

Portage Zhang Senior Center Presents: "THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE"

April 16-19, 2026

\$1,399.00 per person
Double Occupancy



Rated as one of the top 100 events in North America, the Kentucky Derby Festival's Opening Ceremonies is truly a sight to behold. The Air Show dazzles the crowd with more than 100 planes, aerobatics teams, daring sky diving groups and breathtaking stunts. When it gets dark, the Thunder rolls. Eight 400-foot barges assemble on both sides of the 2nd Street Bridge to form the stage from which the fireworks spectacular ignites. The breathtaking show includes Thunder's signature one-mile "waterfall" effect off the bridge, making the fireworks seem to rain down forever.



Your Excellent Adventure Includes:

- 3 Nights accommodations in Louisville
- 6 Meals- 3 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts
- Tour of Louisville Stoneware including painting your own pottery
- Reserved Seating for the Derby Dinner Playhouse
- Viewing for the Air Show and Fireworks in a Suite at the Yum Center overlooking the Ohio River and staging area for the Fireworks
- Dinner in the Suite at the Yum Center
- Tour of the Muhammad Ali Center
- Tour of the Frazier Museum (the official starting point of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail) and Cool Kentucky
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- All baggage handling, taxes, and meal gratuities included
- An Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures Professional Tour Director



Rates: Double Occupancy \$1,399.00/ Single Occupancy \$1,699.00/ Triple Occupancy \$1,299.00

\$50 deposit due at registration. Final payment due 3/3/26.
A charge of \$1,400.00, based on double occupancy, may be levied on all cancellations made within 45 days of departure. No refunds within 2 weeks of departure.



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Registration Form (Please Print) Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____ PZSC-Thunder

Name _____ Name Tag _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my deposit of \$50.00 per person for _____ person(s) Make checks payable to: ETEA

Share room with _____ Special Needs _____

Thunder Over Louisville

Day 1: April 16

We leave for Louisville, our home for the next three nights. There is a light dinner included this evening at the hotel as we relax and prepare for the largest fireworks display in the nation, “**Thunder Over Louisville**”. (D)

Day 2: April 17

After a hearty breakfast this morning we are headed to **Stoneware & Co.** On this guided factory tour, you’ll follow the steps of skilled artisans who take the clay from raw form to completed pieces. Along the way you’ll be able to touch the clay in its various states. In the **Paint Your Own Pottery Studio** you’ll select from a wide selection of pottery pieces such as plates, mugs, bowls and platters. Using the same tools and glazes as Stoneware’s artisans, and after a quick tutorial, you’ll decorate your masterpiece. Once complete, your piece will be glazed and fired by Stoneware staff and shipped to your home when it’s ready. You will also have some free time to explore the **Paristown area of Louisville**, including lunch on your own. We suggest eating at the **Village Market**. Enjoy food from around the world in Louisville’s only food hall. From Filipino, to Mexican, to classic pizza and burgers, there is something for everyone to enjoy here. The Village Market also has a full service bar and donut shop. We will going back to the hotel for a little down time before we head to the **Derby Dinner Playhouse** for a production of “**Hairspray**”. “You Can’t Stop The Beat” of this Broadway Musical Comedy! Take a trip back to 1962 with Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with even bigger hair, as she sets out to dance her way onto the popular Corny Collins show. (B,D)

Day 3: April 18

After breakfast, we’re off to the **Muhammad Ali Center**. Located in the heart of historic downtown Louisville, Kentucky, the Muhammad Ali Center is a cultural attraction and international education center inspired by the ideals of hometown hero Muhammad Ali. The Ali Center features 2 levels of award-winning exhibits, a five-screen orientation theater film, historic Civil Rights era media footage, video of Ali fights, interactive boxing fun, two art galleries, children’s Hope and Dream wall, retail store and more. After our tour here and time for lunch on your own, we will tour the **Frazier History Museum**. The Frazier History Museum is where the world meets Kentucky. Explore cultures past and present through an extensive collection of historical items displaying what makes Kentucky cool: famous weaponry, heated rivalries, historical information on America’s native spirit; Bourbon. This is also the official starting point of the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail**. After we finish our tour here we will move several blocks down the street to the **Yum Center**. This is the basketball arena for the University of Louisville basketball team. We will be in a suite on the river side of the arena to be front and center for the largest fireworks display in the country, “**Thunder Over Louisville**.” The **Air Show** begins at 3:00. You will have wristbands that will allow you to come and go as you please this afternoon to visit vendors and other attractions that are at the event. We will also have a printed schedule of the air show that day to make sure you won’t miss anything. Dinner will be served around 6:00 today and a cash bar will also be available. Enjoy the Show!! (B,D)

Day 4: April 19

After breakfast we’ll be heading home with our newfound friends and memories of another Excellent Adventure!