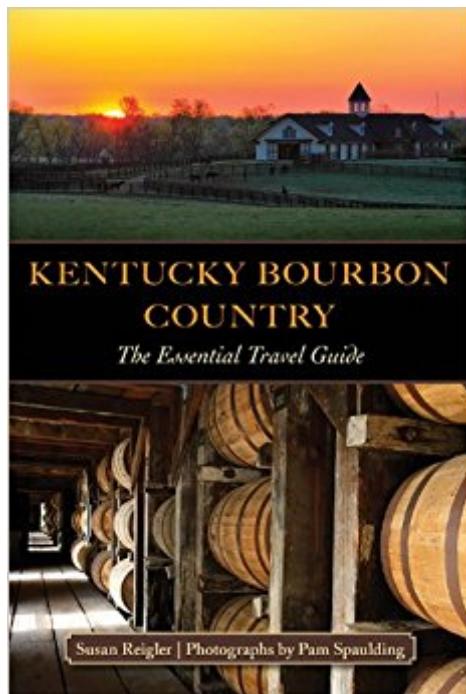


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Kentucky Bourbon Country: The Essential Travel Guide



Synopsis

Like wine lovers who dream of traveling to Bordeaux or beer enthusiasts with visions of the breweries of Belgium, bourbon lovers plan their pilgrimages to Kentucky's bourbon country. And what a country it is! Some of the most famous distilleries are tucked away in the scenic countryside of the Bluegrass region, stretching between Louisville, Bardstown, and Lexington. Locals and tourists alike seek out the finest flavors of Kentucky as interest in America's only native spirit continues to grow. In Kentucky Bourbon Country, Susan Reigler offers essential information and practical advice to anyone considering a trip to the state's distilleries or to the restaurants and bars on the Urban Bourbon Trail. Featuring more than 150 full-color photographs and a bourbon glossary, the book is organized by region and provides valuable details about the Bluegrass—including attractions near each distillery and notes on restaurants, lodging, shopping, and seasonal events in Kentucky's beautiful historic towns. In addition to providing knowledge about each point of interest, Kentucky Bourbon Country weaves in little-known facts about the region's best-kept secrets, such as the historic distillery used as a set in the movie *Stripes* and the surprising ingredient in the mint juleps served at the Kentucky Derby. Whether you're interested in visiting the place where your favorite bourbon is made or hoping to discover exciting new varieties, this handy and practical guide discovering the best of bourbon.

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I had ordered this book awhile back in order to have it in time for my trip to Kentucky the beginning

of October 2013, but the publishing date was moved back and I didn't get it in time for the trip. Bummer. We had planned out our long weekend trip with friends to include 4 or 5 distilleries, and the trip was a success. The Willet and Woodford distilleries are good examples of the industry and not to be missed. The two smaller places we hit, Barrel House and Old Pogue, aren't mentioned in this book but are listed on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail map online. Since there are only fourteen distilleries in the state right now, I was surprised to not see them there (although small craft maker Barrel House, while making and aging bourbon, hasn't sold any yet as it's still waiting for their 6 year aging to complete). The book itself is well made, uses heavy weight glossy paper, and has a nice binding and cover. It's a 6 x 9 inch format, a good size for bringing with you to Kentucky. As a "travel guide" one would expect a lot of pictures, and this book does not disappoint. The hundreds of photos give a good idea of what each distillery is like and includes many pictures of the surrounding areas also. The trip to Woodford Reserve through bluegrass horse country is especially nice, and the pictures here do it justice. The authors provide a nice history of each distillery, a list of each of the spirits made there, the hours for tours and gift shops, and a general history of bourbon making and the urban legends associated with the early days. The specifics of each bourbon, from ingredients to mash to bottle, are provided unless the process is proprietary.

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