

Horses, bourbon and hospitality

Plan a visit to Central Kentucky with this Top 10 guide to the region's biggest attractions



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◀ **PIZZA AND BOURBON** Goodfellas Pizzeria, located in renovated distillery space at Lexington's Distillery District, is a popular attraction for its New York-style pizza and its architectural beauty. The restaurant's mezzanine is complete with a pool table and cozy couches that overlook the restaurant. Its bar offers more than 200 varieties of bourbon.



Photo by Jeff Rogers

▲ **SHOPPING AND DINING** The Summit at Fritz Farm includes over 60 street-level shops with more than 20 dining options along with modern office space and luxury apartments.

◀ **MASTER BREWERS** The Brewgrass Trail showcases the craft breweries in Central Kentucky, like Country Boy Brewing, shown at left. Brewgrass Trail passports can be picked up at any of the 20 participating breweries or at the VisitLEX visitors center in downtown Lexington.

▼ **ALL THINGS BOURBON** Bluegrass Tavern caters to the serious bourbon lover. With more than 800 bourbons and knowledgeable bartenders, it is said to have the largest selection in Kentucky.



craft brewers and locally made beers. The Brewgrass Trail is dedicated to showcasing the craft breweries in the area. Pick up a Brewgrass Trail Passport at any of the participating breweries, or at the Lexington Visitors Center.

5. **Shop at one of the area's unique stores or head to The Summit for luxury shopping.** Learn more at visitlex.com/things-to-do/shopping.



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As you might expect in the Horse Capital of the World, Central Kentucky has lots of horses. But there are hundreds of other exciting things to do, see and experience. To help visitors narrow it down, VisitLex has compiled this Top 10 list of Central Kentucky experiences.

1. **Taste bourbon straight from the source and tour a world-renowned bourbon distillery.** In Lexington, visit the James E. Pepper, Alltech Town Branch or Barrel House distilleries. There's also Buffalo Trace and Castle & Key in

Frankfort; Four Roses and Wild Turkey in Lawrenceburg; and Woodford Reserve in Versailles. Learn more about bourbon tourism on page 32.

2. **Tour a famous horse farm and visit the Kentucky Horse Park or Keeneland Race Track.**

3. **Dine at some of the best restaurants in the South.** Find what you're craving using VisitLex's Beyond Grits restaurant finder (online at bit.ly/2XbGbgU).

4. **Sip craft on the Brewgrass Trail.** Central Kentucky is not only a great bourbon destination. We have master brewers, too. Craft breweries are now scattered across Central Kentucky, and thirsty travelers are seeking out small

◀ **EQUINE EPICENTER** Within minutes of the area's urban centers are dozens of picturesque horse farms known around the world for the racetrack winners they produce.



▶ **EXQUISITELY PRESERVED** The Gratz Park Historic District of downtown Lexington is home to beautifully maintained historic homes, including the Alexander Moore House built in 1836, at right, and the Federal-style Peter Paul House, built in 1816.

▼ **GUIDING THE WAY** Visitors can use these street sign wayfinders to find fun attractions all around the city.



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6. **Order a cocktail at Bluegrass Tavern**—with more than 800 distinct bottles they have the largest bourbon collection in Kentucky.

7. **Head to the Distillery District**, a hotspot for food, drink and entertainment.

8. **Learn about Lexington's rich history on a Historic Homes of Lexington Tour**, including Gratz Park, Hopemont and Mary Todd Lincoln House. There's also the Lexington Cemetery and the historic Kentucky Theater.

9. **Take a drive on a Bluegrass Country Driving Tour or enjoy a stroll on the Lexington Walking Tour**—maps are available at the Visitors Center.

10. **Complete the Lexington Mural Challenge**, a scavenger hunt to find the 30-plus murals scattered throughout Lexington. Learn more at bit.ly/3F1fXc.

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