



## Louisville's Top Travel Tips

Welcome to Louisville! See for yourself why the *New York Times* recently named Louisville one of the “52 Places for Travelers to Visit in 2023.” Here are some tips and recommendations to help you get the most out of your visit to Bourbon City.

### Dining

Louisville restaurants are excited for you to experience the award-winning culinary scene. Before you dine out here are a few things to consider:

- Where to dine? Search for dining options near both of Louisville's convention centers, the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC), Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) and by E.P. Tom Sawyer Park in the city's East End: <https://www.gotolouisville.com/dine-around-town>
- Call ahead to confirm operating days and hours and make reservations when available, especially for larger groups.
- Utilize your favorite online platforms such as [Yelp](#), [Google](#), [OpenTable](#) and [Resy](#) but be aware that some restaurant information may have recently changed. We always recommend locating your favorite spot and then calling ahead to confirm operating hours.
- Just like a good Bourbon takes time before it can be fully enjoyed, make sure you allow extra time for dining experiences as some establishments may still be operating with limited staff.
- [Summer 2023 Food Truck Wednesdays](#) – Every Wednesday April 26 – October 25, 2023. Located on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, between Jefferson St and Market St (outside KICC main entrance).

### Attraction and Bourbon experiences

- Advanced reservations at area attractions (specifically bourbon distilleries) are strongly encouraged.
- Visit this website for the latest operating days and hours <https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/>
- 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

We know your priority is the convention, meeting or tradeshow happening in Louisville. But if you plan to arrive early or stay late 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**

- 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 the airlines and direct destinations at [www.flylouisville.com](http://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).

### **SUMMER 2023 - TRAVEL UPDATE**

Visitation to Louisville continues to grow and the airport is expecting record travel numbers through Labor Day. While the airport is currently undergoing renovations to increase capacity and better serve travelers, during this time, 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 this 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're 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](http://www.ztrip.com/louisville) or by calling (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're going short distances downtown, consider hopping on a scooter. Bird or Lime-S scooters can be found throughout downtown, NuLu and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Louisville also offers urban bicycles for rent through Louvelo, which has 27 stations across the city.



### 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 the Summer. If you’re flying be sure and give yourself some extra time, especially during peak departure times of 6:00am – 8:00am each day.