

Paducah, KY

"Bourbon Tasting Trail" Itinerary

No one can say exactly who created this uniquely American drink or gave it the name "bourbon," but there's no denying our state's deep connection to this spirit. In the 1700s, Kentucky farmers began making whiskey from corn, but it wasn't until they started shipping it that it became known as bourbon. At the time, barrels were expensive and often reused. Not wanting their whiskey to taste like pickles, fish, or nails that some barrels were previously used for, they charred the insides to remove any unpleasant tastes or odors. During the whiskey's months-long journey down the Ohio River to the Mississippi and then on to New Orleans and beyond, the charred interiors of the barrels reacted with the whiskey giving it a golden amber color and a subtly sweet flavor. As the popularity of the drink grew and without a specific distiller's name attached to it, people just started calling it bourbon because the barrels were labeled as being made in Bourbon County, Kentucky. And the rest as they say is history. A very tasty one for sure.

Must-Stop Bourbon Spots

BARREL & BOND

100 Broadway St. | (270) 442-2663
barrelandbond.com

Kentucky's most famous spirit takes center stage at this bourbon-centric bar. Ask for one of their expertly crafted cocktails or choose from a list of more than 1,400 bourbons and American whiskeys.

THE FOXBRIAR COCKTAIL BAR

112 Broadway St. | (270) 933-1414
thefoxbriarbar.square.site

Enjoy a drink from a rotating menu of signature cocktails and an ambiance designed to match each theme.

THE OLD FASHIONED CIGAR BAR

217 Broadway St. | (270) 556-1450

The Old Fashioned Cigar Bar features a wide selection of cigars, smoking accessories, and signature cocktails.

STELLA'S

202 Broadway St. | (270) 534-5123
stellaspaducah.com

Located in the historic C.C. Cohen building, Stella's offers inspired cocktails and elevated comfort food created by Chef Casey Broussard.





Freight House

Dinner with a Side of Bourbon

FREIGHT HOUSE

330 S. Third St. #102 | (270) 908-0006
freighthousefood.com

Choose from a wide selection of bourbons, beers, and cocktails to pair with one of Chef Sara Bradley's masterful dishes blended from a variety of cuisines.

GRILL 211

211 Broadway St. | (270) 933-1707

Here, a menu of fresh seafood and prime beef dishes can be found alongside an eclectic selection of craft cocktails.

MAX'S BRICK OVEN CAFÉ

112 Market House Square | (270) 575-3473
maxsbrickovencafe.com

A landmark of Market House Square, Max's Brick Oven Café has been giving guests "casual dining with an accent" since 1998.

CYNTHIA'S RISTORANTE

125 Market House Square | (270) 443-3319
cynthiasristorante.com

Stop by and enjoy one of their nightly specials featuring fresh Veal, New Zealand Lamb, Prince Edward Island Mussels, a Wide Variety of Seafood, or Black Angus Beef.



Max's Brick Oven Cafe



Freight House



Barrel & Bond

A Night Cap of Entertainment

1857 HOTEL AND BAR

210 Kentucky Ave. | (270) 933-1857
1857hotel.com

The bar at this distinctive boutique hotel's Event Center offers a wide selection of wines, craft beers, and specialty cocktails.

THE JOHNSON BAR

133 S. Third St. | (270) 415-5329
thejohnsonbar.com

Sip a tasty, handcrafted cocktail while enjoying live music in this beautifully restored historic space.

THE CARSON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

100 Kentucky Ave. | (270) 450-4444
thecarsoncenter.org

Symphonies, plays, musicals, Broadway performances, and concerts can be enjoyed year-round at The Carson Center for the Performing Arts.

PADUCAH BEER WERKS

301 N. Fourth St. | (270) 933-1265
paducahbeerwerks.com

Set in the historic Greyhound Bus Station, Paducah Beer Werks produces award-winning beers, offers guest taps from other Kentucky breweries, and showcases a wide variety of live entertainers.

MARKET HOUSE THEATRE

132 Market House Square | (270) 444-6828
markethousetheatre.org

A cornerstone of creativity in Paducah, Market House Theatre has produced musicals, dramas and comedies in the historic 1905 Market House for more than six decades.



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