Lexington



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Lexington is known as the "Horse Capitol of the World", and after seeing the rolling acres dotted with beautiful farms, it is easy to understand why. The feeling when seeing the beautiful animals approach their fences to peer curiously at your car as your ride by can barely be put into words. Remember... Lexington is home to the Kentucky Horse Park, the Red Mile, and Keeneland race courses.

But Lexington is not just about equestrian ventures. Lexington hosts the University of Kentucky and its Wildcats, harsh rivals to the Louisville Cardinals, about an hour away.

When visiting this beautiful area, a base close to all of the action is definitely in order.



When traveling, whether for business or pleasure, one of the most fantastic finds is a hotel that literally makes one feel "at home". A property can have all of the amenities in the world and be awarded with every accolade know to the hospitality universe, but if it isn't a place where you can unpack, settle in, and feel instantly at ease, then you are missing a HUGE part of your getaway.

Luckily, this Ramada property completely fits the bill. What starts the experience off is its convenience! It is just off interstates 64 and 75, and it is minutes away from literally anything you may wish to do in Lexington. It is also very convenient to neighboring cities, such as Frankfort or Versailles.

And this entire property is being upgraded! The rooms are very tastefully appointed and supply all of the comforts of home... including complimentary Wifi, a nice seating area, and a work station. Luxurious suites are also available, if you wish to experience even more of what this lovely Ramada has to offer.

And then begin the amenities. I was completely blown away by what is offered. This is almost a resort destination... right here in Lexington! I could come here and stay an entire weekend, with no desire to ever leave. In the summer, there is a sparkling outdoor pool, with shuffleboard nearby to spend a relaxing day outdoors. And inside is a gorgeous domed area,

with a heated indoor swimming pool, a hot tub, and yes... a SAUNA! And if all of this relaxation makes you feel a bit guilty, a state-of-the-art fitness center is right next door. Yes, they have truly thought of everything... including a business center.

The Ramada offers a delectable breakfast buffet at their in-house restaurant, Sigee's. The bounty includes everything from scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, cereal, fruit, and a vast selection of pastries. Sigee's is also open for lunch dinner, and they offer great happy hour specials at the bar.

When I said that this Ramada has it all, I was not exaggerating. You may also plan your next meeting, party, or other function here. With a nice array of spaces that will meet your individual needs, hosting your event will be a breeze!

When staying in or near the Lexington area, the Ramada North is the ideal hotel for relaxation, comfort, and the level of friendliness that only Ramada can provide.

Book your next stay **<u>HERE</u>** or by calling (859) 299-1261.

And as I mentioned, the Ramada is just a short ride to other close cities with plenty to offer. It would be a shame to be SO close and not have a sip of bourbon... or two.



The Woodford Reserve Distillery is located in beautiful Versailles, Kentucky, amidst picturesque horse farms and rolling bluegrass.

The distillery is the oldest and smallest working bourbon distillery in existence. It is also a treasured National Historic Landmark. With such notable distinctions, the only way to truly comprehend its unique qualities is to visit for yourself!

The distillery offers several different public tours. You may learn about the history of bourbon, the bottling process, the architecture of the property, and actually see the process in motion at times. And of course, you may taste the famous Woodford Reserve. There is also a wonderful visitor center and gift shop available for even more of a Woodford Reserve experience!

And the bourbon is not the only thing you can taste at the distillery! During Christmas, a delicious holiday meal is available, served in a romantic, historical setting, with offerings like grilled salmon, roasted prime rib, and a selection of bountiful sides and desserts. In the summer, experience the Picnic on the Porch, complete with signature sandwiches, snacks, and desserts, overlooking the beautiful distillery property.

Make your plans to visit today! You may visit <u>online</u>, or call (859) 879-1812.

With so much to see and do, make sure to add Lexington, Kentucky to your "getaway" list.