

Mystery Tour - The Wacky, the Wild and the Wonderful FIT

Every region has its fair share of people, places and even foods that fall into the categories of wacky, wild and wonderful. All of the attractions on this Mystery Tour fall into one of those three classifications...in fact, some attractions fall into all three!

DAY 1

4:00 pm – Arrive and check in at [Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park](#) (KDV), Gilbertsville, KY. The park's cottages remind visitors that this was once a village with its very own post office...and it still is! Stop by and mail a postcard to the folks back home.

6:00 pm – After settling into your room, enjoy dinner at the Harbor Lights Restaurant, where the food and waterscape are both stellar.

7:00 pm – Stretch your legs with a stroll down to the water, visit the hotel gift shop or have a nightcap at the Harbor Lights Lounge. Get a good night's sleep, tomorrow is a busy day.

DAY 2

8:00 am – Greet the day from your private patio/balcony and head downstairs for a hearty breakfast. This buffet has everything to suit your fancy, and more!

9:00 am – Depart for Kentucky Dam. Enjoy a drive over the last dam on the main-stem of the Tennessee River. One of the river's nine major dams, it took six years to construct and was completed in 1944. There are a total of 49 dams throughout the Tennessee River system.

9:15 am - Arrive at [Kentucky Dam](#) . Learn about its history and its mystery at the dam's visitor center (COVID-19 precautions may apply). Snap a photo with the giant propeller and perhaps catch a glimpse of the dam's resident American white pelicans.

10:00 am – Depart for Grand Rivers, Kentucky

10:15 am – Arrive at the [Village of Grand Rivers](#), for shopping and a mouthwatering lunch. Start by wandering through the boutiques and taking a ride on the trolley.

12:00 – Head to [Patti's 1880's Restaurant](#), recognized by *Southern Living* as one of the most outstanding non-chain restaurants in the southeast, for a delightful meal.

If you're familiar with the story of the phoenix rising from the ashes, you will be astonished at the true story of this restaurant recovering from a 2018 fire that left the fate of this 40 year-old community icon in jeopardy. Ask your server to tell you!

1:30 pm – Take a turn around the Patti's gift shops, stroll through gorgeous gardens, play a round of miniature golf or walk over to the scenic marina. There's lots to see in Grand Rivers!

For future trips, Grand Rivers' annual festivals include:

- [Quilt Show](#)
- [Hometown Holiday](#)
- [Festival of Lights](#)

4:00 pm - Depart for the Elk and Bison Prairie (open till dusk) in Land Between the Lakes National Recreation area.

4:30 pm – Arrive at [Elk and Bison Prairie](#) where 700 enclosed acres are home to re-established herds of elk and bison, which have thrived in western Kentucky since 1996. (small fee)

5:30 pm – Depart for KDV

6:00 pm – Arrive at KDV for a great dinner.

DAY 3

7:30 am – Another yummy breakfast at the buffet – today's challenge is to try something new! Snap a photo and make everyone back home jealous.

8:30 am – Depart for Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Humphreys County, Tennessee.

11:00 am – Arrive at [Loretta Lynn's Kitchen](#) and gift shop. Check out all of the country music stars' photos as you make your way to and from the hearty country cooking buffet.

12:00 – It's not every day that you get to tour the home of the Queen of Country Music! Start at the museum, which will also be a treat for fans of Conway Twitty and Patsy Cline, or the home tour, but don't skip the cabin from *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

3:00 pm - Depart Loretta Lynn's Ranch

3:30 pm – Arrive at [Johnsonville State Historic Park](#). Your step-on Ranger guide will share the history of the Battle of Johnsonville, when a 23-day raid through West Tennessee culminated with an explosive attack on a base brimming with munitions.

4:30 pm – Depart for Camden, TN. Enjoy the “Battle of Johnsonville,” DVD on your ride through scenic West Tennessee.

5:00 pm - You learned several things about Patsy Cline today at Loretta's. Let's take a look at her memorial on the site of her tragic plane crash in Camden at the [Patsy Cline Memorial](#).

5:30pm - Depart Camden for [Paris, Tennessee](#).

6:00 pm - Arrive at [Eiffel Tower Park](#) to stretch your legs and enjoy a photo op under the 70' tall [Eiffel Tower](#). In warm weather, kiddos will beg to play at the Splash Pad. Go ahead, it's so fun!

When you finish, head over to [Sweet Jordan's Baked Goodies and Ice Cream Shop](#). Delight in some homemade ice cream or something savory while the little ones enjoy the indoor play area, outfitted like an old-fashioned downtown. Otherwise, it's time to head to PerryLogic Brewery.

6:20 pm - Depart for PerryLogic Brewery

6:30 pm – Arrive at [PerryLodgic Brewery](#) for a dinner of distinctive pub fare and brewery tour, with owners Jonathan Lodge and Randall Perry. Peep through the big window at their cool operation.

7:30 pm – Depart PerryLodgic Brewery

For future trips, annual festivals in Paris include:

- [Wings of Winter Birding Festival](#)
- [Holly Jolly Electric Christmas Parade and Festival](#)
- [Tennessee River Jam](#)
- [World's Biggest Fish Fry](#)

8:00 pm – Arrive back at KDV for a stroll, a pillow and a good night's sleep. Afterall, you've had a big day!

DAY 4

This is your last day, and it should be a great one. Stay near the Kentucky Dam Village today and enjoy the many activities on the grounds. From swimming to golfing to boating (yep, rentals are available) to fishing, this is the spot. Did you say hiking? [Land between the Lakes](#) is just 12 miles away with 200+ miles of trails through backwoods and lakeshores.

The [Nature Station](#) at Land between the Lakes is a huge hit with kids and grownups alike. Got a question? You're in the right place. Everyone who works here lives to share information with you more about the wolves, owls, deer and other wildlife who live at this educational center.

DAY 5

8:00 am – Enjoy one more big breakfast before heading home. It was our pleasure to have you as our guests in the Lakes Region. Tell your friends and come back soon!