

The Botanic Garden and My Old Kentucky Plays: A Journey Through Nature and Culture



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Nestled in the heart of Louisville, Kentucky, the Botanic Garden of Kentucky and the My Old Kentucky Plays are two unique destinations that

offer visitors a glimpse into the state's natural beauty and rich artistic heritage.

The Botanic Garden of Kentucky is a sprawling 120-acre oasis that features a variety of gardens, including a rose garden, a Japanese garden, and a butterfly garden. Visitors can also explore the garden's arboretum, which houses a collection of over 3,000 trees and shrubs.

The My Old Kentucky Plays are a series of outdoor dramas that tell the story of Kentucky's history and culture. The plays are performed in a natural amphitheater surrounded by the lush greenery of the Botanic Garden.

Together, the Botanic Garden and the My Old Kentucky Plays offer visitors a chance to experience the best of Kentucky's natural and cultural offerings. Here is a closer look at each destination:

The Botanic Garden of Kentucky

The Botanic Garden of Kentucky was founded in 1991 and is one of the largest botanic gardens in the United States. The garden features over 3,000 different species of plants, from native wildflowers to exotic orchids.

The garden is divided into a variety of themed gardens, including:

- The Rose Garden, which features over 500 varieties of roses.
- The Japanese Garden, which is designed to represent the traditional gardens of Japan.
- The Butterfly Garden, which attracts a variety of butterflies and other pollinators.

- The Arboretum, which houses a collection of over 3,000 trees and shrubs.

The Botanic Garden also offers a variety of educational programs and events throughout the year, including guided tours, workshops, and lectures.

My Old Kentucky Plays

My Old Kentucky Plays is a series of outdoor dramas that tell the story of Kentucky's history and culture. The plays are performed in a natural amphitheater surrounded by the lush greenery of the Botanic Garden.

The plays are written by Kentucky playwright Stephen W. Carter and are based on historical events and characters. The plays have been performed for over 50 years and have been seen by over 2 million people.

The 2023 season of My Old Kentucky Plays includes the following productions:

- **Stephen Foster: The Kentucky Colonel**, which tells the story of the life and music of Kentucky's most famous songwriter.
- **The Trail of Tears: Cherokees Remember**, which tells the story of the forced removal of the Cherokee people from their ancestral lands in the southeastern United States.
- **The Great Kentucky Revival**, which tells the story of the religious revivals that swept Kentucky in the early 19th century.

My Old Kentucky Plays is a unique and unforgettable experience that offers visitors a chance to learn about Kentucky's history and culture in a beautiful

and natural setting.

Planning Your Visit

The Botanic Garden of Kentucky and My Old Kentucky Plays are located in Louisville, Kentucky, just minutes from downtown. The garden is open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and the plays are performed nightly from June through September.

Tickets for My Old Kentucky Plays can be purchased online or at the box office. Discounts are available for groups and seniors.

For more information about the Botanic Garden of Kentucky, visit their website at www.botanicgarden.ky.org.

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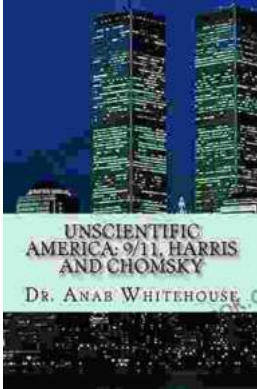
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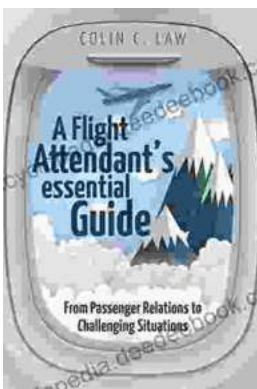
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