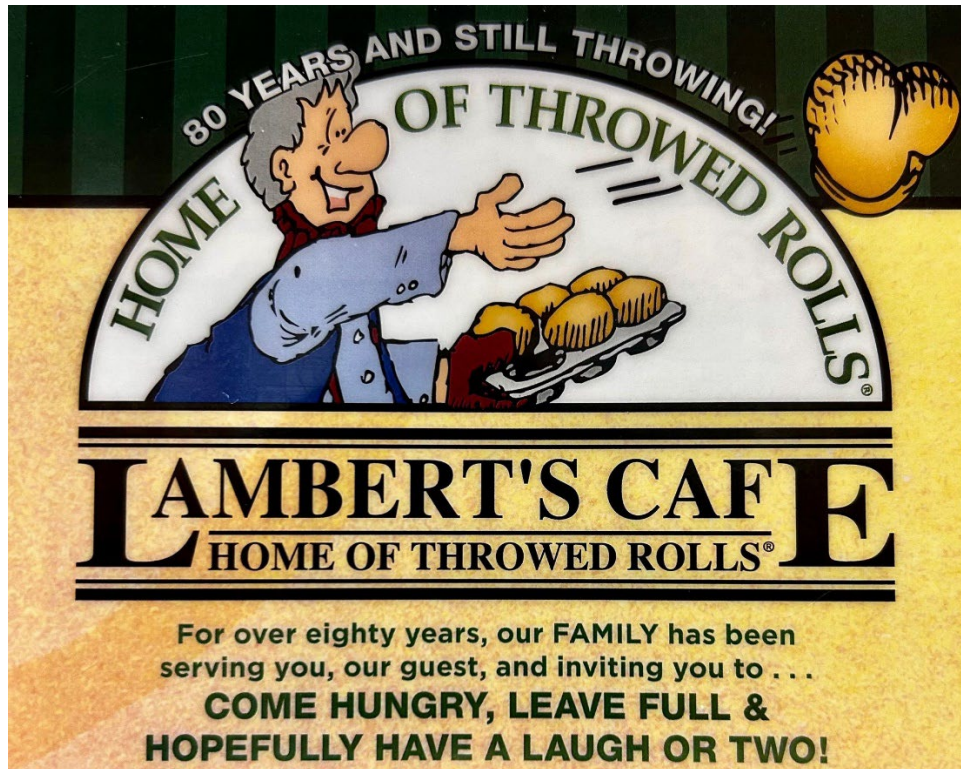


• **DAY 15: Saturday, May 17**

• On the Road to Conclave

Today we are on the road to Conclave in Branson, MO. It's just over 200 miles and 4 hours to our overnight in Poplar Bluff, MO. Along the way we will cross the **Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers**. We'll avoid the interstate for the most part and enjoy mostly two-lane state highways through this rural area.

Along the way, we'll stop for lunch in Sikeston, MO at **Lambert's Café**, "**Home of the Thrown Rolls**". You will just have to see what that's about when we get there!



Upon arriving in Poplar Bluff, we'll book in at the **Drury Inn**, the fanciest place in town! The hotel serves a complimentary light dinner and full breakfast included in the room rate, or there's a nice-looking **Steak House** right next door.

- **DAY 16: Sunday, May 18**

- **The Final Stretch to Conclave**

Today we are on the last leg to Conclave, only 3 ½ hours away in the beautiful **Ozarks**. In fact, we'll be pretty much in the Ozarks all day with the scenery varying from flat to rolling, mostly two and four lane state highways. After a coffee stop in the hamlet of Winona, we'll make lunch at **Hucklebuck 60 BBQ** in Seymour.



After lunch we'll only have another hour to go before arriving at Conclave headquarters, the **Chateau on the Lake Resort and Spa** in Branson. The atrium style hotel features 300 rooms, right on Table Rock Lake. Today is arrival day with **Registration** and a **Welcome Reception** this evening.



Chateau on the Lake (<https://www.chateauonthelake.com/>)

• **DAYS 16-20: May 18-22**

• **Conclave 2025**

From here on, you are officially on your own to enjoy all that **Conclave** has to offer, including:

- Several Drives through the Ozarks
 - People's Choice Car Show
 - Concours Judging
 - Gymkhana/Funkhana
- Arts/Crafts/Photo Contest
 - BBQ Dinner
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Healey Night at the Dolly Parton Dinner Theatre
- Downtown Branson – theatres/shops/eateries
 - Valve cover racing
 - Time and Distance Rally
 - Awards Banquet
 - Ladies Event
 - Tech Sessions
- Celebrity Cars and People
 - Ice Cream Social
- And many other activities TBD

Note: Shipped Cars will be loaded on Thursday afternoon, May 22. Time and Place to be Announced.

Return Flights from Branson-Springfield Airport, served by United, Delta, American and Allegiant. Transportation to the airport will be offered.

Hope you enjoyed your time on the Smoky Mountain Tour and will consider joining us again in the future!

Steve and Cindi Kirby