

Classic Travels
**Solar Eclipse of the Sun
and the Hatfields and McCoys**
April 4-10, 2024

It is truly a breathtaking site and you will never regret traveling to see the Sun's corona. Following the 2024 Eclipse, a cross-country total solar eclipse won't happen again until 2045. The Eclipse will also last longer and will cast a wider shadow than the 2017 Eclipse.

The Eclipse starts at 12:44 with the magnitude of the eclipse at 2:03 and it ends at 3:19 pm. Per the Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg we'll have approximately 97.7 percent totality for the 2024 Eclipse. Prestonburg, Kentucky is known for its music, mountains, and moonshine. In fact, it is the moonshine capital of the world! More country music stars such as Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gale, Billy Ray Cyrus, Ricky Skaggs, The Judds, Patty Lovelace and more.

Day 1, Thursday, April 4, 2024 (CB, and Drury Kick-back dinner)

Travel to northern Louisville, with lunch on your own and afternoon comfort stop (time changes) move one hour ahead.

Day 2, Friday, April 5, 2024 (B, L, D)

Travel to Van Lear, Kentucky. Enjoy a Miners Lunch which includes soup of the day, bologna salad, and chicken salad sandwiches, drink, plus a chocolate dessert. Lunch is a Miners Lunch so guests can experience what our mine workers had most days. Following lunch take a tour of the Lear Coal Mining Museum. The Van Lear Coal community was built by the consolidation by the coal company in the 30's and 40's. Once nearly 3,000 people lived in the Van Lear community. Guests will view coal mining tools, veteran's wall of fame, a documentary of Van Lear during the 1930's, Icky's 1950's soda fountain, replica of the old post office, and replica of the old doctor's office where Loretta Lynn walked to while pregnant.

Departure for Webb's grocery store owned by Loretta's brother, Herman, who is now deceased. It is still a grocery store dating back to 1910. Enjoy Loretta Lynn's home place. Guests will meet Loretta's cousin for the touring portion. Loretta Lynn's Butcher Hollow Home Place, located just a few miles north of Prestonburg is the highlight of the tour. At the house, Loretta's cousin gives a first-hand account of her family and details of what it was like living there 60 years ago.

Next, we depart for May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. It is located deep in the heart of the Appalachians, which is accented by the scenic 1,100 acre Dewey Lake. This evening at the lodge, we'll have turkey and dressing and roasted pork loin and all the fixings. Following dinner, guests will enjoy some entertainment to get them in the mood for the Eclipse.

Day 3, Saturday, April 6, 2024 (B, L, D)

A starving artist breakfast at the lodge is included. Guests will enjoy being percolated with upbeat morning music while dining. Meet the local guide for the day for the America's most famous feud. The families of the Hatfields and McCoys feud leaders were of strong stock and from them have come leaders of many professions, business, education, medicine, governors, senators, lawyers, etc. The clans, both Hatfield and McCoy, were honest, hardworking, and

proud. They came into the wilderness of Kentucky and Virginia (now West Virginia) and patented thousands of acres of land. The McCoy's generally hail from the Kentucky side of the Tug River and the Hatfields from the West Virginia side. Often many would call their kin who would marry into the other family "traitors" or "turncoats." Once a member of the McCoy family married into the Hatfield family, they were said to be "Hatfield" and no longer "McCoy." Clan pride and family loyalty was so strong, no doubt left over from their days in the homelands of Ireland and Scotland.

Pike County, Kentucky is home to most of the significant Hatfield and McCoy feud sights. Randall McCoy, a Well Site interpreter, will spend the day with us. Randolph McCoy, leader of the McCoy clan, lived here until New Year's Day 1888. That's when the Hatfields attacked. They wanted to kill Randolph, but he escaped, so instead they killed one of his sons, one of his daughters, narrowly beat his wife to death, and burned down the house. Randolph was too weak to counter attack. He had lost 5 of his children to the feud, so he moved his family several miles west to Pikeville where he spent his remaining years operating a ferry.

The property's current owner welcomes visitors as do the inhabitants of the adjacent houses. The Well where the daughter was killed has turned into a photo op; decorative pigs harken back to an earlier Hatfield – McCoy confrontation. In 2018 a dead cedar tree on the property was chain sawed into an 8-foot tall likeness of Randall. Hog Trail Cabin with interpreters telling the story in period attire. The cabin is the sight where a trial was held after Randolph brought charges against Floyd Hatfield accusing him of stealing his hog. In the concrete of the steps leading up to the cabin's porch, the impression of footsteps can be seen. Locals tell us that these belong to Preacher Anse's granddaughters, infusing a sense of nostalgia.

Lunch is included at Wingo's. The décor is all about the Hatfields and McCoy's long-running feud. The menu of course is all-American. Guests will dine on cheeseburgers, fries, cole slaw and beverage and a banana split for dessert. You will see items in the museum that were actually touched by Devil Anse Hatfield, Johnse Hatfield, Sid Hatfield and Henry Ford and other significant historical figures. Items on display include the not guilty verdict of Sid Hatfield for the Matewan Massacre shootout, Henry Ford's scrip making machine, the burial records for Devil Anse Hatfield, the death certificate and burial records for Mamie Thurman, the deed for contested for the 5,000 acres of land that some believe started the Hatfield-McCoy feud, a gun found at the site of the feud's climatic battle – the Battle of Grapevine Creek and more.

In the afternoon you will see a mountain moving overlook. Learn how a small Kentucky town learned how to move a mountain, one of the largest engineering feats in the world. Prior to 1973 the town had its fair share of issues, and the town's mayor, William C. Hambley, had a big idea to solve them. You will have an opportunity to view the second largest earth-moving project in our country, runner-up only to the Panama Canal.

Bring coats for your dinner departure. Dinner is included at a local restaurant. If the weather is good we will enjoy a trip to the top of the mountain in Prestonburg, for stargazing and smore's with an astronomer. There are many incredible sites to behold when you go stargazing. See approximately 2,500 stars without any visual aid. This compared to only 100 from a town or city.

Day 4, Sunday, April 7, 2024 (Bagged breakfast, brunch and dinner)

This morning is something completely unique and different. Elk viewing. On this tour you leave very early and you have the benefit of being accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist. The elk which live in herds and like to graze on open land during the day and sleep in the protection of the forest at night, were introduced on grasslands created through surface mine reclamation projects. The elk are entirely wild, not bounded by fences and free to move about the region as they wish. Thanks to an abundance of predators and an abundance of food, the elk population has grown to an estimated size of 10,000, making it the largest population east of the Rocky Mountains. From 1997 to 2003 approximately 1,513 elk were transported into Kentucky reproduction has been very high with approximately 90% of the adult cows purchasing calves.

Then it's off to the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Outer space comes alive at the GOTO chromos Star Projector which allows visitors to view the most realistic night sky simulation in the world, marveling at the universe's 8,500 stars. An exciting feature of the Planetarium site is the laser light shows, accompanied by popular background music.

Guests will enjoy brunch at the Lodge dining room followed by a pontoon boat ride on Dewey Lake. Afternoon on the lake is pristine and calming. Guests will learn the history of Dewey Lake and the town beneath the lake from the park naturalist.

Next, we will tour the Battle of Middle Creek National Battlefield, fought on January 10, 1862. It also launched the political career of the 20th President of the United States, James A. Garfield.

The tour of the Samuel May house is next. The historic landmark is the oldest brick house in the Big Sandy Valley. The Samuel May family built the federal-style two-story house in 1817. Clay material from the site was converted into the bricks, each bonded together by a mixture of river sand and minute river shells serving as an aggregate. Floor and ceiling joints, floors, rafters, and shake roof were all produced by a local saw mill. The house was used by Samuel's son, Samuel Jackson May as a recruiting station for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Dinner entertainment is at the Mountain Arts Center. Tonight will be a kick-off to the events of the total Eclipse tomorrow. Start out with a beautiful dinner. The meal will be set up with multiple buffet stations – cash bars featuring beer, wine, and Kentucky's favorite bourbons will also be available for enjoyment. Following dinner, at the Mountain Arts Center, we head directly into the theater. Billy Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry will keep your feet tapping and your hands clapping. For over 30 years audiences have enjoyed a musical variety show featuring familiar Blue Grass Country and Gospel songs and homespun mountain-style comedy from a rotating cast of rising stars.

Day 5, Monday, April 8, 2024 (B, D)

After breakfast we spend all day at the 600-seat amphitheater and convention center where they'll have continuous live entertainment with various performers. Enjoy a day unlike any other or at least one that won't be experienced again for another 21 years. During your solar eclipse enjoy a unique solar eclipse, swag bags, eclipse glasses, the retelling of the Jenny Wiley story, local artisan vendors, delicious food trucks for lunch (on your own), homemade moon pies, engaging lectures, and drum circle lessons (Jenny Wiley was born Jenny Sellards in 1760 – 1831 in Pennsylvania) and was a legendary pioneer woman who was taken captive by native

Americans in 1789. Wiley endured the slaying of her brother and children and escaped after 11 months of captivity.

The eclipse starts at 12:44 with a magnitude of the eclipse at 2:03 and it ends at 3:19pm. During the eclipse portion guests can bring their own chairs and sit in the parking lot for viewing or on the grass or in their seats at the amphitheater. There will be a DJ for the eclipse portion playing songs that have to do with the sun and the moon plus of course, “The Total Eclipse of the Heart.”

Depart for the Moonshine Hideaway for tour and dinner. The group receives a demonstration of the process of how the old timers brewed that famous mountain “white lightning”. After a time, the local park naturalist poses as a policeman and questions the illegal operation. He tests a sample, then agrees it must be the water that created all the country music stars like Loretta Lynn, Bill Ray Cyrus and all the others. The Shiners take up their instruments and sing a couple of Moon Shine songs. Later that evening we have a BBQ dinner and more evening music supplied by the Moon Shine Band.

Day 6, Tuesday, April 9, 2024 (Breakfast buffet)

Eggs and Elvis with Troy Burchett who is a local singer, songwriter and a guitarist. He intertwines with Gospel, country, southern rock and classic “oldies” to capture the attention of all who listen. He has been featured on a national television show that reaches millions where he sang his song, “The Spirit Survives.” Troy happens to be legally blind but he doesn’t allow that to stop him from striving to make his musical dreams come true.

Next, we tour the Mayo Methodist Church. This church was built by coal baron John C. C. Mayo and donated to the congregation in 1909. It has massive cut sandstone walls, brilliant Italian-made stained glass windows, engineered oak support beams, and a Pichner Pipe Organ given to Mayo by Andrew Carnegie. Truly a unique structure in the area and on the National Historic Register. Guests will enjoy a couple of hymns played on the organ.

We tour Schimpf’s enroute to our overnight property at the Radisson Louisville, North. Schimpf’s is the fourth generation family owned business featuring an old-style soda fountain, tin ceiling, antique memorabilia and delicious candy.

Check into the Radisson and enjoy a Kentucky inspired dinner in a private banquet room with an inspirational speaker enlightening the group about the history of the Derby, the hats, clothing and so much more that make this major horse race the most thrilling three minutes in sports.

Day 7, Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (B)

There’s no experience quite like that once-in-a-lifetime chance to spend the morning on the backside at Churchill Downs having breakfast. Along with more than 1,400 stalls that are mostly full during the peak season of pre-Derby, enjoy breakfast in the Horsemen’s Track Kitchen, see the horses training rail side, catch them during a bath, and learn about life at the track. This tour is exclusive to groups and not the general public. Tour also includes admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum along with the “Greatest Race”, a 360-degree immersive sound and visual experience. Then sit back and reflect on all that we have seen!

DEPARTURE AND RETURN TIMES:

Thursday, April 4, 2024 Depart Davenport 6:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 Return Davenport 9:00 p.m.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON:

Double Occupancy.....\$1,899
Single Occupancy.....\$2,199

NOTE: Tour prices are based on a minimum of 30 reservations to operate

POSSIBLE FUEL SURCHARGE: Fuel surcharges may be added to the motorcoach price at any time up to final payment. The price quoted in this brochure is accurate as of April 6, 2023.

RESERVATIONS-FINAL PAYMENT: A booking deposit of \$50 per person will be required to confirm a reservation on this tour. Final payment will be due Friday, February 16, 2024. Please make checks payable to Classic Travels. Sorry, no credit card payments on this tour.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Up to February 16 Full refund less \$50 per person handling fee plus all non-refundable deposits on meals and attractions.
February 17 and after No refund unless a replacement can be found, or insurance taken. There will be a \$50 processing fee per person to switch names.

INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES:

MOTORCOACH: A Windstar restroom equipped motorcoach has been chartered.

ACCOMMODATIONS: 6 nights hotel accommodations based on sharing a room with two double beds or one king bed and a private bath or shower.

MEALS: 15 meals (1 continental, 5 breakfasts, 1 bagged breakfast, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 4 dinners and 1 Drury kick-back dinner)

BAGGAGE AND HANDLING: One normal suitcase per person will be transported throughout.

TIPS AND TAXES: All gratuities and local taxes on the hotels plus taxes and gratuities on included meals.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

MISCELLANEOUS: Meals not mentioned above, wines, liquors, mineral waters or optional tours or services specifically mentioned; and driver’s gratuity, suggested \$35 per person.

FINAL INFORMATION: Emergency contact telephone numbers, and other vital information will be mailed to you on or about March 22, 2024

INSURANCE: Quotes can be made by calling Diane Spahr at (513) 484-9112. Quotes can be made for basic and pre-existing conditions and should be made within 14 days of deposit

Please return this reservation coupon with your deposit.
One reservation coupon per household required.

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RESERVATION COUPON

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Return to: Jill Kirkpatrick, Classic Travels, L.L.C
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Please reserve accommodations for ___ person(s) on the above tour. My deposit of \$50 per person is enclosed. Final payment is due no later than **Friday, February 16, 2024**. Make check payable to CLASSIC TRAVELS, L.L.C. Sorry, no payment by credit card can be accepted on this tour. This trip requires a minimum of 30 reservations to operate.

Accommodations desired: _____ Double (\$1,899) _____ Single (\$2,199)

Number of Beds requested for hotels: _____ One _____ Two

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Bus. or Cell) _____

Roommate: _____ Email Address _____

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