



**BUCKEYE MIATA CLUB PRESENTS  
THE 2019 BLUEGRASS AND BOURBON TOUR  
MAY 17 & 18**



This tour has proven to be popular for the last three years. Meet at the Cracker Barrel at Stringtown Road & I-71 May 17 at 8:15 AM for a departure at 8:30 AM. We will be taking US 62 all the way to Bluegrass Country. After we cross the Ohio River at Maysville, KY the road becomes quite twisty with many tight turns. We will have a catered lunch at Bianke's Restaurant in Cynthiana, KY. I will call in head count before we leave Columbus. After lunch we will have an escorted tour of the Bluegrass by my brother Jerry who has lived in the area for a long time. He knows every back road in the area and will take us by many horse farms on our way to the Gardens at Ashland Estate. Formal gardens have been a part of the estate since the days of Henry Clay himself. The famous 19th-century statesman collected landscaping ideas while on trips of state to England. The current half-acre garden, designed to reflect the style of a formal garden of Clay's era, was begun in 1950 and is maintained by the Garden Club of Lexington. It is free and open to the public.



Friday night I have arranged for a catered dinner of Good Ole Kentucky BBQ at a country estate just outside of Georgetown in the bluegrass country. You can bring your own bourbon or other spirit but beer, wine, soft drinks and iced tea are provided in the cost of the meal which is \$15 per person.



Georgetown, KY will be our base for hotels for the evening. Go to **Hotels.com** for the best deal. I'll be staying at the Best Western but there are many hotels in the area to meet everyone's budget and needs. Friday evening we will rendezvous at the Georgetown Hilton Garden Inn at 5:15 and ride out in the country for the dinner.

Saturday morning we will rendezvous again at the Georgetown Hilton Garden Inn at 9:15 AM for a ride out for a tour (\$10/per person) of the Old Friends Farm, a Thoroughbred Retirement Facility. Founded in 2003, the organization has grown from a leased paddock and one horse to a 136-acre farm, and herd of over 175 rescued and retired horses.



After the tour of the horse farm we'll head over to Goose & Gander in Midway for lunch.



Finally, we'll end our day with a tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery. It is one of the best tours in Kentucky and is free. After Buffalo Trace the tour is officially over, but some may want to check out other distilleries or attractions in the area and spend another night. <http://www.visitlex.com>

***I need a head count for reservations. Please call or text John McAlister at 614-620-1500 if you think you're going to go on this tour. More details will follow.***