

WELCOME TO LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY





MEET LEXINGTON

Lexington is known as the Horse Capital of the World and the site of a culinary revolution—but we're not done there. We fiercely love our city, which is why we're eager to share it with you.

We think you will find a perfect place to call home.



Lexington's Historic Courthouse, located on Main Street, is home to the Lexington Visitors Center.

Home to dozens of art galleries, museums and artist's studios, Lexington's vibrant culture is one of craftsmanship and creativity. Here, you'll find art ranging from anonymous carefree sketches to giant, commissioned murals as you stroll our streets.



The food in Lexington has been farm-to-table fresh since 1776. And right now, our restaurant scene is on fire, with local restaurants, cafés, food trucks and bistros popping up at every turn—food fanatics will leave here craving another bite.

From our breathtaking countryside to the 90 parks and green spaces tucked away throughout our city, getting outside is one of the best ways to experience Lexington. Not to mention, we're located less than an hour from the Red River Gorge, a nature lover's paradise.



OUR STATE. OUR CITY. OUR UNIVERSITY.



KENTUCKY

Kentucky Tourism provides you with an overview of facts including history, government, people and traditions at <https://www.kentuckytourism.com/get-inspired-ky/about-kentucky/>



LEXINGTON

VisitLEX shows you around the region at <https://www.visitlex.com/about> and you can take a virtual tour at <https://www.visitlex.com/virtual-tours-lexington/>



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Learn all about Kentucky's flagship University at <https://www.uky.edu/UKHome>



Hunterton Farm



African American Heritage Trail



Gratz Park



The Square



The Burl



Sunrise Bakery



Thoroughbred Park

ALL ABOUT LEXINGTON.

DEMOGRAPHICS & POPULATION

<https://www.commercelexington.com/demographics.html>

FACTS & FIGURES

<https://locateinlexington.com/data-facts-and-figures/data-center/>

RANKINGS

<https://locateinlexington.com/data-facts-and-figures/bluegrass-rankings/>

LOCAL EMPLOYERS

<https://locateinlexington.com/data-facts-and-figures/major-employers/>

REAL ESTATE INFORMATION

<https://www.commercelexington.com/real-estate.html>

SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Fayette County Public Schools:

<https://www.fcps.net/>

Private Schools:

<https://web.commercelexington.com/SchoolsPrivate>

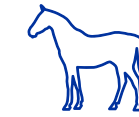
Higher Education:

<https://web.commercelexington.com/SchoolPostsecondary-Education>



WHY LEXINGTON?

Our "City in a Park" welcomes you with open arms to experience some of nature's finest scenery and a progressive and growing city that affords you the opportunities to live in a place with extraordinary cultural activities, dining, shopping and community appreciation like you won't find anywhere else in the world.



450+ Horse Farms
Explore touring options through
Visit Horse Country.



Within a day's drive of
2/3 U.S. population.



Blue Grass Airport offers 17 direct
flights and is located within 15
minutes of our hotels.



Over 90 parks and green
spaces in Lexington.



18 craft breweries on
the Brewgrass Trail.



15 bourbon distilleries within 45
minutes of downtown Lexington.



Over 130 locally
owned restaurants.



More than 30 street
murals and counting.

LEXINGTON ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

With entertainment districts, historic homes, beautiful horse farms and an iconic racetrack, you can experience attractions around the Bluegrass to provide fun throughout the year.



Keeneland Race Course

Tradition, beauty and world-class Thoroughbreds make Keeneland racing a spectacle to behold. Keeneland is the world's largest and most prominent Thoroughbred auction house and hosts world-class racing twice annually during its boutique Spring and Fall meetings. Owners, trainers, riders and fans from all over the world travel to Lexington each year to participate at Keeneland.

Kentucky Horse Park

The Kentucky Horse Park lives up to its reputation as the place to get close to horses. Home to many different breeds, large and small, the park introduces you to the world of the horse. Experience the behind-the-scenes sights and sounds of a real working horse farm as you explore the grounds.



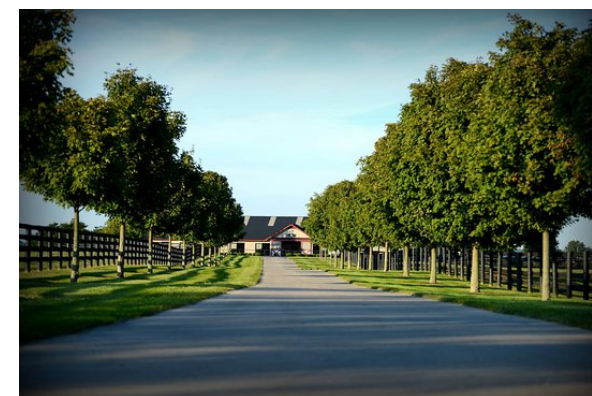
Bourbon Distilleries

Here, every bar is a bourbon bar and 15 bourbon distilleries - like Buffalo Trace, Castle & Key, Four Roses and Woodford Reserve - are within 45 miles of our charming downtown. Explore old warehouses where row upon row of charredoak barrels stretch into the darkness, waiting for their chance to shine.



Horse Farms

Beautiful horse farms have been a part of the Bluegrass since the region was first settled, and taking a chance to visit one of the more than 450 horse farms in the region will quickly let you know why we're called "The Horse Capital of the World."



WORK HARD. PLAY HARDER.

Enjoy the best nature has to offer with outdoor activities in Lexington, Kentucky. Set in the backdrop of the Horse Capital of the World, and paired with our temperate climate makes these year round activities a possibility and unforgettable.



FUN RUN LOCATIONS

The Arboretum

The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, is a 100-acre greenspace located on the campus of the University of Kentucky in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky. The Walk Across Kentucky is a two-mile paved loop featuring wild-collected native plants from the seven physiographic regions of Kentucky

The Legacy Trail

The Legacy Trail begins at the Isaac Murphy Memorial Garden in downtown Lexington and runs to the Kentucky Horse Park. This 12 mile walking and biking interpretive trail is also a public art venue.



GOLF IN THE BLUEGRASS

Lexington is home to a variety of public golf courses that showcase the beauty of the region like the Scottish-style links course at Kearney Hills, the 36-holes amid horse farms at the University Club of Kentucky and the Gay Brewer, Jr. course at Picadome near downtown.



TENNIS ON CAMPUS

Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex

Home to the UK Men's and Women's tennis programs and the Fifth-Third Championships, the complex

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN.

Lexington's thriving downtown is home to entertainment districts, locally-owned restaurants, breweries, distilleries, shopping and a the perfect places to connect with colleagues and friends while experiencing life in the Bluegrass.



Distillery District

Home to two working bourbon distilleries, two local breweries, a cider company, music venues, arcades, axe throwing and great food and nightlife, the Distillery District offers something for everyone and a great place to mix and mingle in downtown Lexington.

Infinity Rooftop Bar

Recently opened at the new City Center complex in Lexington, the Infinity Rooftop Bar offers a unique viewpoint of Lexington making it a perfect place to grab a drink and enjoy time with friends will taking in the unique skyline of the Horse Capital of the World.

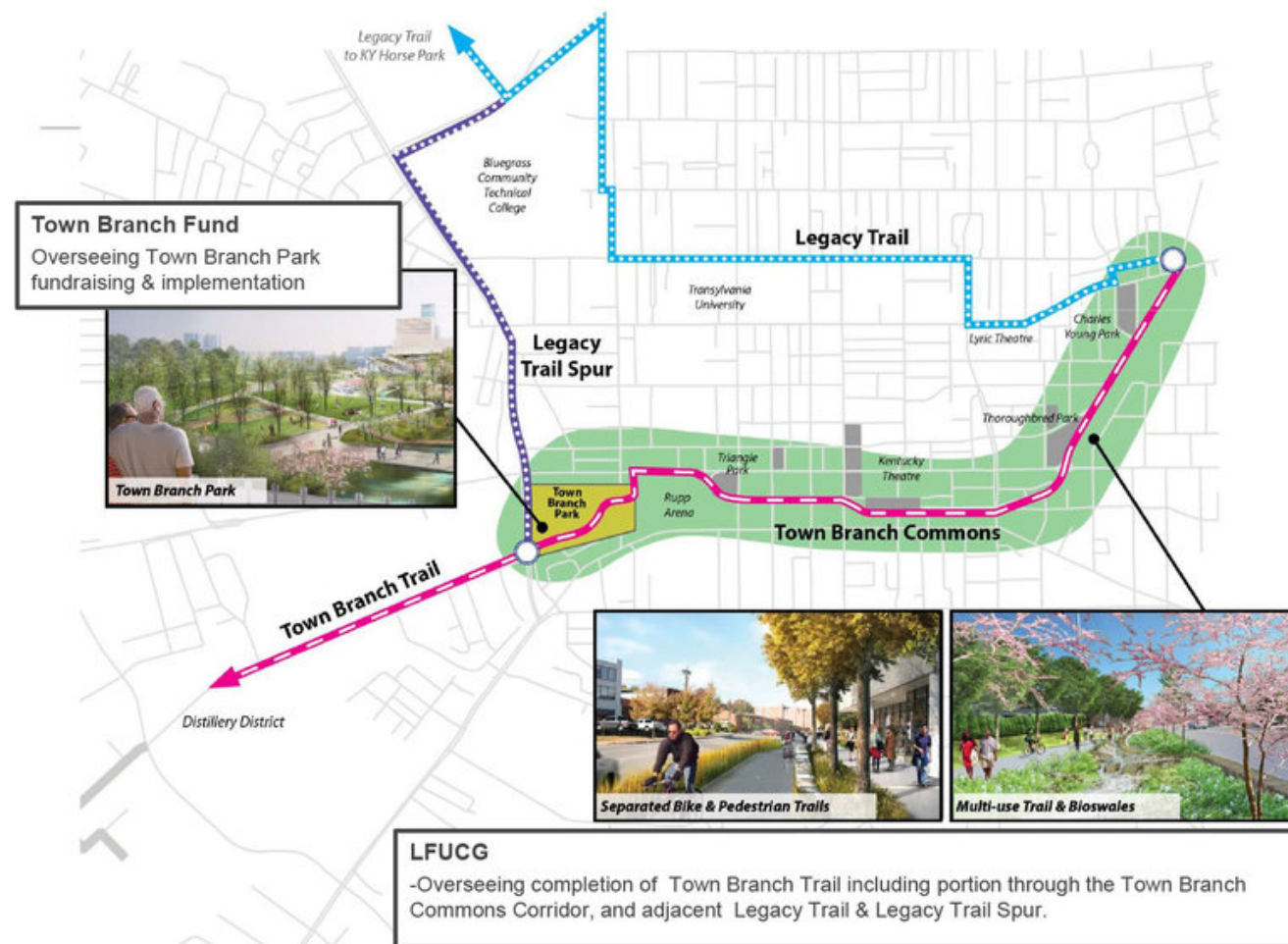
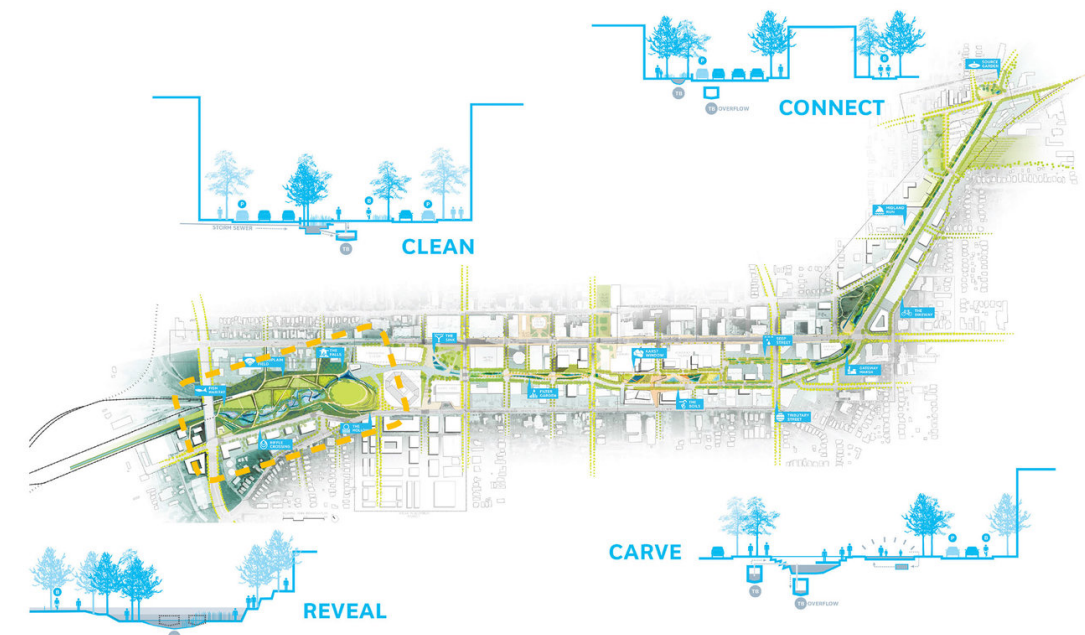


Lex Live

Opening in 2020, Lex Live will bring over 80,000 square feet of fun and entertainment to downtown Lexington with a Bourbon bar, restaurant, eleven movie theaters, luxury bowling and games.

WORLD-CLASS GATHERING SPACE: TOWN BRANCH COMMONS & PARK

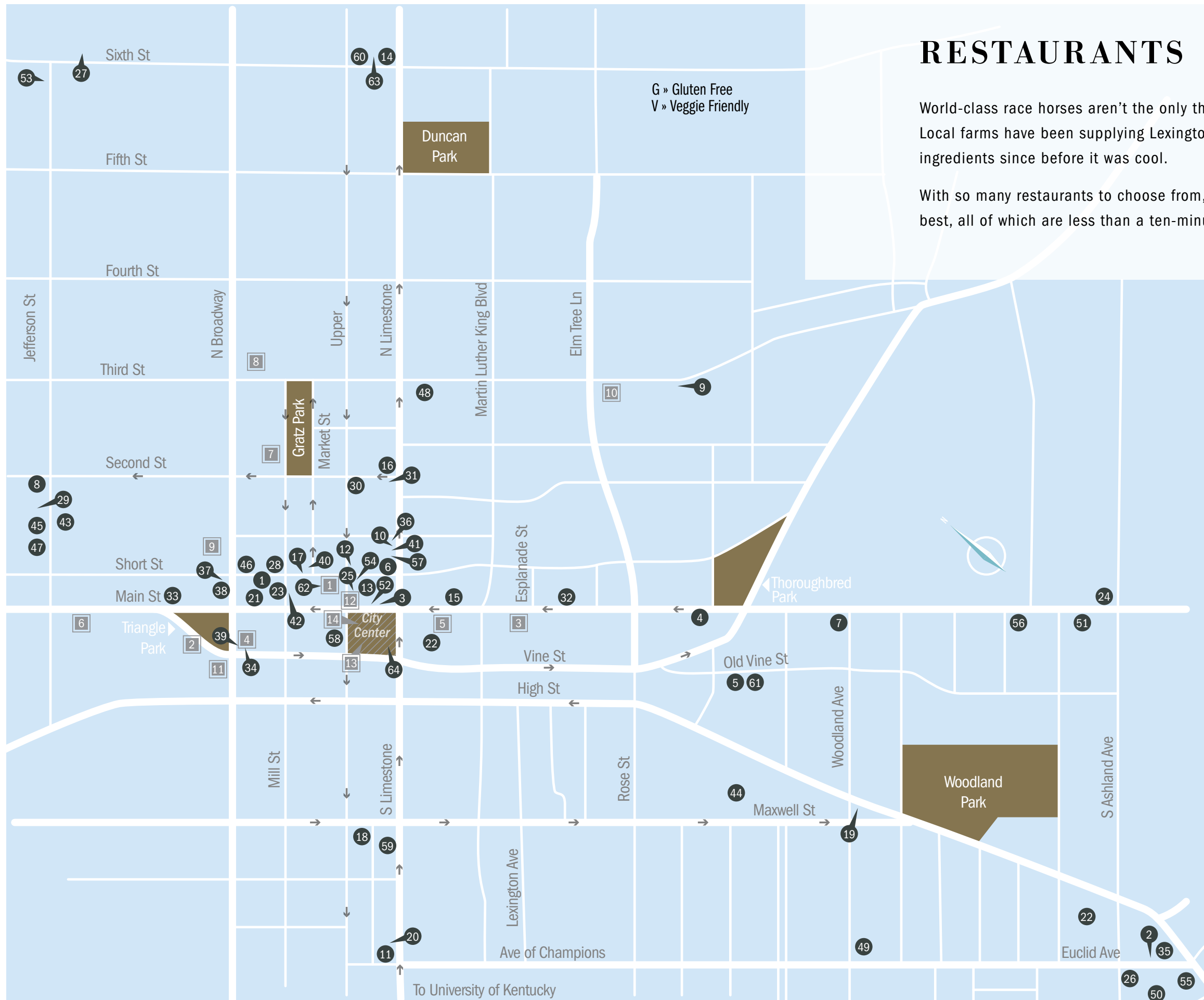
Coming soon to Lexington, the Town Branch Commons will be a strip of Bluegrass running through downtown Lexington. This winding park and trail system will roughly following the path of Town Branch, Lexington's first water source, which is located in a culvert under modern day Vine Street. The system will include continuous bike and walking paths and a lush green band through downtown, connecting new and existing parks and improving water quality. It will link our city's two major trails, Town Branch Trail and the Legacy Trail, giving us 22 miles of uninterrupted trail, connecting downtown to our world famous rural landscape.



RESTAURANTS

World-class race horses aren't the only things that grow strong around here. Local farms have been supplying Lexington restaurants with farm-to-table ingredients since before it was cool.

With so many restaurants to choose from, we've outlined some of Lexington's best, all of which are less than a ten-minute walk or drive from any of our hotels.



DOWNTOWN DESTINATIONS

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Creaux \$\$ | 45. Nick Ryan's Saloon \$\$ G V |
| 2. Bear & the Butcher \$\$ V G | 46. Shakespeare & Co. \$\$ G V |
| 3. Bourbon on Rye \$\$ | 47. Stella's Kentucky Deli \$ V |
| 4. Carson's \$\$\$ V G | 48. Doodles \$ |
| 5. Chocolate Holler \$ | 49. Great Bagel \$ |
| 6. Corto Lima \$\$ V G | 50. Josie's \$\$ V |
| 7. Graze \$\$\$ V | 51. Magee's Bakery \$ |
| 8. El Espolón \$ V | 52. Sunrise Bakery \$ V |
| 9. Martine's Pastries \$ V | 53. County Club \$\$ |
| 10. Oscar Diggs \$\$ V | 54. Wagon Bones \$ |
| 11. Girlsgirlsgirls Burritos \$ V | 55. Oasis Mediterranean \$\$ G V |
| 12. School Sushi \$\$ V | 56. Sav's Grill & West African \$ G V |
| 13. West Main Crafting Co. \$\$ V G | 57. Pearl's \$\$ V |
| 14. Al's Bar \$ V | 58. NAT's \$\$ V |
| 15. Alfalfa \$\$ V | 59. The Local Taco \$\$ V G |
| 16. Columbia Steakhouse \$\$ | 60. Standing Room Only \$\$\$ V |
| 17. Dudley's On Short \$\$\$ | 61. Ranada's Bistro & Bar \$\$ V |
| 18. Joe Bologna's \$\$ | 62. Zim's Cafe \$\$ V G |
| 19. Missy's Pie Shop \$ | 63. Beach House \$ V |
| 20. Pazzo's \$ V | 64. Jeff Ruby's \$\$\$ V |
| 21. Sawyer's \$ | |
| 22. Athenian Grill \$ V | |
| 23. Buddha Lounge \$\$ | |
| 24. Cole's 735 Main \$\$\$ V G | |
| 25. Lockbox \$\$ | |
| 26. The Sage Rabbit \$\$ V | |
| 27. Smithtown Seafood \$\$ V | |
| 28. Village Idiot \$\$ V | |
| 29. Blue Heron Steakhouse \$\$\$ | |
| 30. Distilled at The Sire \$\$\$ V | |
| 31. Le Deauville \$\$\$ | |
| 32. Portofino \$\$\$ V | |
| 33. Tony's of Lexington \$\$\$ V | |
| 34. Triangle Grille \$\$ | |
| 35. Bourbon n' Toulouse \$ G V | |
| 36. Minglewood \$ | |
| 37. Saul Good Restaurant & Pub \$\$ V | |
| 38. Vinaigrette Salad Kitchen \$ G V | |
| 39. Bigg Blue Martini \$\$ | |
| 40. Parlay Social \$\$ G | |
| 41. Sidebar Grill \$ | |
| 42. Goodfellas Pizzeria \$ V | |
| 43. Grey Goose \$\$ V | |
| 44. Kentucky Native Café \$ V | |

HOTELS AND LANDMARKS

1. Lexington Visitors Center
2. Lexington Center & Rupp Arena
3. KY Theatre
4. Hilton Downtown
5. Public Library
6. Mary Todd Lincoln House
7. Hopemont Hunt-Morgan House
8. Transylvania University
9. Opera House
10. Lyric Theatre
11. Hyatt Regency
12. 21c
13. Marriott City Center
14. Residence Inn City Center



Gainesway Farm



Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

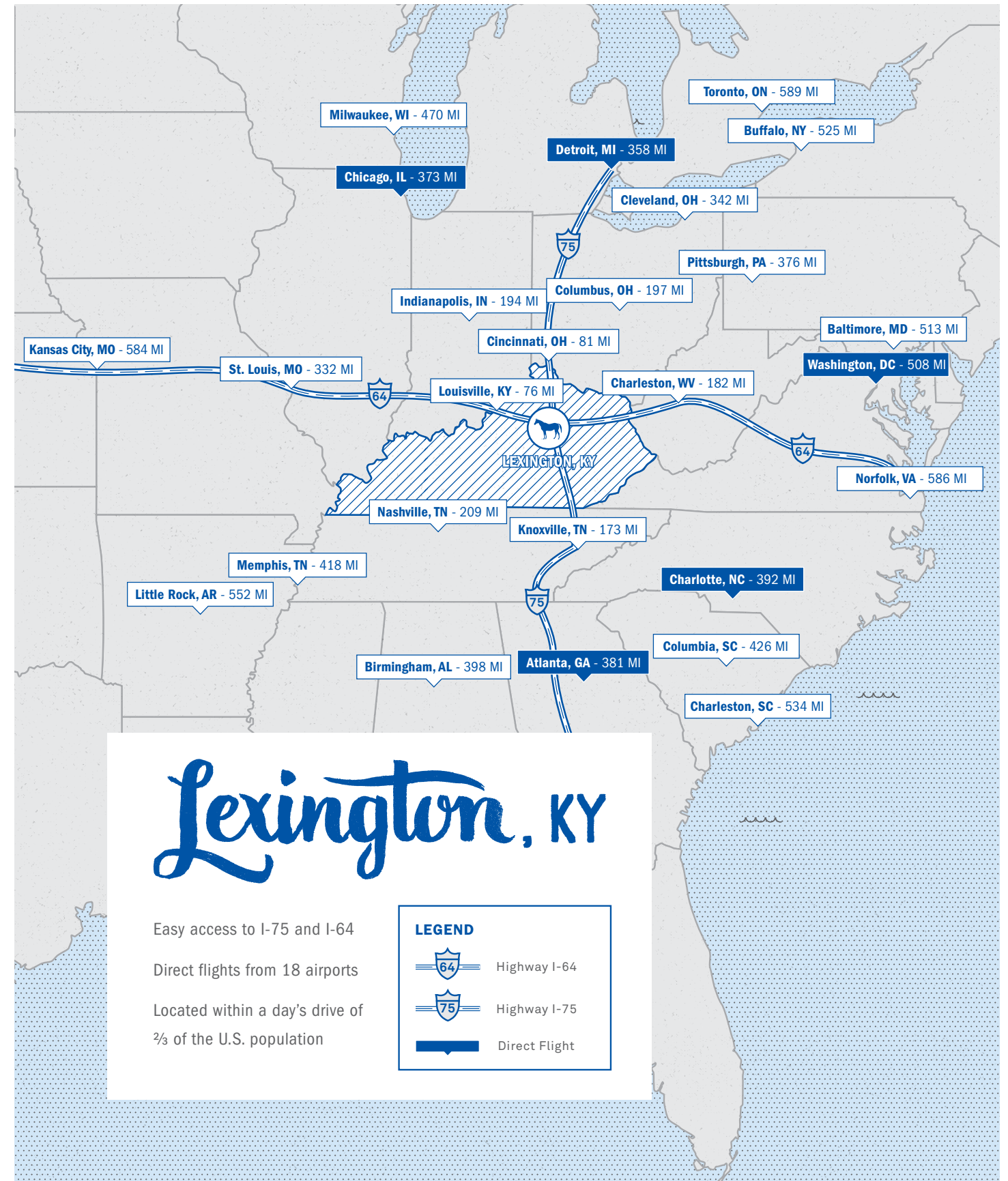


The Kentucky Castle



Taylor Made Farms

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK



BLUE GRASS AIRPORT

Traveling from Blue Grass Airport (LEX) is all about convenience. As the primary airport for central and eastern Kentucky, Blue Grass Airport offers non-stop commercial jet service from Lexington to major cities, as well as a full range of corporate and general aviation services.

Blue Grass Airport and our airline partners will work closely with you to ensure your event runs smoothly. And of course, as your guests arrive in Lexington, they will discover one of America's most exquisite air approaches amongst the rolling hills of internationally renowned horse farms. Let us welcome you to the heart of horse country.

Non-Stop Destinations

Blue Grass Airport is served by four major airlines providing convenient non-stop service to 17 destinations. With 80 daily flights, Lexington is virtually one connection from anywhere in the world. Blue Grass Airport provides non-stop service to the following destinations:

Atlanta – Delta Air Lines

Charlotte – American Airlines

Chicago (O'Hare) – American Airlines, United Airlines

Dallas – American Airlines

Destin – Allegiant

Detroit – Delta Air Lines

Ft. Lauderdale – Allegiant

Houston – United Airlines

Minneapolis – Delta Air Lines

Myrtle Beach – Allegiant

New York (LaGuardia) – Delta Air Lines

Orlando (Sanford) – Allegiant

Philadelphia – American Airlines

Punta Gorda (Ft. Myers) – Allegiant

Tampa Bay – Allegiant

Washington, DC (Dulles) – United Airlines

Washington, DC (Reagan) – Delta Air Lines

Business Facilities

Relax before or after your travels and enjoy a panoramic view of the airfield at The Club at Blue Grass. The Club offers travelers state-of-the-art meeting and conference facilities and complimentary snacks and beverages.

Meeting & Convention Group Benefits

Since you are considering hosting a meeting or convention in central Kentucky, please call us for a personalized tour of the airport. We've hosted groups of all sizes and would enjoy the opportunity to provide the following complimentary services for your next meeting or convention:

- Personal tour of airport for meeting planners
- Welcome greeting for your guests on television leading to Baggage Claim area
- Use of Welcome Center in Baggage Claim area to greet and/or register guests
- Use of The Club at Blue Grass as a VIP Greeting Area (catering available for additional fee)
- Premium limousine and bus service locations for guest pickup and drop-off



SEE WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

We think our city is special, but here's proof that we're not alone—many national publications have recognized Lexington as a top destination.

Here's what folks are saying about Lexington.

“Top Destinations on the Rise”

 tripadvisor®

“One of 9 U.S. Destinations to Visit in 2018”

VOGUE

“One of the South's Best Cities 2018”

Southern Living

“One of Zagat's 30 Most Exciting Food Cities in America”

ZAGAT

“If You Do Something Well, Celebrate It... No One Does Bourbon and Horse Racing Better Than Lexington”

The Washington Post



LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Additional Resources

VisitLEX Visitor Guide

<https://www.visitlex.com/about/visitor-guide/online/>

VisitLEX Beyond Grits

<https://www.visitlex.com/sp/flipbook/beyond-grits/?page=1>

VisitLEX YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnYmuqkQstmSHn14cdJMvQg>

#ShareTheLex

<https://sharethelex.com/>



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau
215 West Main Street, Suite 150 | Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 233-1221 | (800) 848-1224
Meetings@VisitLEX.com | [VisitLEX.com/Meet](https://www.visitlex.com/Meet)