



Louisville, KY



Louisville, Kentucky, is located along the Ohio River on the Kentucky and Indiana border. The city was founded by George Rogers Clark in 1778 and was named for King Louis XVI of France in appreciation of his assistance during the Revolutionary War.

Recognized by the 120-foot-tall World's Biggest Baseball Bat leaning against the building, the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is located on Museum Row and offers factory and museum tours. Exhibits at the Frazier Museum, also on Museum Row, explore American history. The 21C Museum Hotel collects and exhibits only 21st century art. The Kentucky Science Center features KentuckyShow!, which is a 32-minute large-screen multimedia experience. The Muhammad Ali Center is a multicultural center that has an interactive museum dedicated to his life. The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft focuses on contemporary art and craft and is undergoing renovations scheduled for completion in spring 2016.

Other Louisville museums include the Filson Historical Society, which contains documents, books, and museum items that tell the story of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley region. The collection at the Speed Art Museum, which is undergoing an expansion project through 2016, spans from ancient Egyptian to contemporary art. The Portland Museum focuses on Louisville's river heritage. The 849 Gallery at Kentucky College of Art and Design at Spalding University and the Hite Art Institute at University Of Louisville provide exhibition programs for their students and the community in their galleries.

Historic home museums include Locust Grove, the Georgian mansion built in 1792 by William and Lucy Clark Croghan, exemplifies early Kentucky architecture. The 1837 Farnsley-Moremere House is the centerpiece of the 300-acre historic Riverside site and focuses on the role of Ohio River agriculture. The 1850s shotgun-style Thomas Edison House was his home while employed at Western Union and now exhibits many of his inventions. The Victorian Conrad-Caldwell House Museum was built in the 1890s and contains a large collection of antiques from that time, including many of the original families' pieces.

The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts (Whitney Hall, Bomhard Theater, MeX Theater, and W.L. Lyons Brown Theatre) is home to the Louisville Orchestra, Kentucky Opera, Louisville Ballet, Stage One Family Theatre, and PNC Bank Broadway in Louisville, as well as many community theaters and Kentucky Center Presents performances. Actors Theatre presents approximately 20 productions during its year-round season of contemporary and classical shows. The Louisville Palace Theater offers touring Broadway attractions and presentations from local, national, and international performing artists. The historic Central Park C. Douglass Ramey Amphitheater is the venue for the free summertime Kentucky Shakespear Festival. The Iroquois Amphitheater located in Iroquois Park hosts a variety of performing arts and cultural programs.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Situated within the Watterson Expressway loop, downtown Louisville is bisected by an interstate highway. Mixed-use, multi-family developments are located on the east side of the highway near many of the city's hospitals and on the west side near the Ohio River. Also within the loop, the Old Louisville preservation district consists of about 48 city blocks and features narrow lots with large homes built in Richardsonian Romanesque, Italian Renaissance Revival, and Colonial Revival styles and smaller homes in Queen Anne and Craftsman styles. Clifton, another preservation district, expanded over a long period beginning in the 1850s; houses range from one to three stories and reflect such architectural styles as shotgun, American Four Square, Italianate, Queen Anne, Tudor Gothic, and Bungalow Craftsman. Crescent Hill was developed between 1890 and 1920 and offers a mix of Victorian, Bungalow, Foursquare, and Craftsman housing styles. Architectural styles in the Highlands neighborhoods include Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and Tudor. The Cherokee Triangle preservation district offers rolling topography and Cherokee Park amidst a variety of housing styles.

Outside the Watterson Expressway loop, Norton Commons is a new traditional neighborhood built to resemble an old-fashioned urban community. Houses are situated on small lots with front porches and a village center. The large and expanding golf course communities of Polo Fields and Lake Forest offer luxury homes and other amenities. Homes in the Springhurst subdivision are primarily traditional two-story styles, with an occasional ranch-style; sculptures decorate its White Blossom Boulevard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Metro Parks consists of 123 parks and amenities that include 12 community centers, 2 art centers, 2 senior centers, 9 public golf courses, skate park, playgrounds,

swimming and wading pools, basketball and tennis courts, baseball and football fields, hockey rinks, horseback riding, and more than 30 miles of bike lanes. The Louisville Community Boathouse provides canoeing, kayaking, and rowing opportunities and a site to launch and store boats. Eva Bandman Park features a cyclocross venue, which combines different types of bicycle racing elements.

The historic Churchill Downs Racetrack hosts the annual Kentucky Derby in May and other horse races during the year. The Kentucky Derby Museum follows every stage of a thoroughbred's life and contains artifacts and library materials covering the history and traditions of the Derby. The Oaks Garden Terrace permanent stable houses the resident miniature horse and a thoroughbred. The Kentucky Derby Festival begins in the weeks preceding the Derby and includes 70 events, such as Thunder Over Louisville (a massive fireworks show), a marathon, steamboat race, fashion show, other sporting events, and concerts.

The Louisville Zoological Gardens exhibits more than 1,500 animals in natural settings representing zoogeographical areas, specific habitat types, and special education areas.

Louisville is famous for bourbon. The Urban Bourbon Trail, which is centered in the downtown with stops in other neighborhoods, includes historic hotel properties that served Al Capone and F. Scott Fitzgerald, as well as new establishments.

Louisville Bats is the city's professional baseball team. Valhalla Golf Club is home to the Ryder Cup, the PGA Championship, and the Senior PGA Championship.

EDUCATION

Jefferson County Public Schools educates 100,600 students in 91 elementary schools, 27 middle schools, 22 high schools, and 28 special schools.

The University of Louisville offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in schools of medicine, dentistry, law, and business. Sullivan University is the state's largest independent four-year institution and offers degrees in pharmacy, nursing, health sciences, and other fields. Bellarmine University and Spalding University have Roman Catholic affiliations and offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Jefferson Community and Technical College offers associate degrees; pre-baccalaureate education; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; adult, continuing, and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

Boyce College, Louisville Seminary, Simmons College of Kentucky, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Evangel Christian College/SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary are bible colleges located in Louisville.

HEALTH CARE

Louisville is served by the following hospitals:

- Baptist Health Louisville: 519 licensed beds
 - KentuckyOne Health-Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare: 462 licensed beds
 - KentuckyOne Health-University of Louisville Hospital: 384 licensed beds
 - Norton Healthcare-Norton Audubon Hospital: 432 licensed beds
 - Norton Healthcare-Norton Brownsboro Hospital: 127 licensed beds
 - Norton Healthcare-Norton Hospital: 905 licensed beds (includes Norton Healthcare-Kosair Children's Hospital)
 - Norton Women's and Kosair Children's Hospital: 373 licensed beds
 - Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital: 298 licensed beds
- Louisville is also served by 4 psychiatric facilities, a long-term acute care facility, a rehabilitation facility, and the Robley Rex Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

CITY STATS

2014

City Population	612,780
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	1,269,702
Per capita personal income, Louisville/Jefferson County, MSA:	\$42,996