

Maysville

Picturesque Maysville nestled on the banks of the Ohio River in northeastern Kentucky, just one hour southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and an hour from Lexington, Kentucky, bursts with opportunities for memorable experiences. Celebrating a vivid past while embracing the promise and advantages of the 21st Century, Maysville always has been and always will be naturally charming.

Coursing over the north of Maysville is the Ohio River which, back in the 1700's enticed its city's benefactors – Christopher Gist, Captain John Hedges, Simon Kenton, Daniel Boone, John May and Henry Clay, plus others – to share a vision of the community as a haven for experiences steeped in culture, business and the arts. Today, Maysville has become the reality of that 258 year old vision. Throughout the city, experience our civic, art and performing centers, sprawling public parks and school campuses, incredible 1700+ century architecture, and stately, edifying churches are lasting testaments to the dreams of the Hedges and the Kenton party.

The city shines with footlights from its award-winning theater, The Washington Opera House. Run by the Maysville Players since 1964, the 500 seat theatre is located downtown on West 2nd street. The famous Opera sign serves as a beacon for folks eager to experience professional arts, live entertainment and civic events in the restored 1889 Opera House which provides a showcase setting for live performances traditionally found in London, England, or New York, and attracted the national spotlight with the world premiere of George Clooney's *Leatherheads* in 2008. Also, view the restoration in progress of the 1920's atmospheric Russell Theatre, which gained its fame in 1953, for its world premier of Maysville native Rosemary Clooney's first movie, "The Stars are Singing."

Creative arts are celebrated with original exhibits by local renowned artists in Maysville's galleries and throughout many local businesses. The Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, located on Sutton Street, features numerous traveling and permanent exhibits all year long. The Steve White Gallery – Features Steve White, a national and international award winning artist, located on 9018 Springhill Rd, Maysville, KY 41056. The Ken Swinson Gallery on 1934 Old Main Street Maysville, KY 41056 and many more galleries that have unparalleled works in oils, pastels, water, photography and mixed media are all housed for viewing and sale in cozy, visitor-friendly galleries around town.

With an established and well-earned reputation as a collectable, antique, and craft-lovers paradise, Maysville boasts a significant selection of collectable stores (the

Antique Lamp Shop, The Strawberry Patch Keepsake Treasures, and the Iron Gate in the Old Washington Historic District, or sample the quaint stores on West 2nd St and Market St to name a few.) Each year during community events, Maysville – Mason County attract hundreds of antique and craft sellers from across the country that tempts buyers looking for that special find to enhance their story about their visit to Maysville.

Unique stores add to the Maysville experience and provide endless opportunities for treasure and pleasure shopping. Choose a great gift for your pet or a bauble for a cherished young lady, a sweet treat for a significant other and something just for you from any one of our specialty shops. In addition to the marvelous shops along US 68 and AA Hwy, visitors browse among several distinct Maysville retail areas: Market Street, Old Washington Historic District, and East and West 2nd Street.

As for dining, Maysville has captured the respect of food lovers throughout Kentucky and surrounding states by enjoying cuisine from national chains. However, your trip would not be complete without visiting one of our eclectic restaurants. Delite's on Market Street and Hutchisons Grocery on East 2nd Street, make foods for any mouth to water. Or get a taste of Maysville by visiting Chandlers, on Market Street, which raves great reviews for its contemporary cuisine (great steaks!) and atmosphere. Caproni's on the river continues to lure guests eager for a taste of refined elegance, set in a warm casual setting and boasts of its expansive view of the Ohio River, and deSha's Restaurant & Bar is always an excellent choice for superb food and service, just to name a sampling! Folks looking to relax and unwind enjoy river and fireside dining as well as charming pubs with live entertainment.

Special events and festivals are the mainstay of Maysville tourism, from the Art Smart Sunday's, to the Annual Chocolate Festival, from the Simon Kenton Festival to the Frontier Christmas Festival, all in Old Washington Historic District. If that doesn't get your senses going try one of our outstanding festivals downtown. Maysville Uncorked is sure to get you in the mood while enjoying the free live entertainment, sample the wines from many Kentucky wineries, and meet the locals who are always pleased to have you around.

Overnight lodging choices in Maysville are incomparable. From the privately owned French Quarter Inn, where the romance of New Orleans lives within the elaborate interior. It is majestically nestled on the banks of the Ohio River awaiting your arrival for a memorable stay. Plus we have a wide selection of select hotels with great service and contemporary amenities. Maysville has the perfect accommodation to meet the needs of visitors eager to enjoy the community's natural charm.