



# ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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## **“HOLIDAY CHEER IN DERBY CITY”** **December 6 to 9, 2026**

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

We are delighted to present our upcoming holiday getaway, “**Holiday Cheer in Derby City**,” a festive and enriching journey to Louisville, Kentucky, and the charming town of New Harmony, Indiana. This thoughtfully planned itinerary offers a wonderful blend of history, culture, seasonal celebration, and relaxation.

Our adventure begins with a comfortable motor coach ride from St. Charles, including a morning refreshment stop and lunch en route, before arriving in Louisville. Upon arrival, we will immerse ourselves in the spirit of the season at the **Fête de Noël** in the vibrant Paristown Point neighborhood, where holiday markets, local artisans, and seasonal treats create a magical atmosphere. We will settle into the historic Embassy Suites Downtown before enjoying a guided tour of the iconic **Seelbach Hotel**, followed by a delightful group dinner.

The following day, we explore Louisville’s rich heritage with a **guided city tour** highlighting the stunning Old Louisville district, known for its Victorian architecture. Guests will enjoy free time in the trendy **NuLu (East Market District)** for shopping and dining before participating in a hands-on **bourbon blending experience**. The day continues with a visit to the **Frazier Kentucky History Museum**, and concludes with a memorable dinner at **Buck’s Restaurant**.

On day three, we dive into Kentucky’s most famous tradition at the **Kentucky Derby Museum**, including a track visit to Churchill Downs and a fun, creative hat-making experience. After lunch, we experience the spectacular **Lights Under Louisville**, an unforgettable underground holiday light display. The evening features dinner and a live performance of *A Christmas Story, The Musical* at the **Derby Dinner Playhouse**.

Our final day takes us to the picturesque town of **New Harmony, Indiana**, where we will visit the **Athenium Visitors Center** and enjoy a relaxing lunch at **The Red Geranium** before returning home with wonderful memories of the holiday season.

This trip offers a perfect mix of guided experiences, free time, festive attractions, and comfortable accommodations—all designed to create a joyful and stress-free travel experience.

**Participants** will be allowed one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motor coach. Luggage tags will be provided closer to the actual departure date of the trip

We look forward to sharing this special holiday journey with you!

**This trip will be open for Registration on Tuesday April 28, 2026 at 8:00am**

**You can register for all of our trips in person by visiting our Administration Office at 1900 Randolph, St. Charles MO 63301 or by phone by calling 636-949-3372.**

**Fee Schedule:** The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$995.00** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler supplement will be **\$230.00** for a total cost of **\$1225.00** per single traveler. The triple cost is **\$920.00** per person (triple occupancy). This price is all inclusive and includes gratuities.

**Deposit:** **\$50** per person (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a **\$50 refund fee.**

**Date:** **July 31, 2026** a **\$500.00** Payment is Due

**Date:** Final Payment Due and Close out of the trip will be **September 25, 2026.** After this date no refund of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with is trip.

**Travel Insurance:** Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method of providing you a means to recoup your costs should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on the trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Insurance Services, 800-228-9792 or [www.travelex-insurance.com](http://www.travelex-insurance.com) Travel Guard International, 800-826-4919 or [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) Several of our travelers have used this provider. Or compare several plans at once at [www.InsureMyTrip.com](http://www.InsureMyTrip.com) With any service you can purchase online or over the phone. Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claims with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 636-949-3372

Thank you!

Your Group Travel Team