The Kentucky Derby
TOUR DATES | MAY 4-8, 2022
Dear Spartans,

On the first Saturday of May, excited residents, out-of-towners, celebrities, presidents, and even members of royal families, gather at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky for one of the most anticipated sporting events of the year, the Kentucky Derby.

The Derby is a Grade I stakes race for three-year-old Thoroughbreds and easily the premier event of the racing season.

It’s the first leg of the American Triple Crown, followed by the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes. Run every year since 1875, the Kentucky Derby attracts the top horse talent from all over the world.

MSU Professor, Dr. Brian Nielsen, will serve as the MSU faculty host for this tour. He will share his knowledge of the horse racing industry and expert analysis on the field of horses participating in the Derby.

We hope you will join us for this time-honored tradition!

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*Dr. Brian Nielsen is a professor of Equine Exercise Physiology in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. He completed his undergraduate degree in Animal Science at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, and he received both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Texas A&M. His research focuses on the growth and development of the equine athlete with an emphasis on the prevention of skeletal injuries to performance horses through management, training, and nutrition. Throughout his academic career, he maintained involvement in the racing industry by breaking and galloping racing Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds including such notable horses as: Two Altazano, Dakota Slew, and Cash From Texas. Dr. Nielsen will give an analysis on each horse scheduled to race the Derby.

*A minimum number of participants is necessary to send the faculty host.
Tour Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Arrival day. Check into the hotel and meet Sports & Entertainment Travel staff to pick up souvenirs and on-site travel documents. This evening, gather for a welcome reception, featuring a guest speaker from the horse industry, heavy hors d’oeuvres and an open bar.

THURSDAY, MAY 5
Depart early morning for Louisville to enjoy a breakfast excursion on the Belle of Louisville and Mary M. Miller steamboats in Louisville. Afterward, head to an area distillery for a tour and an inside look at the famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Lunch is provided between the tours. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. Evening is at leisure to enjoy downtown Lexington.

FRIDAY, MAY 6
Early morning breakfast and departure to Keeneland to see the facility and the opportunity to watch morning workouts trackside. After touring Keeneland, head to a selection of horse farms for tours.

Enjoy lunch at the premier auction house—Fasig-Tipton—having sold two Triple Crown winners (Seattle Slew and American Pharoah).

Return to the hotel early afternoon. Evening is at leisure to enjoy downtown Lexington.

SATURDAY, MAY 7
Enjoy a private breakfast buffet with fellow travelers. A professional photographer will be present to take pictures in your Derby finest! Motor coach transfers to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby. After the day at Churchill Downs and the Run for the Roses, depart Louisville for the hotel. Late evening return.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Departure day. Check out of the hotel and have a safe trip home!
**Tour Highlights**

- Delight in the horse capital of the world with an exclusive Kentucky Derby experience in Lexington.

- Enjoy downtown accommodations at either the Lexington Marriott City Center or Hyatt Regency Lexington (pre-selected by the sponsoring college/university) while exploring what makes the Run for the Roses truly special.

- Tour working horse farms including Keeneland race track and others. See where Triple Crown contenders are bred, born, and raised across the vast and beautiful Bluegrass Country. Known as the horse capital of the world, Lexington, Kentucky, features a number of farms open for tours providing guests the opportunity to explore the racing life of one of these beloved animals.

- Experience Kentucky Bourbon history and tradition during tours and tastings at local distilleries. In the 1700s when the first settlers arrived in Kentucky, they soon discovered that converting corn and other grains to whiskey made them easily transportable. Since then, generations of Kentuckians have continued the heritage and time-honored tradition of making fine bourbon.

- Sit front and center for all the excitement on Derby Day, take in the sights, grandeur (and hats!) at Churchill Downs.

**What's Included**

- Four nights deluxe hotel accommodations at either the Lexington Marriott City Center or Hyatt Regency Lexington, pre-selected by the sponsoring college/university

- Welcome reception with expert horse racing industry speaker

- Daily breakfast from Thursday to Saturday and lunch on days specified

- All activities and excursions noted on the five-day itinerary, including motor coach transportation

- Admission to the Kentucky Derby, including Second Floor reserved seating (uncovered) on the front stretch at Churchill Downs (optional ticket upgrades available)

- Official Kentucky Derby souvenirs
Pre-Tour

MONDAY, MAY 2
Today, settle into your accommodations with leisure time to discover Lexington.

TUESDAY, MAY 3
Following breakfast, join a professional horse trainer for a guided “behind the scenes” tour of Keeneland Racecourse. Learn how horses are cared for and trained for races.

Afterward, enjoy a scenic drive through historic Old Frankfort Pike—known as one of the best scenic drives in the United States—to view the regal homes along the countryside. Then, visit Kentucky Horse Park, a working horse farm and educational equine park, with time to explore the various exhibits.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Today, experience Dawn at the Downs in Louisville. Watch the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders conduct morning workouts while enjoying a delicious buffet breakfast in Millionaires Row. Dawn at the Downs is a popular tradition for both Louisvillians and visitors, giving Kentucky Derby fans the opportunity to see the contenders train for the big race, while listening to expert commentary. This also includes a visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum.

What’s Included

• Two nights deluxe hotel accommodations at either the Lexington Marriott City Center or Hyatt Regency Lexington, pre-selected by the school, including breakfast each morning
• In-depth visit of Keeneland Racecourse, meeting trainers and industry elite to learn the horses’ full track routine
• Admission to Kentucky Horse Park (Hall of Champions and Parade of Breeds)
• Admission to Dawn at the Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum
• Motor coach transportation for the included activities on the pre-tour itinerary

Pre-tour space is limited, so we recommend reserving early for best availability.
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Pre-Tour: May 2-4, 2022
MAY 4-8, 2022

MAIL RESERVATION TO:
Sports & Entertainment Travel
4910 W. 16th Street, Suite 105
Indianapolis, IN  46224

For more information and to reserve, visit MSUAlumniFanTravel.com or call 888.218.7663.

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Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):
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Badge Name: ________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):
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Badge Name: ________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________

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RATES:

Pre-Tour:

- Single ($1,600)
- Double ($1,200)
- Triple ($1,100)
- Quad ($1,050)

Main Program:

- Single ($4,499)
- Double ($3,599)
- Triple ($3,399)
- Quad ($3,299)

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RESERVATION DEPOSIT (final payment will be charged on March 4, 2022):

# ________ guests joining main tour ($899/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ________________

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DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

- MasterCard / Visa
- American Express
- Discover

Card #: ______________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: _______

Name (as printed on card): ________________________________________________________

Billing Address (if different from above): ____________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________

I/we authorize SET to charge my credit card above to take the initial deposit and final payment for this tour.

Signature: _______________________ Date: ______________

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