

Truly Inspired *Meetings and Conventions*

PADUCAH, KY



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UNESCO CREATIVE CITY



Expect Wall-to-Wall *Inspiration*



Nestled along the banks of the Ohio River, Paducah, KY, is a picturesque gem that has been recognized as a UNESCO Creative City for over 10 years. Finding a city that ignites inspiration at every corner is rare, yet Paducah delivers on all fronts with that famous Southern hospitality anchoring it all.

But Paducah isn't just a leisure destination — the incredible atmosphere you'll discover in the heart of America's Inland Waterways is practically begging to transform your next meeting, seminar, trade show or tournament into a memorable affair visitors will talk about for years. From spacious and versatile venues to comfortable lodging options, you'll be amazed at how Paducah can impact and inspire your next event.



📍 "Wall to Wall" Murals

5 Reasons TO MEET IN PADUCAH

1 UNESCO Creative City
One of nine UNESCO Creative Cities in the United States, Paducah is brimming with creative energy! Tap into this vibrant atmosphere and collaborate with local artists, artisans and entrepreneurs to create an unforgettable experience.

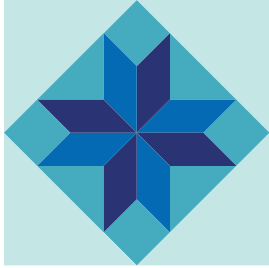
2 Convenience
Being a half-day's drive from four major cities also makes meeting in Paducah convenient. Barkley Regional Airport (PAH) offers daily direct flights, and getting around by foot, bike, trolley or bus is easy!

3 Unique Venues & Expo Center
Whether you're looking for a small meeting space in a historic location or a large, modern venue, Paducah is the perfect backdrop for your event. The Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center alone features approximately 100,000 square feet of flexible meeting space!

4 30+ Lodging Options
Paducah is home to more than 30 lodging options with over 2,000 hotel rooms in a 5-mile radius! If unique, locally owned lodging is more your style, plenty of options let you step back in time while enjoying modern comforts.

5 Affordability
A memorable event doesn't mean you have to drain your budget. Frequently voted one of the best small markets for meetings by third-party publications, Paducah features a wide range of amenities and services that guarantee more value per dollar than larger markets.

Attractions



While in Paducah, carve out some time between games or breakout sessions to explore the city's charming attractions. With a unique blend of history, art and natural beauty, Paducah features something for everyone to experience and make lasting memories during your event. Check out a few of Paducah's more well-known attractions and find more at www.paducah.travel.

The Heart of the Fiber Arts

These are not your grandma's quilts! A doorway to the contemporary quilt experience, the **National Quilt Museum** highlights some of the most stunning quilts from the United States and around the world. Your attendees will be awestruck by the hand-sewn masterpieces exhibited in these hallowed halls, a testament to fiber artists' hard work and unbelievable talent.

The National Quilt Museum

215 Jefferson St. • Paducah, KY 42001
(270) 442-8856 | quiltmuseum.org

On with the Show

Catching a Broadway show doesn't have to come at the price of a second mortgage. The Broadway Series at the **Carson Center** brings enthralling classics and brand-new musicals to Western Kentucky each season — and at a fraction of the cost compared to larger cities like New York and Chicago. See some of your favorite productions live on stage in a state-of-the-art performing arts center — a perfect way to cap a day spent in conference rooms.

Carson Center for the Performing Arts

100 Kentucky Ave. • Paducah, KY 42003
(270) 450-4444 | thecarsoncenter.org



Wall-to-Wall Legends

Adorning the city's floodwall along the Ohio and Tennessee rivers, the **"Wall to Wall" Murals** depict the fascinating history of Paducah through the masterful brushstrokes of painter Robert Dafford and his team. Illustrating the city's historical significance and long connection to creativity, the murals are accompanied by plaques that tell the story of each painting.

"Wall to Wall" Floodwall Murals

100 Water St. • Paducah, KY 42003
(270) 519-1321 | paducahwalltowall.com

History Comes to Life

Listed in the *Green Book*, the **Hotel Metropolitan** was once a famous stop for African American entertainers and luminaries — including Louis Armstrong, B.B. King, Ella Fitzgerald, Ike and Tina Turner, and Thurgood Marshall — throughout the 20th century before desegregation. Now a "Save America's Treasures" project, this gorgeously restored 1908 hotel invites guests to hear the stories of those who stayed within its walls through *Ms. Maggie's Memories*, a living history presentation named in honor of the hotel's founder, Ms. Maggie Steed.

Hotel Metropolitan

724 Oscar Cross Ave. • Paducah, KY 42003
(270) 443-7918 | dobs@bellsouth.net



Shopping

Looking for a souvenir to remember your event? Shopping in Paducah is an experience of its own — after all, the city was voted one of USA Today’s 10 Best Small Towns for Shopping. Featuring everything from Paducah-made creations to reclaimed treasures, your attendees will love the creative energy Paducah brings to the table (and their shopping carts).



Antique Shops

Centered around the historic Downtown and radiating outward throughout the city, antique shops and thrift stores around Paducah offer an incredible selection of treasures from a bygone era.



Big-Box Retail

Kentucky Oaks Mall, one of the area’s largest retail outlets, features more than 80 stores across 1.3 million square feet of retail space. Shop for a wide range of goods from familiar brands, including electronics, sporting goods and clothing.

Art Galleries & Collectives

The creativity that defines Paducah is on full display at art galleries and collectives, where established and emerging artists showcase their work via openings, exhibitions and other events.



Quilt & Fabric Shops

A trip to Quilt City is not complete without visiting one of the many quilt and fabric shops! These shops are brimming with everything your attendees need to create their own handsewn works of art and offer some much-needed respite between workshops or games.



Dining

Meeting and convention goers won't go hungry here. Paducah's trademark Western Kentucky BBQ tempts travelers from around the world. But that's not all that's on the menu — generations-old flavors come to life courtesy of culinary masters putting bold, creative spins on local fare. From Southern comfort foods to Cajun cuisine, your group will want to sample every delicious dish.

Big Ed's

701 N. Eighth St.
(270) 201-2494

Branch Out

713 Kentucky Ave.
(270) 443-7028

Broussard's Cajun Cuisine

123 N. Second St.
(270) 444-5220

The Cork Room

225 Broadway St.
(270) 443-2675

Doe's Eat Place

136 Broadway St.
(270) 443-9006

Flamingo Row

2640 Perkins Creek Dr.
(270) 442-0460

Freight House

330 S. Third St., #102
(270) 908-0006

Gold Rush Café

400 Broadway St.
(270) 443-4422

Kirchhoff's Bakery & Deli

118 Market House Square
(270) 442-7117

Max's Brick Oven Café

112 Market House Square
(270) 575-3473

Mellow Mushroom

3121 Broadway St.
(270) 933-1040

Mi Lindo Michoacan Mexican Grill

119 Market House Square
(270) 558-3062

Over/Under

314 Broadway St.
(270) 201-2047

Paducah Beer Werks

301 N. Fourth St.
(270) 933-1265

Pizza Inn

1001 Joe Clifton Dr.
(270) 442-7105

Starnes Barbecue

1008 Joe Clifton Dr.
(270) 444-9555

Stella's

202 Broadway St.
(270) 534-5123



Accommodations for Large and Small Groups

With more than 30 options and 2,000-plus hotel rooms within a 5-mile radius, the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau can package the right lodging to suit your event and ensure everyone gets enough rest for the busy days ahead.

Located conveniently next door to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center, the **Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront** offers prime lodging for meetings and conferences. This full-service, convention-class hotel promises spacious and comfortable guest rooms overlooking the river, plus a restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner along with easy access to the vibrant Downtown district.

Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront

600 N. Fourth St.
(270) 366-7614
ihg.com

Paducah's **Drury Inn** and **Drury Inn & Suites** also offer comfortable accommodations for attendees along with amenities like baggage handling, breakfast and a light dinner, which are included in room fees.

Drury Inn

3975 Hinkleville Rd.
(270) 443-3313
druryhotels.com

Drury Inn & Suites

2930 James Sanders Blvd.
(270) 441-0024
druryhotels.com

Other hotels ready to host your attendees include:

Auburn Place Hotel & Suites

3994 Hinkleville Rd.
(270) 444-7667

Comfort Suites

3918 Coleman Crossing Circle
(270) 408-8800

Country Inn & Suites

145 McBride Ln.
(270) 442-2201

Courtyard by Marriott

3835 Technology Dr.
(270) 953-7501

Fairfield Inn & Suites

3950 Coleman Crossing Circle
(270) 442-1700

Hampton Inn & Suites

3901 Coleman Crossing Circle
(270) 442-0200

Holiday Inn Express

3996 Hinkleville Rd.
(270) 442-8874

La Quinta Inn & Suites

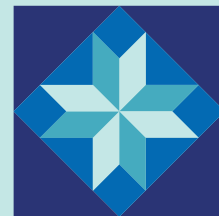
3960 Coleman Crossing Circle
(270) 443-4800

Quality Suites

2880 James Sanders Blvd.
(270) 442-2080

Residence Inn Paducah

3900 Coleman Crossing Circle
(270) 444-3966



Unforgettable Hideaways

Looking to book a more intimate stay? Paducah is home to numerous boutique hotels that promise memorable stays in unique and historic environs.

1857 Hotel & Events Center

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

The Belle Louise Historic Bed & Breakfast

304 N. Sixth St.
(270) 210-2553
bellelouisepaducah.com

The Dim Light

108 S. Third St.
(270) 559-0773
thedimlight.com

Paducah Harbor Plaza

117 N. Second St.
(270) 556-3094
phplaza.com

Market House Theatre Guest Apartments

132 Market House Square
(270) 444-6828
markethousetheatre.org/our-spaces

The Respite Bed & Breakfast

502 N. Fifth St.
(270) 709-2848
therespitebnb.com



Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center

Meeting Venues

From modern conference centers equipped with state-of-the-art technology to historic landmarks brimming with loads of character, Paducah is the perfect backdrop for your event.

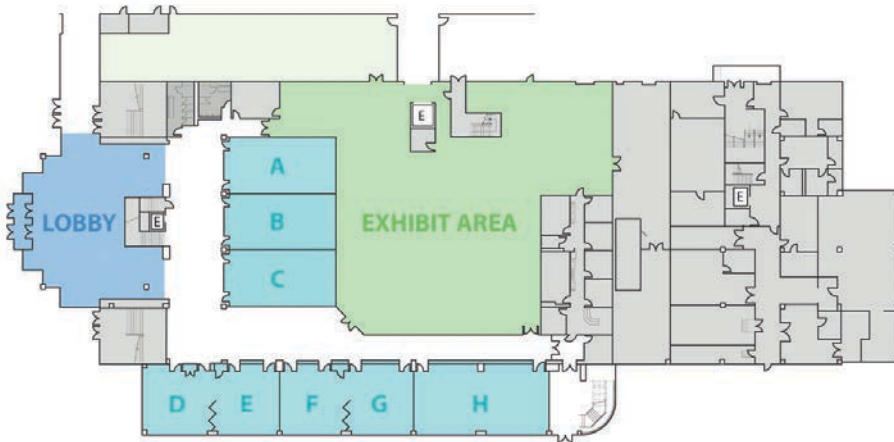
Large-Scale “Wow”

The **Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center** is a meeting planner’s dream when it comes to maximum flexibility and space. Located on the riverfront in Historic Downtown, some highlights of this creative space include:

- Approximately 100,000 square feet of flexible meeting space
- 52,007 square feet of total multipurpose indoor space (Convention Center)
- Nearly 40,000 square feet of drive-in capable, multipurpose space (Expo Center)
- 200 exhibit booth capacity (Expo Center)
- 2,000 max capacity in the largest event space
- 17 event rooms

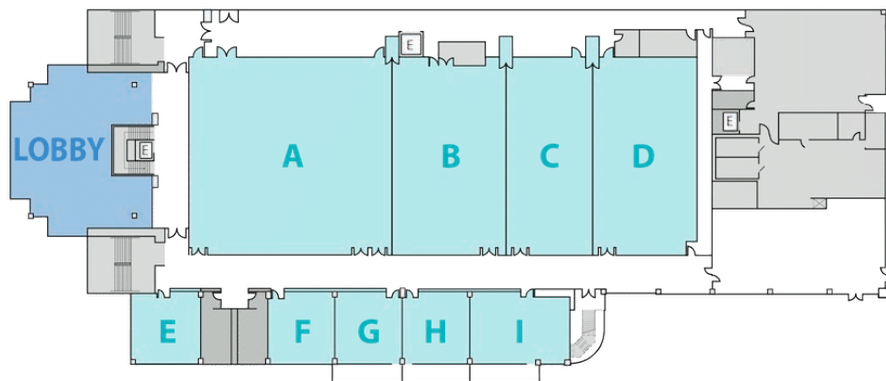
LOWER LEVEL CAPACITIES		
AREA	SIZE	SQ. FT.
LOBBY	63x75	4,725
A - McKINLEY	49x24	1,176
B - VAN BUREN	49x24	1,176
C - MADISON	49x24	1,176
D - ADAMS 1	30x30	900
E - ADAMS 2	30x30	900
F - ROOSEVELT 1	30x30	900
G - ROOSEVELT 2	30x30	900
H - EISENHOWER	65x30	1,950
EXHIBIT AREA	123x111	13,653

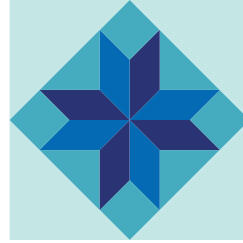
LOWER LEVEL



UPPER LEVEL CAPACITIES		
AREA	SIZE	SQ. FT.
LOBBY	63x75	4,725
A - OHIO	90x87	7,830
B - TENNESSEE	50x87	4,350
C - MISSISSIPPI	39x87	3,393
D - CUMBERLAND	47x87	4,089
E - LINCOLN	30x31	930
F - TRUMAN	29x31	899
G - WASHINGTON	29x31	899
H - JEFFERSON	30x31	930
I - KENNEDY	44x31	1,364

UPPER LEVEL





Small to Mid-Size Sensations

Paducah also knows how to showcase the city's creativity with memorable small and mid-sized events. These spaces range from hotels, beautiful parks and high-tech arts venues that can be adapted for meetings, reunions, weddings and business events.

Hotel/Motel Meeting Facilities	# of Rooms	Max Room Occupancy
Country Inn & Suites	1	40
Courtyard by Marriott	1	12
Drury Inn & Suites	2	12; 25
Fairfield Inn & Suites	1	40
Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront	2	10; 100
La Quinta Inn & Suites	1	150



Unique Meeting Venues	# of Rooms	Max Room Occupancy
1857 Hotel & Events Center	1	175
Broussard's Cajun Cuisine	2	25; 56
The Carson Center	4	1,806
Clemens Fine Arts Center (WKCTC)	1	400
Commerce Center	1	140
The Commonwealth Event Center	3	550
Crouse Hall 101 (WKCTC)	1	94
Echo Bridge Center	1	22 Tables
Emerging Technology Center (WKCTC)	4	225
The Grand Lodge on Fifth	2	300+
Haws Gymnasium (WKCTC)	1	300
Jonquil Place Events Center	1	100
Maiden Alley Cinema	1	114
Manea Vineyards	1	300
Market House Theatre	8	150
McCracken County Public Library	3	20; 20; 80
The National Quilt Museum	2	50 each
Paducah School of Art & Design (WKCTC)	2	15; 50
Purple Toad Winery	1	180
Renee's Event Center	3	150
The Respite Bed & Breakfast	3	100
Ritz Midtown	2	40; 125
River Discovery Center	1	75
Soiree's	1	7,500 sq. ft.
W.C. Young Community Center	1	150
Walker Hall Events Center	1	300
Yeiser Art Center	1	100



Game On

Having successfully hosted numerous club, collegiate and professional events, Paducah is equipped and ready to welcome your next sporting event! From college baseball games at historic Brooks Stadium to water skiing at Twin Oaks Lake, Paducah offers a variety of spaces that can accommodate tournaments, 5Ks, marathons and more.

TAKE IT TO MIDTOWN

Brooks Stadium Park

2400 Brooks Stadium Dr.
(270) 519-7845 | brooksstadium.com

Carson Park

300 N. 30th St.
(270) 444-4744 | mccrackencountyky.gov

Paducah Tilghman High School

2400 Washington St.
(270) 444-5650 | paducah.kyschools.us

Other Midtown Venues to Explore:

Bob Noble Park
Greenway Trail
Stuart Nelson Park

PADUCAH SPORTS PARK
Opening 2025

MAKE HISTORY DOWNTOWN

Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center

415 Park St.
(270) 408-1346 | paducahconventioncenter.com

Other Downtown Venues to Explore:

John W. Keiler Field
Ohio River Boat Launch

RULE THE WEST SIDE

McCracken County High School

6530 Old Hwy 60
(270) 538-4300 | mccracken.kyschools.us

Country Club of Paducah

6500 Turnberry Dr.
(270) 554-7914 | ccofpaducah.com

BATTLE IT OUT ON I-24

Twin Oaks Lake

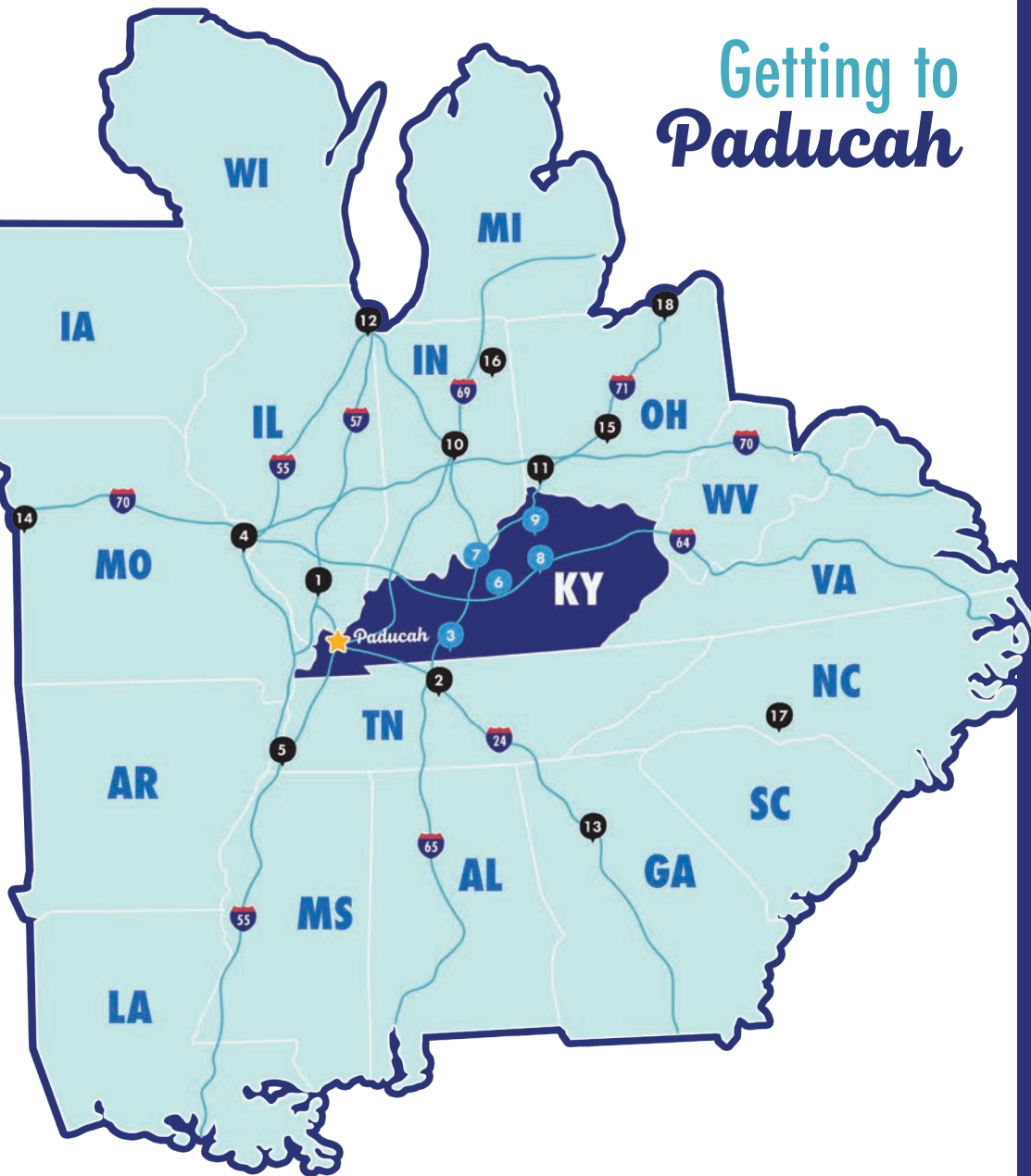
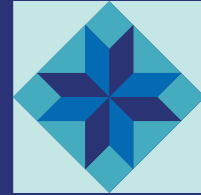
2345 Oaks Rd.
paducah.travel

Lakewood Gymnastics of Paducah

3803 Hinkleville Rd.
(270) 444-0862 | lakewoodgym.com



Getting to Paducah



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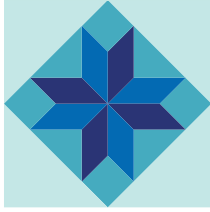
1. **MARION, IL**
54 MILES (1 HR, 1 MIN)
2. **NASHVILLE, TN**
135 MILES (2 HRS, 20 MINS)
3. **BOWLING GREEN, KY**
150 MILES (2 HRS, 30 MINS)
4. **ST. LOUIS, MO**
175 MILES (2 HRS, 40 MINS)
5. **MEMPHIS, TN**
185 MILES (3 HRS, 20 MINS)
6. **BARDSTOWN, KY**
195 MILES (3 HRS, 10 MINS)
7. **LOUISVILLE, KY**
215 MILES (3 HRS, 20 MINS)
8. **LEXINGTON, KY**
255 MILES (3 HRS, 55 MINS)
9. **ARK ENCOUNTER**
300 MILES (4 HRS, 40 MINS)
10. **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**
305 MILES (4 HRS, 40 MINS)
11. **CINCINNATI, OH**
315 MILES (4 HRS, 50 MINS)
12. **CHICAGO, IL**
375 MILES (5 HRS, 40 MINS)
13. **ATLANTA, GA**
380 MILES (6 HRS, 15 MINS)
14. **KANSAS CITY, MO**
420 MILES (6 HRS, 25 MINS)
15. **COLUMBUS, OH**
425 MILES (6 HRS, 25 MINS)
16. **FORT WAYNE, IN**
420 MILES (6 HRS, 30 MINS)
17. **CHARLOTTE, NC***
540 MILES (8 HRS, 55 MINS)
18. **CLEVELAND, OH**
560 MILES (8 HRS, 40 MINS)

Fly PAH!*

Barkley Regional Airport (PAH) has direct daily flights on Contour Airlines to and from Charlotte Douglas International Airport. For more information, visit flybarkley.com.

Get Around Paducah!

- Walkable historic downtown
- Trolley and bus rides throughout the area
- Cycle rentals from BikeWorld and Hooper's Outdoor Center
- Taxi, limo, rideshare, buses, charters and car rentals are also available



The Paducah CVB Sales Team *is here to maximize your experience.*

The Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau’s professional, experienced sales staff is eager to provide resources and guidance to make your Paducah meeting, conference, trade show or event a resounding success. This dedicated team is available to assist planners with meetings, groups, sporting events, conventions, reunions, weddings and conferences of any size. Let the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau help you envision an exceptional event as your personal concierge and connection to this UNESCO Creative City.

Contact the Paducah CVB for complimentary planning assistance and pre-event and on-site services, including:

- Serving as a liaison with the city for RFPs, site inspections and consultations
- Facilitating and assisting volunteer ambassadors to oversee on-site registration and provide guidance for attendees
- Marketing Paducah to attendees with complimentary maps, information and videos
- Connecting with local political, educational and business leaders as well as local media contacts
- Developing new ideas to maximize opportunities for free time, spouse programs and voluntourism
- Assisting in the coordination of transportation needs and informational resources
- Providing co-working spaces and conference rooms



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Festivals & Events

APRIL

AQS QuiltWeek
Dogwood Trail Celebration

MAY

Water of Life Festival
Lower Town Arts & Music Festival
Cinema Systems Film Festival

JUNE

McCracken County Fair
Paducah Pride

JULY

Independence Day Celebration

AUGUST

Eighth of August Emancipation Celebration
River's Edge International Film Festival

SEPTEMBER

Barbecue on the River

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Christmas in Paducah

For more event planning resources — including our comprehensive Event Planner Toolkit — visit www.paducah.travel/meetings.

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