

Welcome to Owensboro!

Owensboro is Kentucky's fourth-largest city, a hidden gem nestled on a scenic bend of the Ohio River in Western Kentucky.

People who visit Owensboro are doing it on purpose – and we make it worth the trip! From Owensboro's signature barbecued mutton and burgoo to our ties to the roots of bluegrass music, Owensboro is the culinary and cultural hub of western Kentucky.

We invite you to visit Owensboro and explore everything we have to offer. Please feel free to contact us to experience our famous southern hospitality.

2015 Events

Owensboro hosts more than 20 annual festivals and offers free music on the riverfront every Thursday, Friday and Saturday (and every other Tuesday!) from May-September. Here are some of the main events:

- International Bar-B-Q Festival, 2nd weekend in May
- Dazzling Daylilies Festival, mid-June
- ROMP Bluegrass Festival, late June
- Big O Music Fest, mid-August
- Multicultural Festival, mid-August
- Owensboro Dragon Boat Festival, late August
- East Bridge Art & Music Festival, 1st Saturday in Sept.
- Grillin' and Chillin' BBQ Cook Off, late September
- Reid's Orchard Apple Festival, mid-October
- Holiday Forest Festival of Trees, November and December

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Signature Attractions

Smothers Park and the Downtown Riverfront
International Bluegrass Music Museum
Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
Owensboro Museum of Science and History's Speedzeum
and Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame
Western Kentucky Botanical Garden





Mileage Distance From Selected Markets

Atlanta, GA	378
Chicago, IL	328
Cincinnati, OH	209
St. Louis, MO	209
Nashville, TN	134
Louisville, KY	109

Barbecue, Bourbon and Bluegrass Itinerary

Day One

Enjoy a guided tour through the International Bluegrass Music Museum, the only international museum dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history of bluegrass music. This uniquely American musical genre began in the Owensboro, Kentucky area.

Discover our downtown area with retail shops and restaurants with a self-guided walking tour. Relax in our riverfront park featuring a POW/MIA memorial, fountains and playground.

Visit one of our world famous barbecue restaurants. Meet the pit crew and hear the history behind our unique barbecue – slow cooked over a hickory log fire in our custom built pits. No two cooks prepare their barbecue the same way and most keep their recipes a closely guarded secret.

Day Two

Spend time outdoors at the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden. Enjoy a guided tour through seven unique gardens with special activities from flower arranging to assisting in the greenhouse.

Move on to a guided tour of the Owensboro Museum of fine art, whose permanent collection features American, European and Asian Fine and decorative arts dating from the 15th century to the present.

From antiques and art to clothing and jewelry, enjoy shopping in locally owned boutiques. Friendly storeowners will be glad to plan a special presentation for your group.

Stop by The Miller House Restaurant featuring one of the Top 60 Bourbon Bars in the nation. This family owned restaurant offers Southern food with a unique touch in a historic home with a tour and story to enjoy.



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