

PADUCAH



City of Crafts & Folk Art

UNESCO CREATIVE CITY



Celebrate Quilting



Experience Paducah



Savor Local Flavor

Creativity is the common thread that connects people from around the world to Paducah, Kentucky's rich American heritage and globally-celebrated culture.

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Paducah Signature Experiences

Create an itinerary with our collection of new and immersive tours, performances and hands-on experiences exclusively for groups.

Amazing Fiber Art & A Creative Stitch

Go behind the scenes at the [NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM](#) to discover the greatest fiber art in the world, quilts that are not the kind our grandmothers used to make. Then take your inspiration to the classroom.

VIP tour and art card fusion experience

Min/Max - 15/50 • Approx. 90 minutes
Starting at \$12/person

VIP tour and custom quilt block creation

Min/Max - 10/30 • Approx. 90-120 minutes
Starting at \$20/person



Paducah's Rivers – Highway of Heritage

Journey on America's inland waterways from the era of Paducah's earliest inhabitants to the City's modern day life on the river. Captivating stories, interactive exhibits, live river music and more at the [RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER](#).

Guided tour with River Captain Interview

Min/Max - 15/50 • Approx. 90 minutes
Starting at \$10/person

Add-ons: Boxed meal, dinner, musicians, gift bag



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The Art of Creating Community*

Named the most popular attraction in Kentucky by Trip Advisor, Paducah's "WALL-TO-WALL" FLOODWALL MURALS project provides testimony that public art can transform a town and augment its sense of place.

Walking tour of "Wall-to-Wall"

Floodwall Murals

Min/Max - 10/50 • Approx. 45 minutes

Starting at \$50/group

* This experience may also be abbreviated if combined with a step-on guided city tour. Murals may be narrated from within the motorcoach.



Ms. Maggie's Memories*

Serving as an African American hotel during segregation, the HOTEL METROPOLITAN comes alive through the world-famous musicians, entertainers and sports figures who stayed on the 2nd floor. Ms. Maggie Steed, the hotel's operator, will introduce stories of a segregated culture.

Guided tour and authentic soul food tasting

Min/Max - 10/15 • Approx. 45-90 minutes

Starting at \$10/person (includes coffee, tea, chess pie)

Add-ons: Lunch, dinner, entertainer

* This experience may be paired with Paducah's Untold Civil War Story (below) to accommodate larger groups and provide a longer overall experience.



Paducah's Untold Civil War Story*

Prepare to be amazed at the significant influence Paducah had on the outcome of the Civil War. Generals U.S. Grant and others made their astounding contributions to history here. These stories are now told at the LLOYD TILGHMAN HOUSE & CIVIL WAR MUSEUM.

Guided tour with retired Air Force Colonel

Min/Max - 10/15 • Approx. 45 minutes

Starting at \$3/person

* This experience may be paired with Ms. Maggie's Memories (above) to accommodate larger groups and provide a longer overall experience.



Celebrate Quilting

Discover the depth of the fiber art experience year-round through the renowned events and attractions of Quilt City USA®.

Paducah is home to the
[NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM](#),
[AMERICAN QUILTER'S SOCIETY](#)
 and the original
[AQS QUILTWEEK - PADUCAH](#).

April 22-25, 2020 | April 21-24, 2021

AQS QuiltWeek Group Admission Rates:

- Daily \$10
- 2-Day \$18
- Multi-Day \$30

*Available at least 30 days in advance.

* Minimum of 25 for group rates.

Complete your itinerary with group-friendly events and year-round attractions including:

- The National Quilt Museum
- Hancock's of Paducah
- Rotary Antique Quilt Show (Spring)
- Yeiser Art Center Fantastic Fibers International Exhibition (Spring)
- Paducah School of Art & Design Fiber Art Exhibitions (Spring)
- Quilt Man Step-On Guided Tour



Fantastic Fibers at Yeiser Art Center



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Savor Local Flavor

Paducah's group-friendly culinary options include:

- In Historic Downtown, [MARKET HOUSE SQUARE](#) presents a collection of locally-owned restaurants in close proximity—perfect opportunities for on-your-own dining and shopping.
- [GROUP DINING EXPERIENCES](#) include entertainment/meal combinations building upon Paducah Signature Experiences and key cultural venues.
- [CRAFT BEER, WINE & SPIRITS](#) add to Paducah's palate through distinctive facilities offering a look into the creative process paired with tastings of expertly crafted beverages.

The map below highlights Historic Downtown Paducah and the Lower Town Arts District along with attractions and group dining referenced in this profile.



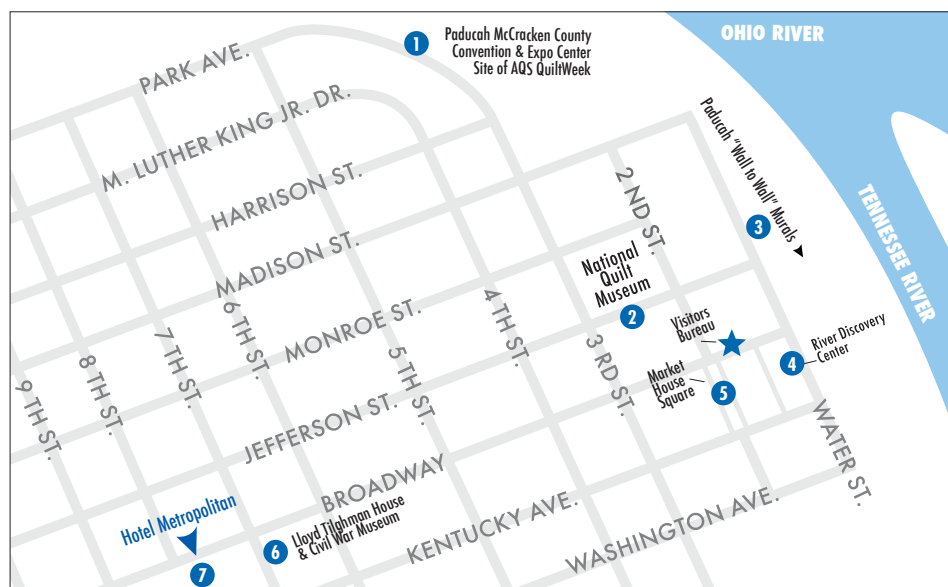
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- 1 Paducah McCracken County Convention & Expo Center
- 2 National Quilt Museum
- 3 Paducah "Wall to Wall" Murals
- 4 River Discovery Center
- 5 Market House Square
- 6 Lloyd Tilghman House & Civil War Museum
- 7 Hotel Metropolitan

The Paducah CVB can customize an interactive map for your group's visit to Paducah.

Maps can be distributed digitally or by print to lead your clients to the points of interest on your local itinerary.



Complete Your Itinerary

Step-On Guided City Tours

Make the most of your time in Paducah. Discover some of our most beautiful, scenic areas and famous landmarks. From Paducah's one-of-a-kind "Wall-to-Wall" Floodwall Murals to Market House Square and Historic Downtown, you'll get to know our city with a passionate Paducahan as your guide.

Whitehaven Welcome Center

One of the finest Classical Revival structures in Kentucky and the only historic home serving as an interstate Welcome Center, this restored Southern mansion features period furnishings and former Vice President Alben W. Barkley memorabilia.

Group tours are available and can be paired with a step-on guided tour.

Performing Arts

From award-winning community theatre to touring Broadway productions, faith-based series and a professional orchestra-in-residence, Paducah's venues contribute to the diversity of ongoing cultural offerings. Plan on a performance with Market House Theatre, Clemens Fine Arts Center, the Carson Center or Paducah Symphony Orchestra by contacting the Paducah CVB.

Annual Festivals & Events

Lower Town Arts & Music Festival

May 15-16, 2020 | May 14-15, 2021

PaBREWcah Beer Fest

June 6, 2020

Barbecue on the River

Sept. 24-26, 2020 | Sept. 23-25, 2021

Maiden Alley Oktoberfest

October 17, 2020 | October 16, 2021

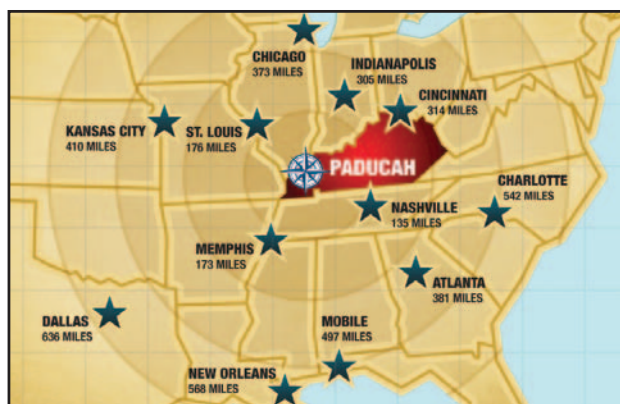
Why Paducah?

UNESCO Creative City

The United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization designated Paducah one of the world's Creative Cities in 2013 for its important role in connecting cultures through creativity, particularly in the fine craft of quilt-making. As one of nine Creative Cities in the U.S., Paducah is committed to immersing group tours in the authentic cultural characteristics that give credence to global UNESCO designation.

Award-Winning Paducah

- 10 Charming American Towns that Aren't Famous Yet (But Will Be Soon) - *Travel + Leisure*
- Southern Towns with Real Character - *USA Today*
- 15 Most Beautiful Main Streets in America - *Architectural Digest*
- The South's Best Museums (National Quilt Museum) - *Southern Living*
- Underrated Southern Towns You Need to Be Spending a Lot More Time In - *Thrillist*
- America's Most Artistic Towns - *Expedia*



Geographically Centered

Paducah is located halfway between Nashville and St. Louis on I-24. Paducah is also a midway point between Chicago and New Orleans and is a relevant inclusion in an American music tour, which can also include Memphis, Nashville, Branson, and Owensboro.

For more event planning and group-friendly resources, visit paducah.travel/groups.



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