

**St. Charles Parks and Recreation**  
**HOLIDAY CHEER IN DERBY CITY**

**December 6-9, 2026**

**Itinerary**

**Sunday, December 6, 2026**

**7:00am** Leave Blanchette Park, St Charles.

**MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.**

**8:30am** Rest stop with Coffee & Donuts

**Flying J Plaza**

**101 S 45<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Mt. Vernon, IL 47112**

**Phone: 618-244-3248**

**09:15am** Depart for Culver's for lunch.

**12:30pm-1:30pm** Lunch stop at Culver's Restaurant

*~Lunch on Your Own. We lose one hour-Eastern Time Zone.*

**Culver's Restaurant 240**

**Federal Dr NW**

**Corydon, IN 47112**

**Phone: 812-738-6464**

**1:30pm** Depart for the Paristown Point neighborhood.

**2:00pm-3:30pm** Enjoy the *Fete de Noel*, a yearly Christmas festival in the Paristown Point neighborhood. Established in 1854, Paristown is currently a restored mixed-use community with a vibe of local charm and urban hubbub. Shop at the Brent Street holiday market, enjoy delicious food and drink at The Café (sit-down, soups, salads, sammies, voted #1 choice for lunch in Louisville), or the Village Market (a food-court type of experience with variety), get some hot chocolate, enjoy a bourbon tasting at Uncle Boogies, experience Stoneware & Co, the iconic Kentucky lifestyle brand known for unique hand-crafted treasures perfect for holiday gifts-established in 1815.

**Paristown Point Neighborhood**

**731 Brent St**

**Louisville, KY 40204**

**502-568-3482**

**3:30pm** Depart for Embassy Suites Downtown by Hilton

**4:00pm** Check in for lodging with baggage handling services, cooked-to-order breakfasts, and nightly receptions.

*The Embassy Suites is located in the historic 1907 Hilliard Lyons Center building, which originally served as the Stewart Dry Goods Department Store.*

*The hotel opened in 2015 while retaining historic elements like the original lobby clock.*

**Embassy Suites Hotel**

**501 So Fourth St.**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

**Phone: 502-568-3482 Brianna**

**4:45pm** Meet in the lobby as a group for a tour.

**5:00-6:00pm** We will walk across the street to the historic



and opulent **Seelbach Hotel**, a Great Gatsby–era landmark, for a behind-the-scenes tour led by Master Concierge Larry Johnson. We will learn of notorious guests, superstitious architecture, and a famed ghost. Once frequented by mobsters and celebrity guests, the Seelbach was the site of a Kentucky Derby heist, among many other fascinating chapters in its storied past. This hotel is accessible (elevators available; six steps down to the Rathskeller). A must-do tour in Louisville.

**Seelbach Hotel**

**500 So Fourth Street**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

**Phone: 502-544-2412 Larry Johnson**

**502-585-3200 Hotel**

**6:30-8:00pm** Head to the Old Spaghetti Factory for a delicious dinner.

**Menu buffet**

Salad:

**House Salad with Creamy Pesto house dressing.**

Entrees:

**Choice of Mizithra Cheese and Browned Butter spaghetti, Chicken Marsala w/spaghetti, or Meat Lover's Treat Spaghetti.**

Accompaniments:

**Hot baked bread.**

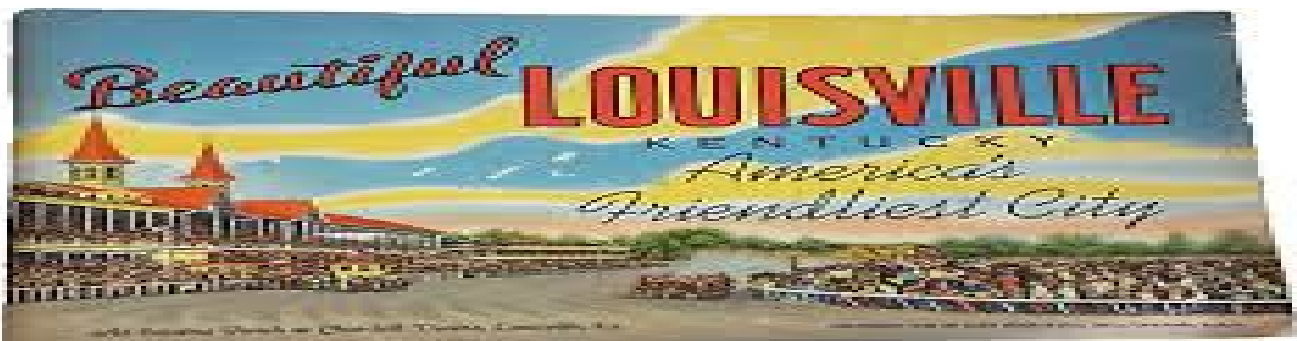
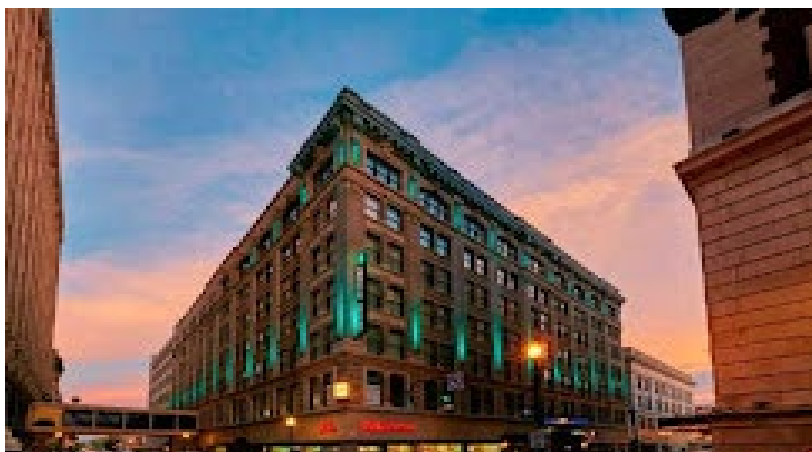
Beverage:

**Iced Tea, soda, water**

Dessert:

**Spumoni Ice Cream**

**8:30** Arrive back to our hotel for a good night's rest.



## Monday, December 7, 2019

**6:00am-9:15am** Breakfast in the hotel.

**9:30am** Depart for the **East Market District** to pick up our step on guide, Drew Shryock, a life-long Louisville native who has worked in economic development and tourism in Derby City for decades.

**10:00am-11:30am** *Sit back and enjoy a guided tour of Louisville and delve into its history. The tour will include the stunning **Old Louisville neighborhood**, renowned as the nation's largest Victorian preservation, covering over 40 square blocks.*

**Feast BBQ (meeting place)**

**909 E. Market St. #100**

**Louisville, KY 40206**

**Phone: 502-905-1529**

**11:30** Return to the **East Market District**

**11:30am-1:15pm** *Lunch on your own and free time in the **East Market District** known to locals as **NuLu**. Deemed one of "the best food neighborhoods in the USA" by AFAR in 2024. Also, unique galleries, specialty stores, antique shops. Check out the *Please and Thank You Café*, "Best cookie shop in America by USA Today."*

**East Market**

**District (NuLu)**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

**1:30pm** Depart for **Big Bat Bourbon Experience**

**2:00pm-3:00pm** *In this unique experience, we will be crafting our own individual bourbon blend to create our own custom bottle with a specially designed label using traditional methods from the 1800s. We will dive into the history and art of bourbon blending.*

**Big Bat Bourbon**

**800 W. Main St.**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

**Phone: 502-588-7227**

**3:00** Depart for **Frazier Kentucky History Museum** for a self-guided tour. (walkable, 300 ft. )

**3:00pm-4:30pm** *Enjoy an immersive experience into Kentucky's history. With three floors of exhibitions, the museum showcases various aspects of Kentucky's history, including the Civil War, bourbon and tobacco industries, textiles, art, and the lives of Kentuckians. Interactive exhibits and a diverse collection.*

**Frazier Kentucky History Museum**

**829 W. Main St.**

**Louisville, KY 40202**

**Phone: 502-753-5666**



**5:00pm** Depart for dinner at Buck's Restaurant.

**Buck's Restaurant**  
425 W Ormsby Ave  
Louisville, KY 40203  
Phone: 502-637-5284

**5:30 pm – 7:00pm** *Enjoy dinner at a charming and beloved establishment located in the heart of Old Louisville.*

### **Menu**

Salad: **Choice of house or Caesar**

Entrees: Choice of **Petite Filet** over a potato cake with asparagus, **Buck's Stir Fried Chicken** with mushrooms, red onions, baby corn, water chestnuts, snow peas, oyster-sesame sauce and garnished with green onions, **Blackened Salmon** with gemelli pasta tossed in Cajun-cram sauce with onions and peppers.

Drinks: **Water or tea**

Dessert: **Chocolate cake or bread pudding.**

**7:15pm** Depart for Embassy Suites Hotel

## **Tuesday, December 8, 2019**

**6:00am - 8:15am** breakfast at hotel

**8:30am** Depart for *The Kentucky Derby Museum.*

**9:00am – 12:00pm** *We will see the exhibits, do a guided track visit out to Churchill Downs, and engage in some creative hat-making artistry in the Hatitude class.*

**Kentucky Derby Museum**  
Louisville, KY 40208  
Phone: 502-637-1111

**12:00** Depart for **Bristol's Bar and Grille.**

**12:30 – 2:00** Group Lunch at  
**Bristol's Bar and Grille**  
614 W Main St. #4211  
Louisville, KY 40202  
Phone: 502-582-1995

### **Menu Buffet**

Salad:

**Bristol House Salad** mixed greens, cucumbers, shredded carrots, and purple cabbage. Choice of 2 dressings

Entrée Selections:

**Theresa's sweet chili linguini** (a Bristol's special). Pasta tossed with cream and Thai chili sauce served with blackened chicken. Served in two separate pans, the chicken may be selected alone as can the pasta.

**The Hot Brown** – THE signature Louisville dish, it was created at the Brown Hotel. Turkey breast and tomato on French bread baked in a Mornay sauce and topped off with cheddar cheese and bacon.



Accompaniments:

**Green beans Almondine, rosemary mashed potatoes**

Beverage:

**Iced Tea, Soda, Water**

Dessert:

**Derby Pie**

**2:30pm** Depart for **Lights Under Louisville**

**3:15pm – 4:00pm** *Each year the Louisville Mega Cavern is transformed into an underground holiday light spectacular for the Christmas season. We will enjoy a 30-minute ride through part of their 17 miles of underground passageways. It features over 850 lit characters with over 3,000,000 points of light and is the only underground light show of its kind on the planet.*

**Louisville Mega Caverns**

**1841 Taylor Ave**

**Louisville, KY 40213**

**Phone: 502-855-6342 Lauren**

**4:30pm** – Return to the Embassy Suites for a rest break and refresh.

**5:30pm** Depart for the **Derby Dinner Playhouse**

**6:00pm** *Doors open and self-serve buffet begins*

**7:40pm – 10:00** *Enjoy the Main Stage production of **A Christmas Story, The Musical.***

*Based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on TV every Christmas, this musical is set in the 1940s*

*in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana. It follows*

*9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the*

*Holy Grail of Christmas gifts- an Official Red Ryder*

*carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle.*

*Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun.*

*All the iconic scenes from the movie are here:*

*Ralphie's friend, Flick, getting his tongue*

*stuck to the flagpole; his brother,*

*Randy, getting dressed in his snowsuit; the bullies,*

*Farkus and Dill; the leg lamp award; the bunny suit;*

*the Chinese restaurant; Christmas dinner; and many others.*

**Derby Dinner Playhouse**

**525 Marriott Drive**

**Clarksville, IN 47129**

**Phone: 812-288-8281 Amy**

### **Menu**

Salad Bar: **Fresh salad greens/toppings, kale salad, broccoli salad, cottage cheese.**

Entrees: **Derby Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Derby Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork**

Side items: **Baked Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Garden & Grains, Sweet Roasted Corn, Rolls.** Drinks: **Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and water included.** Desserts and alcoholic beverages are not included. (The Derby Playhouse reserves the right to change menu items as needed).

**10:15pm** Return to Embassy Suites



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026**

**6:00am - 8:15am** breakfast at hotel

**8:30am** Depart for the quaint and charming small town of **New Harmony, IN.**

**SET CLOCKS BACKWARD ONE HOUR.**

**10:30 – 11:30** Athenium Tour – *we'll enjoy an informative museum tour with a video presentation about the community's history. Tour guides are known for their knowledge and engaging tours. The architecture by Richard Meier is described as beautiful and offers a striking contrast to the historic village.*

**Athenium Visitors Center**

**401 Arthur St.**

**New Harmony, IN 47631**

**Phone: 812-682-4474**

**11:30** Depart for the **Red Geranium Restaurant**

**12:00pm - 1:30pm** Lunch at the **Red Geranium Restaurant**

**Red Geranium Restaurant**

**520 North Street**

**New Harmony, IN 47631**

**Phone: 812-682-4431**

**Lunch Menu:**

**Lunch Selections include:**

**North Street Burger** - 8 oz ground chuck burger with American cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, red onion and sliced pickles on a brioche bun.

**The Ultimate Chicken Sandwich**- 7 oz chicken grilled or fried on a brioche bun with fried onion strings, lettuce, tomatoes, chipotle mayo, with pepper jack cheese.

**Red Geranium Club**- Sliced turkey breast, ham, Swiss cheese, American cheese, sliced tomato, green leaf lettuce, Applewood smoked bacon, mayo on toasted wheat bread.

**Note:** Each selection is served with French fries, brownie, and a non-alcoholic drink.

**1:30pm** Depart for St Charles, MO with Rest Stop en-route (Flying J, Mt. Vernon).

**4:30pm** Arrive Blanchette Park St Charles, Mo

