Kentucky Derby 144
May 2-6, 2018

On the first Saturday of May, an average of 150,000 visitors, including residents, out-of-towners, celebrities, presidents and even members of royal families, gather at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky for one of the most anticipated sporting events of the year, the Kentucky Derby. The Derby is a Grade I stakes race for three-year old Thoroughbreds and easily the premier event of the racing season. It is the first leg of the American Triple Crown, followed by the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes.

Join UCLA Alumni Travel for a special Kentucky Derby tour experiencing the beauty of horse country, the Kentucky Bourbon trail and the wonder of race day. This is truly the perfect way to appreciate “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports”!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
• Four (4) nights deluxe hotel ACCOMMODATIONS at the Hyatt Regency Lexington
• Wednesday evening WELCOME RECEPTION with horse industry guest speaker
• THURSDAY TOURS
  » Dawn at the Downs
  » Admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum
  » Distillery Tour
  » Motorcoach transfers, lunch and beverages
• FRIDAY TOURS
  » Select horse farms
  » Motorcoach transfers, lunch and beverages
• Roundtrip motorcoach TRANSFERS to Churchill Downs on derby day
• SECOND FLOOR reserved seating, sections 221-228 (uncovered) on the front stretch at Churchill Downs (optional ticket upgrades available)
• Official Kentucky Derby SOUVENIRS and more!

$2,899*
per person, based on double occupancy

$3,489*
per person, based on single occupancy

ITINERARY:
Wednesday, May 2, Arrival Day – Check into the Hyatt Regency Lexington and meet Sports & Entertainment Travel Staff to pick up your on-site travel documents. Evening welcome reception at the Hyatt featuring a guest speaker from the horse industry, heavy hors d’oeuvres and an open bar.

Thursday, May 3 – Early morning departure for Louisville for Dawn at the Downs. Enjoy breakfast in Millionaires Row while watching the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders conduct morning workouts. After the excitement ends, tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and check out all of the history of Churchill Downs. Then head to an area distillery for a tour and an inside look at the famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Lunch is provided between the tours. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. Evening is at leisure to enjoy downtown Lexington.

Friday, May 4 – Vouchers provided for breakfast at the Hyatt’s Bluefire Bar and Grill. Morning departure to Keeneland for the opportunity to see morning workouts trackside. After touring Keeneland, head to a selection of horse farms for tours. Lunch is provided between the tours. Return to the hotel late afternoon. Evening is at leisure to enjoy downtown Lexington.

Saturday, May 5 – Early morning breakfast buffet in a private dining room at the Hyatt with a professional photographer on hand to have your picture taken in your Derby finest! Motorcoach transfers to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby. After the day at Churchill Downs and the Run for the Roses, depart Louisville for the Hyatt. Late evening return.

Sunday, May 6, Departure Day – Vouchers provided for breakfast at the Hyatt’s BlueFire Bar and Grill. Check out of the Hyatt and have a safe trip home!