



Louisville's Top Travel Tips

Welcome to Louisville! See for yourself why *Travel + Leisure* named Louisville one of the “50 Best Places to Travel in 2024.” Here are some tips and recommendations to help you get the most out of your visit to Bourbon City.

Dining

Get to know Louisville through iconic, delicious, and beloved dishes, cocktails and restaurants. Before you experience the award-winning culinary scene, here are a few things to consider:

- Whether you are looking for restaurants near the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC), the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC), or E.P. Tom Sawyer Park in the city's East End, there are plenty of options from which to choose. Click the following link to find the perfect spot to experience the rich, diverse, Southern culinary heritage unique to Louisville: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/dine-around-town>.
- Call ahead to confirm operating days and hours and make reservations when available, especially for large groups.
- Utilize online platforms such as [Yelp](#), [Google](#), [OpenTable](#) and [Resy](#), but be aware that some restaurant information may have recently changed.
- Like a good Bourbon takes time before it can be fully enjoyed, make sure you allow plenty of time for dining experiences as some establishments may be operating with limited staff.
- *Summer 2024 Food Truck Wednesdays*: Every Wednesday, June 1 - October 26. Located on South 4th Street, between Jefferson Street and Market Street (outside KICC main entrance).

Attractions & Experiences

- From a booming Bourbon renaissance to iconic attractions, check out some of Louisville's unique experiences and purchase attraction tickets online: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/>
- Advanced reservations at area attractions (specifically bourbon distilleries) are strongly encouraged.
- If you're interested in experiencing Bourbon City and having trouble getting in to one of the local distilleries, consider checking out some of the non-distillery bourbon experiences: [Buzz-worthy Bourbon bars](#) | [Reserve your spirited adventure in Bourbon City](#)

Calendar of Events

When you visit Louisville, we know your priority is the convention, meeting or tradeshow you are attending. Plan to arrive early or stay awhile to explore Louisville's rich history. Here are some ways you can check out what's happening in Louisville.

- For an online calendar of events check out <https://www.gotolouisville.com/events-calendar/>. Pro Tip: Use the “near me” function to locate all current events happening near your current location in the city.



Louisville Savings Passport: Inside Track Pass

The Inside Track Pass is an exclusive discount program for convention and show participants to use while in Louisville. Take advantage of special offers and discounts from some of the city's most popular sites. Get your savings passport at <https://www.gotolouisville.com/inside-track-pass>.

Driving to Louisville

Louisville is within a day's drive of over half the U.S. population. Consider your location as a short drive may be closer than you think. The city sits at the intersection of Interstates 65, 64 and 71. The average distance of the top 15 drive markets is 250 miles and touches cities like Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Atlanta, and Charleston, WV.

Flying to Louisville

All major airlines provide service to Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF) with nearly 40 direct destinations. Check out airlines and direct destinations at www.flylouisville.com. The airport is located just 7 miles from downtown Louisville and the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC). It sits less than one mile from the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC).

Air Travel Tips

Visitation to Louisville continues to grow and the airport is experiencing record travel numbers. Please make note of the following tips:

- The heaviest departure times are between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Anyone departing during peak time is encouraged to arrive two and a half hours before their scheduled flight.
- Stay up to date with your airline and flight status.

Getting Around Town

While you are here, check out some of these ways to get around town:

- Plan ahead and book your taxi through zTrip using the zTrip app, www.ztrip.com/louisville or call (502) 777-7777.
- Rideshare opportunities are also available through Uber and Lyft. Please note that drivers are in high demand, so plan for possible wait times or schedule your ride in advance.
- If you are going short distances downtown, consider hopping on a scooter. Bird or Lime scooters can be found throughout downtown, NuLu and surrounding neighborhoods. They can be easily located within their individual app platforms or when using some general transit apps.
- Louisville also boasts a very walkable downtown with many of the city's top attractions and urban bourbon distilleries all within several downtown blocks.



Top Travel Tips – At A Glance

- Plan for your stay by confirming your hotel amenities and restaurant hours prior to arrival
- Get a taste of Bourbon City by reserving your [bourbon experience](#) in advance (tours fill up fast!)
- Check out Louisville's [top attractions](#) and view their current operating hours
- Search for [dining options](#) near your event location and make reservations whenever possible
- Get around town using [zTrip Taxi Service](#), or reserve an Uber/Lyft, plan ahead for airport transfers.
- Come early, or stay late, and check out what's happening in Louisville with the [online calendar of events](#)
- You're a VIP so use your Louisville Savings Passport by downloading the [Inside Track Pass](#)
- Record travel is expected at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF) throughout 2024. If you're flying be sure and give yourself some extra time, especially during peak departure times of 6:00am – 8:00am each day.