



LOUISVILLE, KY AREA INFORMATION

Yes, Bourbon is a spirit that comes in a glass, but it's also a spirit that defines the culture and compassion, the arts and parks, the creative energy. It's this same spirit that continued and created [Louisville](#) itself - a city that combines heritage with innovation, authenticity with originality, quirkiness with friendliness in a way that's completely unique to our region.

Louisville is an entirely different type of Southern. From boundary pushing twists on Southern cuisine that have made it one of the "10 Best New Food Cities" in America to the one and only Urban Bourbon Experience™, featuring the world's only, city-wide trail filled with award-winning micro-distilleries, exhibits and craft cocktail destinations. Then discover one-of-a-kind attractions like the legendary Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, and the Muhammad Ali Center.

Louisville is full of diverse neighborhoods and housing options, offering pedestrian districts so well-served you don't need to buy a car, rural areas so secluded you can't even see your closest neighbor, and everything in between. Louisville perfectly balances the big-city feel without losing its small-town charm.



Transportation

By Car

Most residents have a car to get around town, and for weekend excursions. Track road closures with [Louisville's Transportation Information](#).

Parking

Use [Louisville's Click and Park](#) to reserve a spot for major events.

By Bike

A wonderful emerging resource for [cycle commuters](#) in the Louisville area is the transportation bike mailing list. Check out their website to subscribe to the mailing list and join the discussion.

Another great way to find other bike commuters in the Louisville area is to visit the [Louisville Bicycle Club](#) website.

By Bus

Find routes for Louisville's mass transit system, [TARC](#), including free ZeroBus rides around downtown.

By Air

[Louisville International Airport](#) is just 10 minutes from downtown.



Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public Schools

The [Jefferson County Public Schools District](#) is home to award-winning and nationally recognized schools that provide a wide range of programs and options including [Charter Schools](#) offering [IB Programs](#) and [STEM Programs](#) to meet the needs and interests of every student. With over 101,000 students in 172 schools and learning centers, more than 80 percent of families in Jefferson County choose the public school system for their children's educational home.

Private Schools

Private schooling is available for students of all levels K-12, such as [Louisville's Christian Academy School](#) System and [Louisville Collegiate School](#). Additionally, [Sacred Heart Academy](#) offers an IB program.

The options for [Catholic education](#) in Louisville are ample with 38 elementary schools enrolling more than 13,700 students, and nine high schools serving a combined 6,000+ students.

There are 101 [private schools](#) in Jefferson County, KY, serving 31,634 students.

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities

There are 14 four-year colleges in the area. A sample few:

- [University of Louisville](#)
- [Bellarmine University](#)
- [Spalding University](#)



Area Recreation

Perhaps most famous for the [Kentucky Derby](#) at [Churchill Downs](#), Louisville also offers culture, museums, distilleries, and outdoor recreation.

- [Louisville Visitor Website](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Department](#)
- [Louisville Calendar of Events](#)
- [Light Up Louisville](#) to kick off the holidays
- [Kentucky Derby Museum](#) offers a historic walking tour of the legendary Churchill Downs Racetrack.
- [Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory](#) showcases baseball in American history.
- [Conrad-Caldwell House Museum](#)
- [Muhammad Ali Center](#) is dedicated to boxer Muhammad Ali.
- [WorldFest](#), one of the region's largest international festivals, celebrates its 16th anniversary with four days of expanded world food, music, dance, culture and education over Labor Day weekend.



Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs



Conrad-Caldwell House Museum

Registration

Obtaining a Driver's License

You must surrender any out-of-state license when applying for a license in Kentucky. To obtain an out-of-state transfer, the driver must provide a Social Security card (cannot be laminated) and proof of a Jefferson County address (i.e., deed, property tax bill, lease, utility bill).

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [DriveJeffersonCounty.com](#) website.

Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.