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welcome

St. Louis is a place where history and imagination collide, and the result is a Midwestern destination like no other. In addition to a revitalized downtown, a vibrant, new hospitality district continues to grow in downtown St. Louis. More than \$5 billion worth of development has been invested in the region, and more exciting projects are currently underway.

The Gateway to the West offers exceptional music, arts and cultural options, as well as such renowned – and free – attractions as the Saint Louis Art Museum, Zoo, Science Center, Missouri History Museum, Citygarden, Grant's Farm, Laumeier Sculpture Park, and the Anheuser-Busch brewery tours. Plus, St. Louis is easy to get to and even easier to get around in. St. Louis is within approximately 500 miles of one-third of the U.S. population.

Each and every new year brings exciting additions to the St. Louis scene – improved attractions, expanded attractions, and new attractions.

Must See Attractions

There's so much to see and do in St. Louis, here are a few options to get you started:

- Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch, towering 630-feet over the Mississippi River.
- Visit an artistic oasis in the heart of downtown. Citygarden offers a vibrant blending of lush plantings and internationally renowned sculptures.
- Explore Forest Park's 1,300 acres of lakes, walking paths and attractions.
- Drive Old Route 66 and visit some of the "Mother Road's" most fascinating stops.
- Enjoy world-class free attractions, including the Art Museum, Zoo, Science Center, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Grant's Farm, and the Missouri History Museum.
- Marvel at the Missouri Botanical Garden, one of the world's top public gardens.
- Free your inner child at The Magic House, City Museum and other kid-friendly attractions.
- Visit an ancient Native American civilization at Cahokia Mounds.
- Cheer for the MLB's Cardinals and NHL's Blues.
- Count the mosaics at the breathtakingly beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.
- Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.
- Get your motor running at the National Museum of Transportation or the Moto Museum.
- Re-discover your heritage at the Old Courthouse, The Griot Museum of Black History, and Faust Historic Village.
- Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.
- Get an adrenaline rush on the world-class roller coasters and thrill rides at Six Flags St. Louis.
- Cruise the mighty Mississippi on the Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher paddle wheelers.

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Citygarden

seasonal climates

The St. Louis region experiences four distinct seasons, including moderate springs, sunny and warm summers, cool and comfortable autumns and milder winters. No matter what time of year you visit, it's usually a good idea to bring a jacket because when it's warm outside, we're not shy about turning up the air conditioning!

WINTER

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SPRING

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SUMMER

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FALL

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we're here to help

St. Louis understands the motorcoach traveler. Our team at Explore St. Louis is waiting to help you plan your next day trip, overnight or destination tour to St. Louis. If you need help with planning your itinerary or just finding a restaurant to accommodate your group, just let us know. We are happy to help.

Hotel Assistance

With over 38,000 sleeping rooms in St. Louis, representing all major brands, St. Louis has the right hotel for your group or program. New and newly renovated properties including Four Seasons, St. Louis Union Station Hotel Curio Collection by Hilton, Drury Plaza, The Magnolia, Renaissance Airport and many more keep St. Louis hotel inventory one of the best. Finding the right hotel can sometimes be a tough task with so many options. We are happy to answer any questions you might have. We can also reach out to our hotel partners and ask them to provide you with rate and availability in the form of a hotel lead.



The Magnolia

Images

Explore St. Louis has an extensive image library that includes: attractions, skyline, restaurant and entertainment venues. Just let us know what type of images you need and we will send you a link to the St. Louis image library. There is no cost to use these images to promote St. Louis to your clients.



Itinerary Planning

A well thought out itinerary is the key to any successful trip. We are happy to help with planning your itinerary, review an existing itinerary or developing a custom itinerary. We have several sample itineraries in this planner that range from Route 66 to Kid's Day Out in St. Louis for younger groups.

Familiarization Tour & Site Visits

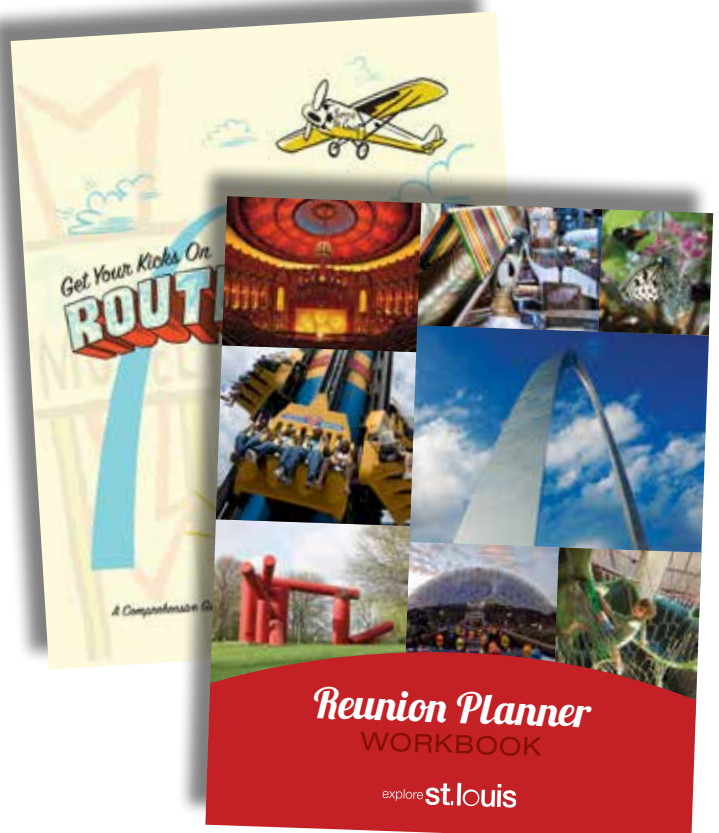
Familiarization tours for groups and individual site visits can be arranged.

Promotional Material

We have a variety of brochures, profile sheets, videos and images available to help you plan and promote your tour to St. Louis. We also have a Student Youth Brochure dedicated to the youth market and a "Get Your Kicks in St. Louis on Route 66 brochure." A dedicated area on the www.explorestlouis.com website for group tours contains digital versions of this brochure and much more.

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St. Louis Lambert International Airport

GETTING 'ROUND

St. Louis Lambert International Airport

www.flystl.com

10701 Lambert International Blvd.

Hours:

TSA Security opens at 4:30 a.m. daily.

Phone: (314) 426-8000

Thirteen commercial airlines serve St. Louis Lambert International Airport with nonstop service to nearly 65 cities in the U.S. and international destinations. Two MetroLink stations directly link airport terminals to downtown St. Louis businesses and attractions.

Bus pick-up and drop-off at:

- Terminal 1 upper departure area.
- Terminal 2 drop-off upper departure area, pick-up lower level area.

Motorcoach Parking Information

Many of our attractions in St. Louis have their own dedicated motorcoach parking site. When making arrangements with attractions and entertainment venues, don't forget to inquire about motorcoach parking.

While in parking areas, motorcoaches may not idle engines for more than five minutes prior to their time of departure. Under certain weather conditions, motorcoaches will be allowed to idle their engines longer. When ambient temperatures are below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, a motor vehicle may not operate in idle for longer than 10 minutes in any hour.

Motorcoach Parking in Forest Park

Buses and/or commercial vehicles that are going to stay parked in Forest Park need a bus permit. This allows parking at designated parking lots only. To obtain a permit contact (314) 289-5330 or visit the website www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/documents/bus-parking-forest-park.cfm.

Car Rental

For those who need to handle the driving duties themselves, there are a number of national car rental agencies located at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and throughout the area. Whether you need a car, van or small truck, it's easy to find the right set of wheels in a location near your hotel or event venue.

Alamo

www.alamo.com
(800) 462-5266

Avis

www.avis.com
(800) 831-2847

Budget

www.budget.com
(800) 527-0700

Enterprise Rent-a-Car

www.enterprise.com
(800) 325-8007

Hertz

www.hertz.com
(800) 654-3131

National

www.nationalcar.com
(800) 227-7368

Thrifty

www.thrifty.com
(800) 367-2277

Taxis

For taxi service, telephone the following recommended companies or locate one of their cabs at stands near most major hotels and the convention center.

St. Louis County & Yellow Cab

www.countycab.com
(314) 993-8294

Laclede Cab

www.lacledecab.com
(314) 652-3456

MetroLink

A one-way ride on the MetroLink light-rail system costs \$2.50 (except for the airport to downtown, which costs \$4.00). Tickets may be purchased at each station and must be validated with a time stamp after they're purchased. Trains run every 10 minutes during the day. Early morning and late night service runs every 30 minutes. For schedule information, log on to www.metrostlouis.org or call (314) 231-2345.

Downtown Trolley

The #99 Downtown Trolley features a whimsical and colorful wrap that transforms buses into trolleys. Customers can get on and off the shuttle all day at any of the stops for the discounted fare of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets can be purchased on the trolleys or at the MetroRide Center at 8th Street and Pine.

Forest Park Trolley

The Metro Forest Park Trolley operates in the spring and summer providing individuals visiting Forest Park a convenient method of navigating the park. The trolley stops at all the Forest Park attractions and Metrolink Station.

Delmar Loop Trolley

The Loop Trolley is a 2.2-mile fixed-route electric trolley in St. Louis and University City which links the Delmar Loop, one of America's Great Streets, to the world-renowned Forest Park scheduled to open in 2019.



Motorcoach outside America's Center

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6. Fleur-de-Lys Mansion, Luxury Inn at the Park, H-6
7. Hampton Inn & Suites-St. Louis at Forest Park, E-4
8. Holiday Inn Express St. Louis-Central West End, F-3
9. Holiday Inn St. Louis Forest Park, D-5
10. Home 2 Suites by Hilton St. Louis/Forest Park, F-4
11. Hotel Ayan, I-5
12. Charles F. Knight Executive Education & Conference Center, B-2
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15. Moonrise Hotel, C-2
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21. Budweiser Brewery Experience, J-7
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- 100. Union Avenue Opera, E-2
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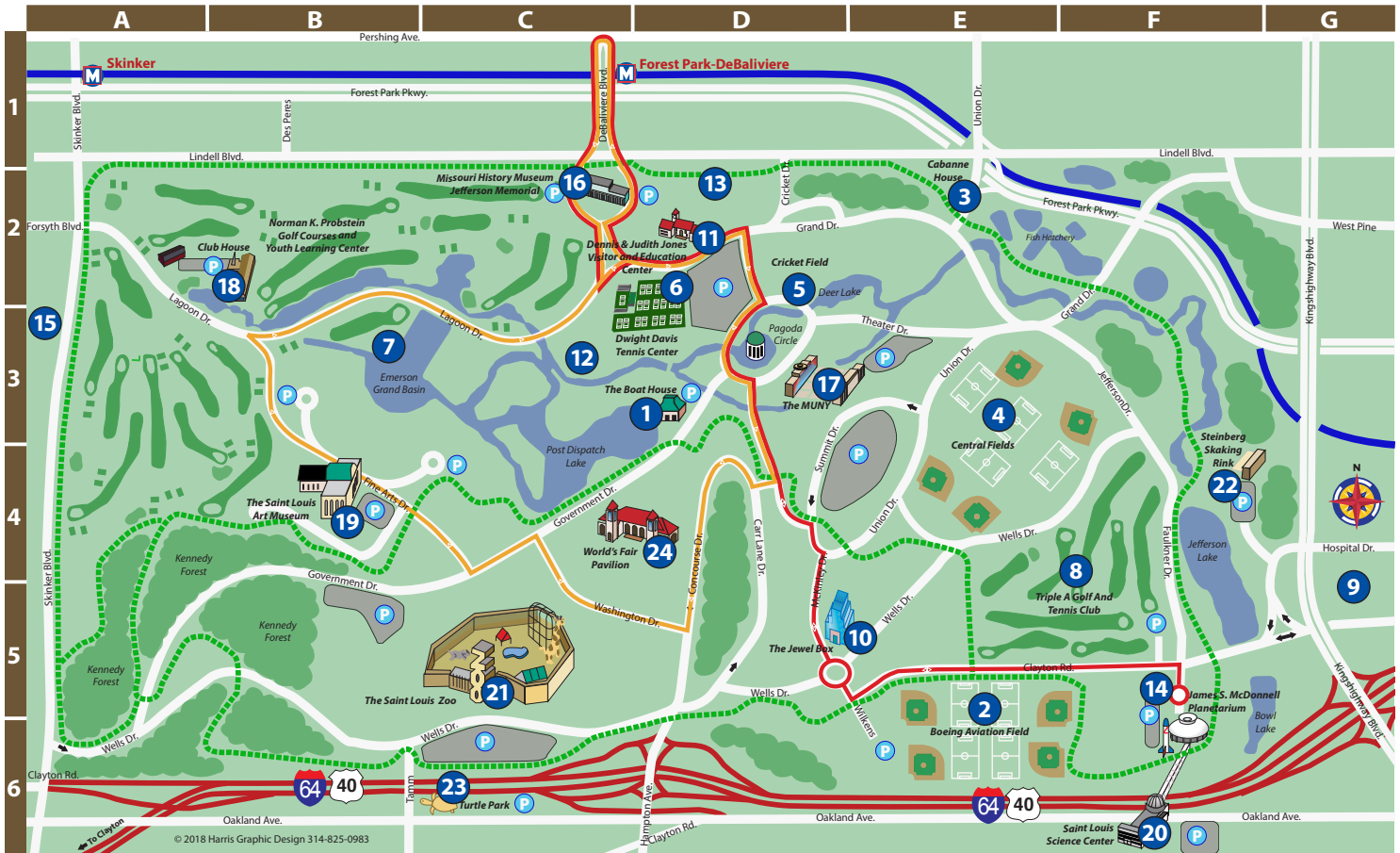


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2. City Place St. Louis Downtown Hotel, G-14
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Fun FACTS

FOUNDED IN 1774, ST. LOUIS OFFERS A DIVERSE VARIETY OF ATTRACTIONS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR ALL AGES. HERE ARE A COUPLE OF OUR BETTER KNOWN FACTS.

1. St. Louis was founded in 1774 by Frenchman Pierre Laclede. He named the soon-to-be fur-trading village in honor of King Louis IX, the sainted crusade King of France.

2. The fur trade fueled the growth of this Mississippi River town which was the starting point for (1804) and end of (1806) Lewis & Clark's monumental journey of discovery. There are more authentic Lewis & Clark historic sites in the St. Louis area than anywhere in the U.S.

3. The city's symbol, the stunning stainless steel Gateway Arch, opened in 1965 as a monument to Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase and St. Louis' role in the opening of the American West.

4. ► The official name of the Arch is the Gateway Arch National Park. Standing 630-feet-tall and spanning 630-feet-wide, the Arch is the country's tallest man-made monument and is operated by the National Park Service.

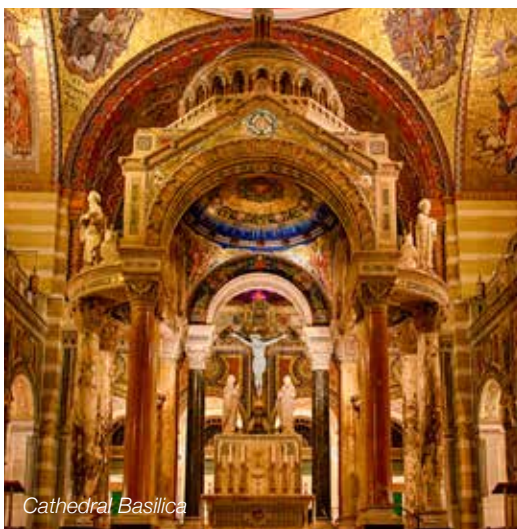
5. The Eads Bridge, completed in 1874 over the Mississippi River, was the first arched steel truss bridge in the world. The bridge continues to carry automobiles, pedestrians, cyclists and MetroLink light rail trains across the mighty river.

6. The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis popularized a number of new foods, including the hot dog, ice cream cone and iced tea.

7. In 1904, the first Olympiad held in the U.S. took place in St. Louis at Washington University's Francis Field and portions of Forest Park.

8. The Missouri Botanical Garden, which opened to visitors in 1859, is the oldest public garden in the U.S. and among the top three public gardens in the world.

9. ► The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (New Cathedral) features what is considered to be one of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere.



One hundred million pieces of stone and glass in the artworks line the interior.

10. The first cathedral west of the Mississippi River was built on the St. Louis riverfront and completed in 1834. The Old Cathedral, which replaced a 55-year-old log church, still stands and serves as an active Roman Catholic parish.

11. ► The Missouri Botanical Garden's Climatron, built in 1960, was the world's first climate-controlled geodesic dome designed as a greenhouse. Today, it houses a re-created rain forest filled with plants and uses E-feron glass to help it use solar energy more efficiently. The



Garden also houses the largest authentic Japanese garden in North America.

12. The word "Yahweh" which means God is inscribed in Hebrew above the main entrance of the Old Cathedral.

13. ▲ Trains, planes and automobiles, many of which were experimental vehicles in their time – several are the only examples remaining in existence – are on view at the National Museum of Transportation.

14. St. Louis is home to the nation's second oldest symphony, touted as one of the best in the country. The orchestra performs at Powell Symphony Hall in the Grand Center Arts & Entertainment district.

15. Twenty-four Nobel laureates have done research at Washington University in St. Louis, including nine who received the Nobel Prize for research they conducted there.

16. The first United States kindergarten was started in St. Louis in 1873 by Susan Blow. Visitors can see her original classroom in the Des Peres School located in the Carondelet neighborhood.

17. In 1818, Saint Louis University was the first university founded west of the Mississippi River. The school is noted for its medical, law and theological schools.

18. The Old Courthouse in St. Louis features the first cast iron dome ever built and was used as the model for the dome on the U.S. Capitol. The historic building was the scene of Dred Scott's 1847 historic freedom trial, which focused national attention on the slavery issue.

19. In 1891, Louis Sullivan designed the Wainwright Building, considered by some to be the world's first skyscraper. View the beautiful, terra cotta and brick structure at 117 N. Seventh Street in downtown St. Louis.

20. The first ironclad boat built in America was constructed in St. Louis shipyards in 1861 for use by the Federal Navy during the Civil War. The vessel was designed by James Buchanan Eads, a self-taught engineer who later built the Eads Bridge.

21. George Coleman Poage was the first African-American to win a medal in a modern Olympiad. He won bronze medals in the 200 and 400-meter hurdles during the 1904 Olympic Games in St. Louis. After the Olympics, he stayed in St. Louis to teach at Sumner High School.

22. ► The first International Balloon Race was held in St. Louis in 1908. Each September, the Great Forest Park Balloon Race fills St. Louis' skies with colorful, hot air balloons during a hare and hounds-style chase.

23. The Municipal Theater of St. Louis, also known as The Muny, is the first and largest outdoor musical theater in the United States. In operation since 1917, The Muny seats 11,000 people with approximately 1,500 free seats in the last nine rows that are available on a first come, first served basis. Each Muny season runs for seven weeks from June through August.

24. In 1917, Clara Bell Walsh hosted a party at the home of her father-in-law that has come to be known as the first cocktail party.

25. St. Louis area residents are some of the most literate in the country, according to a 2014 study by Central Connecticut University which ranked the city 9th among major U.S. cities.

26. Sumner High School opened in 1875. It was the first high school for African Americans west of the Mississippi. Illustrious graduates are: opera diva Grace Bumbry, rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry, singer Tina Turner and tennis great Arthur Ashe.

27. ► America's first wine region took root just west of St. Louis in the mid-19th century. Immigrants from Germany's Rhine River valley planted vineyards, built



Ted Drewes Frozen Custard



Missouri Wine Country



Balloon Glow

cellars and created a wine culture that flourishes today. The Missouri Wine Region town of Augusta holds the title of America's First American Viticultural Area.

28. Scott Joplin, known as the Father of Ragtime, spent some of his most productive years in St. Louis and introduced his new "ragtime" style to the world for the first time at the 1904 World's Fair. Visitors can tour the Scott Joplin House to see where the composer lived during the early 1900s when he wrote some of his most enduring works.

29. Perhaps surprisingly for a city whose water comes from the muddy Mississippi, an independent taste test commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Mayors declared that the Gateway City has "The Best Tasting Tap Water in the Nation."

30. The Fabulous Fox Theatre, built at the then-enormous cost of \$6 million, opened in 1929 in St. Louis' Grand Center Arts and Entertainment district. It was one of the first theatres built for "talkies," with central air conditioning, passenger elevators and an elaborate Siamese-Byzantine interior. It now hosts touring Broadway shows and music and comedy concerts by top performers.

31. Lafayette Park, which dates from 1836, is the first public park west of the Mississippi River. The park is surrounded by elaborate "painted ladies" – Victorian-style homes with lush interiors and gardens that are open for tours during the annual Spring House & Garden and Holiday Parlor tours.

32. ▲ Ted Drewes located on historic Route 66 has been selling frozen custards known as "concretes" since 1929.

33. In 1927, a group of St. Louis businessmen gave financial backing to the first solo transatlantic flight from New York to Paris. The pilot was Charles Lindbergh and the plane was named "The Spirit of St. Louis." A replica of the plane is located at the Missouri History Museum.

34. The Saint Louis Art Museum, designed by Cass Gilbert as the Fine Arts Palace during the 1904 World's Fair, is the last building remaining from the Fair. Areas of notable depth include Oceanic art, pre-Columbian art, ancient Chinese bronzes and European and American art of the late 19th and 20th centuries, with particular strengths in 20th century German art.

35. The Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales were originally a gift from August

Busch to his father marking the end of Prohibition. Visit the famous horses' historic stable during a stop on the free tours of the brewery's St. Louis headquarters, or enjoy their paddock and barns at Grant's Farm.

36. St. Louis Union Station was once the largest and busiest passenger rail station in the world. Built in 1894 by architect Theodore Link, the station's elaborate Grand Hall is among St. Louis' architectural gems.

37. St. Louis Union Station was restored to its former glory in 2014 and now features a light show in the Grand Hall every evening starting at 5 p.m.

38. The World's Fair Flight Cage was part of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit at the 1904 World's Fair. The City of St. Louis purchased the cage for \$2,500 after the Fair. Within a few short years, it served as the impetus for St. Louis to develop a full-fledged zoo – one of the first municipally supported zoos in the world.

39. St. Louis is only second to our nation's capital for the number of free attractions. Major cultural institutions including the Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Missouri History Museum and the Saint Louis Science Center are among the top attractions open with no general admission charge.

40. Provel cheese, a blend of cheddar, swiss and provolone, was developed especially to be topping for thin St. Louis-style pizza that is traditionally cut into squares.

41. The current Busch Stadium was finished in 2006, just in time for the St. Louis Cardinals to win their 10th World Series title. The Cardinals, who moved into Busch Stadium in April, became the fourth team to win the Series in their home stadium's debut season. The team is the National League leader in World Series' victories with 11 championships.

42. ► St. Louis' own Chuck Berry, known as the Father of Rock 'n' Roll, was the first artist inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. A statue of Berry stands along Delmar Boulevard in St. Louis' lively Loop neighborhood.

43. The sidewalks along Delmar Boulevard, the main street of The Loop, shimmer with more than 120 brass

stars and biographical plaques of the St. Louis Walk of Fame. Honorees include musicians Chuck Berry and Tina Turner; literary stars such as Tennessee Williams and William S. Burroughs; historical figures like U.S. Grant and explorer William Clark; Bob Gibson, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Jimmy Connors from the world of sports and many more.

44. 18th U.S. President and Civil War hero Ulysses S. Grant spent many happy years living with his young family in St. Louis. Two of Grant's homes are on view in South St. Louis County. At White Haven, the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, visitors can tour the Victorian-style house and grounds and learn more about the Grant family's lives at the interpretive center operated by the National Park Service. Hardscrabble, the log cabin home handbuilt by U.S. Grant, can be seen from April through October at Grant's Farm, a 281-acre animal preserve operated by St. Louis' Anheuser-Busch, Companies LLC.

45. In 1928, Jim Howe, a pharmacist in St. Louis, developed Tums in the basement of his home while treating his wife's indigestion. Since 1930, a plant originally built by Lewis-Howe in downtown St. Louis has been making the antacid tablets. The factory complex is the main manufacturing site for Tums to this day.



Chuck Berry Statue



Citygarden

46. ▼ Citygarden opened in downtown St. Louis in 2009. This outdoor oasis is home to 24-pieces of art. The garden is open all year and until 10 p.m. at night.

47. The State of Missouri has two Federal Reserve Banks. The location in St. Louis has an interactive museum called Inside the Economy Museum.

48. Master of Horror Vincent Price grew up in St. Louis and caught the latest Hollywood hits at the Tivoli Theatre in The Loop. Cinema still reigns supreme at this lovingly restored movie palace.

49. ◀ Three-Sixty, the beautiful lounge atop the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, was lauded by Frommer's as one of the Top Ten Best New Rooftop Bars in the World.

50. St. Louis is located along the Mississippi flyway, a major migratory route for more than 300 species of birds, including pelicans, seagulls, American bald eagles, trumpeter swans and more. Spot the birdies from the Audubon Center at Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary just north of Downtown St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS BY THE NUMBERS

Founded: 1764

Incorporated: 1822

City: 66.2 sq. mi.

Metro: 8,458 sq. mi.

Elevation: 466 ft.

Largest employer: BJC Healthcare; 25,000+

St. Louis city is divided into 79 government-designated neighborhoods.

St. Louis has 16 sister cities.

Forest Park is 1,371 acres.

City of St. Louis population: 318,416

58th largest U.S. city

Greater St. Louis area population: 2,900,605 – making it the 19th largest metropolitan area in the U.S.

2 Professional Sports Teams:


St. Louis Blues – hockey

St. Louis Cardinals – baseball



Three-Sixty

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Six Flags St. Louis

Things to See AND DO

Neighborhoods

Carondelet

www.carondeletliving.com

Packed with history and historic structures, this urban setting features an amazing array of eclectic shops, restaurants and entertainment offerings with easy access and amazing vistas of the Mississippi River.

Central West End

www.cwescene.com

The neighborhood is equal parts artsy boho hangout, upscale foodie paradise, and urban-eclectic mecca. People of all walks of life enjoy restaurants, galleries, boutiques and sidewalks, anytime, day or night.

Cherokee Antique Row & Cherokee Street

www.cherokeeantiquerow.com

www.cherokeestreetnews.org

Known for its antique and collectible shopping, galleries, vintage stores and everything from a saxophone-centric music center to Mexican bakeries, this distinctive district is a favorite of visitors and locals alike. Tour the graceful Greek Revival Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion for a glimpse into life in old St. Louis, or visit the Lemp Mansion, home to a family of ill-fated beer barons called “one of the most haunted houses in America.” Antique stoves, Victorian hardware, mid-century furniture, vintage clothes and something for every collector’s taste will be found in the stores along the six blocks of the district’s Antique Row. Galleries, Mexican restaurants and stores, and specialty shops line the streets west of Jefferson Ave.

Chesterfield Valley

www.chesterfield.mo.us

Wear bright-colored clothing on your visit to the Butterfly House in Faust Park and the delicate winged residents might come in for a landing, mistaking you for a flower. The park also offers rides on a historic 1929 hand-carved carousel and tours of the 1817 Thornhill home and a historic village. Two state conservation areas welcome outdoor lovers to the Missouri River on Chesterfield’s western border.

Shopping is a sport in the Chesterfield area where two outlet malls – St. Louis Premium Outlets and Chesterfield Outlets – have attracted some of the region’s top stores and attractions.

Clayton

www.claytonmo.gov

www.claytoncommerce.com

Blocks filled with one-of-a-kind restaurants and locally owned shops line the sidewalks with more than a million square feet of retail space in downtown Clayton, home to corporate headquarters, major financial institutions and St. Louis County govern-

ment. One of the country's top-ranked, juried events, the Greater St. Louis Art Fair, is held in September. Spot public art installations throughout the area with works by Botero, Renior, Ben Tre and Milles on view along the streets and in lovely Shaw Park.

Downtown

www.downtownstl.org

The architectural history of downtown St. Louis is on display everywhere you look. Be sure to visit the Gateway Arch National Park, Victorian-era Campbell House Museum, the Field House Museum and the beautiful 1894 Grand Hall at St. Louis Union Station with its multi-media light show. Note the terra cotta façade of the Wainwright Building, America's first skyscraper, and the cast-iron dome of the Old Courthouse. Saunter through Citygarden, a whimsical sculpture park on Market Street. Ballpark Village overlooks the Cardinals' home field, Busch Stadium, with a variety of lively restaurants and popular entertainment venues. St. Louis' blues music scene begins in the clubs just south of the stadium. The Mercantile Exchange – called the MX – includes an upscale movie theater, restaurants and shops. Check the schedule at the Stifel Theatre and enjoy a touring show in the beautifully restored Art Deco theater. On Laclede's Landing, dine and dance at the lively clubs and restaurants or get in on the gaming action at Lumière Place Casino.

Grand Center

www.grandcenter.org

St. Louis' entertainment epicenter, Grand Center, is called "The Intersection of Art and Life." The neighborhood features popular venues including the Fabulous Fox Theater for touring Broadway productions and concerts, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at Powell Hall, Jazz at the Bistro, the Kranzberg Arts Center and the Sheldon Concert Hall. Circus Flora – St. Louis' own one-ring theatrical circus – and the St. Lou Fringe Festival are held in Grand Center each June. Grand Center's museums include the Pulitzer Arts Foundation, the Contemporary Art Museum, the Saint Louis University Museum of Art, the Sheldon Art Galleries, Portfolio Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art. Vintage European motorcycles are on view at the Moto Museum.

The Grove

www.thegrovestl.com

A LGBT residential/commercial district in the midtown area is a revitalizing neighborhood attracting city dwellers and a diverse group of locally owned and operated coffee shops, bookstores, galleries, pubs, nightclubs and restaurants.

The Hill

www.hill2000.org

Recognized nationally and treasured locally, the Italian Hill neighborhood comes alive every day with great restaurants, specialty shops and tours. Discover St. Louis' greatest tradition, 10 minutes from downtown.

Historic Lafayette Square

www.lafayettesquare.org

A National Historic District located one mile from downtown St. Louis. Nearly 400 Victorian homes surround Lafayette Park, the first city park west of the Mississippi River. *Better Homes & Gardens* named Lafayette Square "one of the ten most beautiful painted ladies neighborhoods in the nation. A vibrant, walkable business district featuring award-winning restaurants, salons and spas, outdoor dining, coffee shops, gift shops, and much more. Walking tours available.

The Loop

www.visittheloop.com

Exciting restaurant, shopping and arts & entertainment district designated "One of the 10 Greatest Streets in America" by the American Planning Association. More than 140 specialty shops, including 48 restaurants, 10 galleries, 25 clothing boutiques, 27 gift shops, 14 entertainment venues, one luxury boutique hotel, the St. Louis Walk of Fame and The Loop Planet Walk.

Maplewood

www.CityOfMaplewood.com/fun

Shop, dine and bowl in this charming area. Authentically kitschy Saratoga Lanes opened in 1916 and is the oldest bowling alley west of the Mississippi. Visit the St. Louis beer making history display and take a microbrewery tour at Schlafly Bottleworks. If you're traveling the path of Old Route 66 through St. Louis, zoom over to see the memorial to the Mother Road along shop-lined Manchester Ave. Maplewood is now the first-ever GDD – Green

Dining District with flavorful restaurants using sustainable green business practices. Taste handmade chocolates, sample savory olive oils and vinegar or taste spices from around the world in Maplewood's shops.

Maryland Heights

www.visitmarylandheights.org

Maryland Heights is your place for great attractions, outdoor activities, concerts, entertainment, dining and more in beautiful West St. Louis County. Endless fun is waiting for you. Explore natural history at Creve Coeur Park and Lake; entertain at casinos, amphitheaters, water parks, and nightlife; eat at any of the endless dining choices; stay in one of the many hotels to enjoy the surrounding area.

North St. Louis County

www.ExploreNorthStLouisCounty.com

With 22 communities in North St. Louis County, there are attractions to match every interest, including outdoor recreation, fine and casual dining, family activities and special events. Space fans can visit the James S. McDonnell Prologue Room at Boeing to learn about the famous aerospace company or reserve a seat on a public "mission" to the moon or Mars at the Challenger Learning Center. The Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Missouri St. Louis presents a full schedule of music and entertainment. Outdoor lovers can watch birds and explore nature at the Audubon Center at Riverlands migratory bird sanctuary. Hikers and bikers can take to the trails at the Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park or the Columbia Bottom Conservation Area at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge is where pedestrians and cyclists can travel the trail of Old Route 66 across the Mississippi.

Soulard

www.soulard.org

Take a brewery tour or try the local brew at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. There's a restaurant or bar on nearly every corner of this fun-loving neighborhood. Note the classic St. Louis-style homes made of red brick and topped with French Mansard-style roofs. You'll hear the music drifting through the district before you even park your car. The blues clubs of

Soulard keep St. Louis' musical heritage alive until the wee hours of the night. The granddaddy of all St. Louis farmers markets is venerable Soulard Market, operating as a public market since 1799. Local produce and fruits, spices, meats, flowers and baked goods are just some of the mouth-watering offerings, Wednesdays through Saturdays.

South Grand www.southgrand.org

Travel around the world on South Grand. Known locally and regionally as the "International Community," the neighborhood offers unique stores, quaint shops and a huge array of restaurants. Take the journey and explore various countries. Where else in St. Louis can you find a vegetarian-friendly cafe, an award-winning Vietnamese restaurant, a hip martini bar and a neighborhood pharmacy all in the same block?

Webster Groves www.webstergroves.org

One of America's best places to live, shop, dine, work and play. Money magazine named Webster Groves to its list of the nation's top small towns in *America's 100 Best Places to Live*. The city's independent shopkeepers offer delightful one-of-a-kind gifts, home goods and the latest fashions. Tasty restaurants satisfy everyone's dining demands with flavor and style.

ATTRACTIONS

▼ **Adrenaline Zone** www.db-az.com

A 6,800 sq. ft., multi-level laser tag arena. Can accommodate 30 people per game. Also featuring Demolition Ball. Groups from 10-400.



Adrenaline Zone

Amp Up Action Park www.ampupactionpark.com

St. Louis' newest indoor entertainment venue. Join us for high-performance karting, an elevated ropes course challenge, three-level laser tag, human hamster balls, virtual reality co-play and massive arcade gaming. No admission fee, pay as you go for the attractions that are calling for you. Suitable for all ages.

America's Incredible Pizza Company www.stlouisincrediblepizza.com

Featuring thrilling fun in the indoor fairgrounds with go-karts, miniature golf, bumper cars, laser tag and a huge game room, plus a huge all-you-can-eat buffet for all appetites.

Ballpark Village www.stlballparkvillage.com

The premiere dining and entertainment district in the region located in the heart of the downtown St. Louis central business district and adjacent to Busch Stadium. Boasting more than 120,000 sq. ft. and three levels of seven entertainment venues.

Budweiser Brewery Experience www.budweisertours.com

Tours include the historic Brew House, Budweiser Clydesdale stable, beechwood aging cellar, packaging plant, hospitality room and Anheuser-Busch gift shop. Open daily. See website for hours. **FREE**



Blue Owl Bakery



Chuck Berry Statue

Bellefontaine Cemetery www.bellefontainecemetery.org

Visit graves of explorer William Clark, William Burroughs, Thomas Hart Benton, James Eads, Adolphus Busch and poet Sara Teasdale. Also, the famous Wainwright tomb and many other architecturally significant mausoleums and monuments. Maps and self-guided tours available at cemetery office. Docent-led tours offered on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

◀ **Blue Owl Restaurant & Bakery** www.theblueowl.com

Seen on Food Network, Travel Channel. Home of the world famous "Levee High Caramel Apple Pecan Pie." Homestyle cooking; fabulous desserts.

◀ **Chuck Berry Statue** www.chuckberrystatue.com

Let it rock! This 8-foot, in-motion sculpture does artistic justice to rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry, the first person inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and the St. Louis Walk of Fame. Located in a plaza with trees and moving colored lights that are embedded in the plaza's granite stones. View an extensive Chuck Berry memorabilia collection at Blueberry Hill.

General Daniel Bissell House www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/BissellHouse

Built by the commanding officer of the first American military post west of the Mississippi.

Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Dinner Theatre www.bissellmansion.com

St. Louis' oldest home, located just five minutes from the Gateway Arch. Participatory comedy/murder mystery served with four-course dinner, wine and beverage. Private shows available any day/evening including weekends. Reservations required.

Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos www.franciscancaring.org

A collection of magnificent multi-colored rock grottos. I-44 west; Eureka exit, south Hwy. 109; right Hwy. FF; left Hwy. F to St. Joseph Hill Rd. **FREE**

Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Music Club

www.blueberryhill.com

A pop culture museum, this St. Louis landmark restaurant and music club is filled with nationally known collections that include Howdy Doody, the Simpsons, Chuck Berry, Star Wars, jukeboxes, lunch boxes and toys. Also check out the Beatles, Pee Wee Herman, Pez dispensers, South Park, Austin Powers, Toy Story, dinosaurs and more.

► National Blues Museum

www.nationalbluesmuseum.org

The museum explores the Blues and celebrates the genre as the foundation of all modern American music. The facility educates guests in an entertaining environment that includes high impact technology driven experiences, a state-of-the-art theater, artifact-driven exhibits and robust public programming.

Historic Daniel Boone Home & Heritage Center

www.danielboonehome.com

Features the unique home of the legendary hero, Daniel Boone, and more than a dozen historic buildings from the 1800s. Guided tours daily.

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

www.butterflyhouse.org

A cultural and educational attraction. Visitors will see more than 1,000 butterflies in free flight and actually witness the mystery of metamorphosis.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

www.cahokiamounds.org

Site of the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico. Interpretive center, Woodhenge solar calendar, special events.

Calvary Cemetery

www.archstl.org/cemeteries

Gravesites of Tennessee Williams, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and Dred Scott. Many architecturally significant private mausoleums and monuments, including that of the Nez Perce. These warriors came to St. Louis in 1831 to visit William Clark. A free self-guided historic tour pamphlet is available at the office and on-line.

The Candle Fusion Studio

www.thecandlefusionstudio.com

An extraordinary unique experience for the senses! The studio celebrates the art of candle-making and inspires guests to create their own signature scent. More than 100 different scents are available in the extensive candle library. The candles are natural, soy-based and hand-poured. A private room is available for up to 25 people, the studio offers a creative and unique atmosphere. Located in the Central West End surrounded by restaurants, shops and galleries. A perfect journey of exploration and hands-on fun for all ages.

Campbell House Museum

www.campbellhousemuseum.org

One of the best-preserved townhouses in America. Home of fur trader Robert Campbell and family, 1854-1938. Restored to 1800s high-Victorian opulence.

Cardinals Nation

www.cardinalsnation.com

Located adjacent to Busch Stadium, this is the perfect setting for food, friends and fun. Totalling more than 30,000 sq. ft. and spanning three distinct levels, Cardinals Nation is a first-of-its-kind venue. Included is a high-energy, state-of-the-art restaurant and bar, retail store, a Hall of Fame and Museum, a 330-plus seat rooftop deck and event facility. Open year-round, visitors can reserve space for an event or simply stop in for a visit. Experience the tradition – everyday.

▼ Cardinals Hall of Fame & Museum

www.cardinalsnation.com

Where Cardinals past and present combine to create an unforgettable experience. As the official home for St. Louis Cardinals legends, the Cardinals Hall of Fame & Museum is considered a “must-see” attraction. Created to honor the players and personalities who have impacted the franchise, the museum features stadiums, players, championship moments and one of the world's largest team-specific collections of artifacts and memorabilia.

Carondelet Historical Society

www.carondelethistory.org

Preserving the history and artifacts of the Carondelet neighborhood from 1767 to the present, including the first public kindergarten in the 1873 Des Peres School.



National Blues Museum



Cardinals Hall of Fame

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (New Cathedral)

www.cathedralstl.org

One of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere; museum and shop. Daily Masses and tours.

► Central Library – St. Louis Public Library

www.spl.org

Ranked No. 2 among large urban libraries in the country, the system has 17 locations with more than 4.5 million books and other resources available. **FREE**

Challenger Learning Center- St. Louis

www.challengerstl.org

Unique hands-on space-simulation experiences for students, community organizations, corporations and the general public. Reservations required.

Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion

www.demenil.org

Built by a famous Oregon Trail guide and descendants of the founding family of St. Louis, this beautifully restored historic mansion also boasts the city's largest permanent display of 1904 World's Fair memorabilia.

The Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

www.saintlouischessclub.org

The most beautiful and technologically advanced chess club in the nation. A destination for chess players, both beginning and advanced, to enjoy a game of skill that is more than 1,500 years old.

Chesterfield Sports Fusion

www.chesterfieldsportsfusion.com

The St. Louis area's most unique indoor recreation facility featuring Missouri's biggest and best laser tag arena. Additional exciting attractions: dodge ball, miniature golf, rock climbing and arcade. Great for public and private events, big and small.

Circus Flora

www.circusflora.org

Magical, theatrical experience under a big top in a single ring. Original, live music and a narrative frame the acts, bringing animals and people together in a unique celebration. Classic circus traditions, theatre techniques, an ensemble cast and a story line produce a mesmerizing show

that delivers wonder and amazement. Intimate and astonishing, the way circus is supposed to be. See website for show times.

Citygarden

www.citygardenstl.org

Vibrant and serene blending of lush plantings and internationally renowned sculptures with delights of water, stone, architecture and design. Open and accessible year-round. Located within walking distance of the Gateway Arch. **FREE**

City Museum

www.citymuseum.org

Explore the unexpected at this exciting, interactive museum for children and adults. A mixture of funhouse, playground and architectural marvel. \$12 per person.

► Climb SoiLL Indoor Rock Climbing

www.climbsoill.com

St. Louis' premier indoor rock-climbing facility offering a truly unique climbing experience. Featuring 50-ft. world-class climbing walls for children, beginners and families. Located off Truman Parkway, between Park and Lafayette avenues.

ComedySportz CSZ St. Louis

www.cszstlouis.com

Comedy Sportz St. Louis is action-packed, interactive and hilarious comedy played as a sport. Two teams battle it out for points and your laughs! You choose the winners, the teams provide the funny! Appropriate for any age.

Compton Hill Water Tower

www.watertowerfoundation.org

Located in Compton Hill Reservoir Park. Built in a French Romanesque style in 1898. Enjoy a 360-degree view of the city from the observation deck, after climbing 198 steps. Open first Sat. of the month.

Concordia Seminary

www.csl.edu

Museum, archives and historical library with world's largest collection on the history of Lutheranism in America. **FREE**

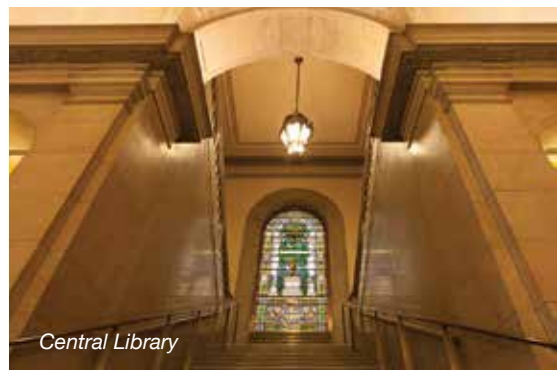
Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

www.camstl.org

The premier museum in St. Louis dedicated to contemporary art, presenting,



Climb SoiLL



Central Library

supporting and celebrating the art of our time. **FREE**

The Historic Samuel Cupples House

www.cupples.slu.edu

Located on the Saint Louis University campus, the magnificent mansion features 42 rooms, 22 fireplaces and the Eleanor Turshin glass collection of Steuben, Fredrick Carder and Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Delmar Loop Planet Walk

www.loopplanetwalk.com

Take a three-billion-mile walk (2,880 ft.) from the Sun to Neptune. Enjoy the informative markers about each planet along this scale model of the solar system. Open all year. **FREE**

Demolition Ball

www.db-az.com

This game combines hockey, football, basketball and polo, all while you drive a super-charged bumper car. Also featuring Adrenaline Zone laser tag.

Eckert's Inc.
www.eckerts.com

Eckert's Country Store and Farms is the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchard in the United States. Offering an experience that extends beyond pick-your-own produce to include the Eckert's Country Store & Garden Center, and the Eckert's Country Restaurant. Eckert's offers specialty foods, meats, wine and cheese selections, as well as a range of classes, including cooking and wine classes for adults, and special children's activities for families to enjoy throughout the year.

Enterprise Center
www.enterprisecenter.com

Home to the St. Louis Blues hockey, concerts, ice shows and other sporting events. Hosts 175 events and two million guests each year. One of the top arenas in the country.

Escape Challenge St. Louis
www.escapechallengestl.com

We've turned an ordinary room into a fun, engaging, interactive mystery! Our St. Louis Escape Rooms are designed for small groups of 2-10 players. Once you're "locked" in, you will have 60 minutes to search the rooms for hidden objects, puzzles, riddles, codes and clues and piece them together to unlock the locks and Escape The Room! Our Escape Rooms in St. Louis are specifically designed to provide our guests with the most unique escape experience possible. We don't rely on copies or licensed rooms, we take pride in raising the bar and building rooms unlike any others. Fun for date nights, small groups, girls' night, guys' night, family fun, larger groups, field trips, team building and more...are you up to the challenge?

Escape the Room STL
www.escapetheroom.com

Escape the Room is a fun, interactive entertainment concept located in the heart of downtown St. Louis. While it looks like any other ordinary room, it's actually a real-life adventure game designed for groups of friends, families or co-workers. Find the hidden objects, figure out the clues and solve the puzzles to earn your freedom and Escape the Room. You only have 60 minutes, so be quick!

everydaycircus & Circus Harmony
www.everydaycircus.net

Make your day a circus day with circus entertainment and classes, plus party rental space at City Museum.

The Fabulous Fox Theatre
www.fabulousfox.com

A magnificently restored theatre in the Grand Center Arts and Entertainment District. The perfect venue to see the hottest Broadway shows and concerts. Prices vary; see web site for performance schedule.

Faust County Park
www.stlouisco.com/parks/faust_home.html

1820s estate of Missouri's second governor (Thornhill), Faust Historical Village, restored 1920s Dentzel carousel, the Butterfly House and Webster University Community Music School. Village interprets history of 1840s-1880s. Historical Village and Thornhill tours by appointment at group rates. \$2 carousel rides. See website for upcoming events. Call for hours.

► **Field House Museum**
www.fieldhousemuseum.org

Childhood home of children's poet Eugene Field and his father, Roswell Field, lawyer for Dred Scott. Special exhibits and toys on display.

► **Fitz's Bottling Company**
www.fitzsrootbeer.com

Located in the vibrant Delmar Loop neighborhood. Watch the bottling of St. Louis' nationally acclaimed signature soda, Fitz's Root Beer, on vintage bottling equipment located right inside the restaurant. Besides draft root beer, Fitz's is a local favorite for burgers, house-smoked barbeque, craft

beers and famous floats. Families and large parties welcome.

Forest Park
www.stlouis-mo.gov/citygov/parks/forestpark

One of the largest urban parks in the United States. At 1,371 acres, it is approximately 500 acres larger than Central Park in New York City. In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the greatest of the World's Fairs, drew more than 19 million visitors from around the world. Home to the Art Museum, Science Center, Zoo, Jewel Box greenhouse, History Museum, The Muny theatre, 7.5-mile biking, jogging and skating path, ice skating rink and lakes. **FREE**

Fort Belle Fontaine
www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/FortBelleFontaine

Site of Fort Belle Fontaine, first U.S. military installation west of the Mississippi River and a stopover point for expeditions heading west. On their return trip to St. Louis in 1806, Lewis & Clark spent a night at the fort. The fort is gone, its site covered by shifts in the Missouri River, but interpretive signs explain the site's significance. **FREE**

▼ **FOX Sports Midwest Live!**
www.stlballparkvillage.com/dining/play/fox-sports-midwest-live

The central gathering place for Ballpark Village featuring a world-class sports viewing experience with a 40-foot LED television, stage for live music and a crowd pleasing menu.



Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park

www.ebsworthpark.org

An outstanding Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian house with original Frank Lloyd Wright furniture in a park setting. Reservations required. Adults, \$10; children 12 and under, \$5.

▼ Gateway Arch National Park

www.gatewayarch.com

Standing 630 feet tall, the Gateway Arch, our nation's tallest man-made monument, stands as the iconic monument symbolizing the westward expansion of the United States.

Gateway Arch Riverboats

www.gatewayarch.com

Enjoy a narrated, one-hour sightseeing cruise or a skyline dinner cruise with live music, a delicious buffet and the best view of St. Louis (reservations required.) Specialty cruises available, including Sunday Brunch, Blues Cruise, Oktoberfest and more. Lunch served at the dock-side Arch View Café. Located at the base of the Gateway Arch Grand staircase.



Gateway Arch

Gateway Grizzlies

www.gatewaygrizzlies.com

A professional baseball team, located just 10 minutes from downtown St. Louis, offering baseball fans entertainment the likes of which are difficult to find – affordable, family fun in a comfortable ballpark with a great view of the St. Louis skyline. Visit GCS Ballpark and you will enjoy professional baseball how it was meant to be.

Gateway Motorsports Park

www.gatewaymsp.com

A major league complex with a drag strip, oval track, road course and karting. With racing, driving schools, corporate events and car shows, there is something for everyone.

Goody Louie – The Place for Goody Butter Cakes

www.goodybuttercake.com

Come taste the cake unique to St. Louis. Voted Best Goody Butter Cake by St. Louisans six years in a row: 2009-2014. All flavors baked daily from scratch in small batches. One-half mile east of Ted Drewes Frozen Custard on historic Route 66.



Great Rivers Greenway

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven)

www.nps.gov/ulsg

The National Park Service interprets the life and family of Ulysses S. Grant at this 10-acre site. **FREE**

▼ Grant's Farm

www.grantsfarm.com

Compliments of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., this Busch family estate was once owned by Ulysses S. Grant. Animal shows, petting area and a tram ride through the wildlife preserve. No reservations required. Nominal parking fee. Open mid-April through early November. **FREE**

Great Rivers Greenway

www.grgstl.org

More than 104 miles of off-street greenway trails and 84 miles of on-street biking pathways, with a total vision of more than 600 miles of greenways and ADA-accessible bike and pedestrian trails connecting the St. Louis region.

◀ National Great Rivers Museum

www.meetingsoftherivers.org

This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers museum tells the story of the Mississippi River and the locks and dam system. Interactive exhibits, theatre presentations, tours and gift shop. **FREE**

The Griot Museum of Black History

www.thegriotmuseum.com

Life-size likenesses of famous African-American Missourians, including George Washington Carver, Dred and Harriet Scott and Josephine Baker. Adults, \$7.50; children 12 and under, \$3.75.

Gus' Pretzel Shop

www.guspretzels.com

Twisting since 1920. Watch us hand-twist soft, salty pretzels. Try our tasty bratwurst, salsiccias and hot dogs wrapped in pretzel dough. Down the street from Anheuser-Busch brewery.

Health Works! Kids' Museum

St. Louis

www.hwstl.org

A fun, kid-friendly place to learn all about our bodies and how to take care of them. The Museum offers many different programs and a few hands on exhibits that allow kids to explore how our bodies work, the best way to take care of them,



Grant's Farm

and gain the knowledge to make healthy choices for life.

Helium Comedy Club
www.heliumcomedyclub.com

An entertainment venue that brings stadium-size talent to an intimate theatre on a weekly basis.

Herbaria
www.herbariasoap.com

Worth a trip for the fresh, natural smells alone. You'll be wowed by the tantalizing aromas of pure essential oils. Men, women, and children will enjoy a free tour to see how real soap is made and to learn why Herbaria soap is better for your skin. Discover wholesome deodorants, bath bombs, bath salts, moisturizers, even insect repellents, aftershaves and more.

Historic Hawken House
www.historicwebster.org

Historic house built by Christopher Hawken, descendant of the Hawken rifleshooters. The Hawken family ancestors came to America from Switzerland in the 1700's, settling first in the Maryland area. With a family history of gun-smithing, they came to St. Louis in 1807 from Hagerstown, Maryland, and began crafting the famous rifle in a shop on the Mississippi Riverfront. Gift shop on premises.

► **Hidden Valley Ski.Tube.Ride.**
www.hiddenvalleyski.com

Winter fun is just minutes away. Snow skiing and boarding or snow tubing on Polar Plunge Tubing area. Lighted trails for day, evening and weekend midnight sessions.

Holocaust Museum & Learning Center
www.jfcdstl.org/direct-services/hmlc/

Photographs, artifacts and audio-visual displays. Resource library and oral history archives. Self-guided audio tour. **FREE**

Infinity Casting Studio
www.infinitycastingstudio.com

A "don't miss" St. Louis experience. Create a treasure of a lifetime with our professional life casters. A unique, three-dimensional art sculpture will be made of your human body. Perfect for weddings, anniversaries and family reunions, the castings portray incredible detail. The process is fast, skin-safe and fun. Your St. Louis visit will be a forever memory.

Inside the Economy Museum
www.stlouisfed.org/economymuseum

A one-of-a-kind museum that explains the economy through nearly 100 exhibits, games and videos. A historic building transforms into a modern, interactive experience. Walk-ins and groups welcome. **FREE**

International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum
www.iphf.org

Preserves, promotes and educates on the history of photography through exhibitions, programs and community outreach.

Jefferson Barracks Historic Park
www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/JeffersonBarracks

Devoted to military history and recreation. Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant served here. Stop by the Missouri Civil War Museum. **FREE**

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jefferson-barracks.asp

Designated a National Cemetery in 1866, the 331-acre site is still in use today. Burials from the War of Independence through the present and both Union and Confederate burials from the Civil War. Home to many monuments to those who served their country. **FREE**

Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center
www.forestparkforever.org

Start your visit to magnificent Forest Park in this welcoming and inviting facility. Amenities include: visitor information and maps, a café (open for breakfast and lunch), playground, public restrooms, compressed air pump, free WiFi access, indoor and outdoor seating areas, public day lockers, meeting rooms, and event space. **FREE**

Scott Joplin House State Historic Site
www.mostateparks.com/park/scott-joplin-house-state-historic-site

Tour the home of the famous ragtime composer at this National Historic Landmark. Tours daily on the hour.



Hidden Valley

Kakao Chocolate
www.kakaochocolate.com

Experience the finest chocolates and confections, handmade from all-natural ingredients at Kakao. You'll notice the difference in the very first bite.

Kaldi's Roasting Company
www.kaldiscoffee.com

Kaldi's Coffee Roasting Co. started in 1994 and has grown into one of the largest privately owned coffee companies in the nation. Visit multiple area locations, including the Midtown roasting facility, which hosts public cuppings every Friday at 2 p.m. Call for group tour information.

Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum at Washington University
www.kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu

Featuring cutting-edge special exhibitions, exceptional educational resources and an outstanding collection of 19th, 20th and 21st century European and American art. **FREE**

Historic Kimmswick
www.gokimmswick.com

Founded in 1859 by German immigrants. Now a living museum with century-old buildings, unique antiques, collectibles, specialty shops and charming restaurants. Open year round. Closed Monday. Twenty-five minutes from downtown St. Louis on I-55, exit 186.

Kokomo Joe's Family Fun Center of St. Peters
www.kjfun.com

Indoor go-karts, bumper cars, glow-in-the-dark miniature golf, and miniature bowling, inflatables, a large arcade and snack shack. Open daily. Group rates for non-profit organizations.

Laumeier Sculpture Park
www.laumeiersculpturepark.org

More than 80 works of contemporary sculpture within a 105-acre natural landscape. The park hosts several exhibitions and multitude of cultural events each year. **FREE**

Lemp Mansion Restaurant & Inn
www.lempmansion.com

History of the brewing family, house and business. A spirited communication about the Lemp family.

Mastermind Room Escape
www.mastermindroomescape.com

The nation's newest form of fun. Get "locked" in a room; try to "escape" by solving puzzles, uncovering clues and finding hidden objectives.

Magic Chef Mansion
www.magicchefmansion.com

Architect Ernst Janssen designed this 1908 mansion for Charles Stockstrom, the founder of the Quickmeal and Magic

Chef Stove Company. Period furnishings, lighting and bowling alley.

The Magic House, St. Louis
Children's Museum
www.magichouse.org

Nationally acclaimed children's museum offering hundreds of hands-on educational exhibits for kids from 1 to 101. Explore the Children's Village, Star-Spangled Center and Jack and Beanstalk Climber.

Mastodon State Historic Site
www.mostateparks.com/mastodon.htm

Museum of Missouri's Ice Age animals and the Native Americans who hunted them more than 10,000 years ago. Picnic area, trails.

Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing
www.greatriversgreenway.org

Historical marker on the Riverfront Trail noting the first nationally designated Underground Railroad site in Missouri. Fugitive slaves used this site, named for the African-American St. Louis abolitionist, to escape to the free state of Illinois prior to the Civil War. **FREE**

◀ **Meramec Caverns**
www.americascave.com

One hour west of St. Louis. Guided tours of natural wonder. Motel and campgrounds, gift shop, restaurant, boat rides, canoe rentals and zipline.

Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis
www.miniaturemuseum.org

Permanent and rotating exhibits featuring dolls and dollhouses, room boxes and vignettes, furniture and accessories in all scales. Gift shop and library devoted to miniatures.

◀ **Missouri Botanical Garden**
www.mobot.org

A National Historic Landmark founded in 1859 with 79 acres of scenic landscaping and historic structures. Don't miss the Climatron tropical rain forest, the Japanese Garden and founder Henry Shaw's Victorian home. Seasonal narrated tram tours, restaurant, gift shop. Free parking on site.

Missouri History Museum
www.mohistory.org

Originally built as the first national monument to Thomas Jefferson, the museum now engages visitors in the exciting history

of St. Louis from its founding in 1764 up to the present day, the 1904 World's Fair, St. Louis Cardinals baseball and more. Fee for some special exhibits. **FREE**

MOTO Museum
www.themotomuseum.com

A private collection of motorcycles, obtained from more than 20 countries from around the globe and covering nearly 100 years. Admission is free. **FREE**

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA)
www.slu.edu/mocra

An interfaith museum exploring the ongoing dialogue between today's artists and religious traditions, housed in a spacious former chapel on the Saint Louis University campus.

The MX District
www.mxstl.com

Downtown St. Louis' newest gathering place, bringing together the best dining, shopping, arts and culture, hospitality, entertainment and residential living in one place.

▶ **Myseum**
www.stlmyseum.com

Discovery center for kids and families. Fun, interactive and unique exhibits like a dino-dig, vet clinic, video wall, radar slide, magnetic ball wall, giant UFO maze, plus much more.

The Nation's First Green Dining District
www.cityofmaplewood.com/gdd

Delicious food made using sustainability practices. Visit web site for participants. All in historic downtown Maplewood.

No Way Out STL
www.nowayoutstl.com

Tired of the same old activities in the city? Our escape room will have you seeing a side of your family and friends you may have never seen.

Old Cathedral (Basilica of St. Louis, King of France)
www.oldcathedralstl.org

St. Louis' earliest church. The present structure is more than 170 years old and a national monument. Museum contains countless religious artifacts. Daily Mass. **FREE**



Meramec Caverns



Missouri Botanical Garden

Old Courthouse

www.nps.gov/jeff/planyourvisit/och.htm

Site of the first two trials of the pivotal Dred Scott case and also where Virginia Minor fought for women's right to vote. Houses four exhibit galleries providing a rich history of early St. Louis. **FREE**

Onondaga Cave State Park

www.mostateparks.com

Guided tours of two underground wonderlands: Onondaga and Cathedral caves.

Pin-Up Bowl

www.PinUpBowl.com

The original bowling and martini lounge. Display cases filled with classic bowling and pin-up memorabilia. Open seven days 'til 3 a.m.

Pole Position Raceway – Indoor Karting

www.polepositionraceway.com

Come drive 45-mph electric powered go-karts on a 1/4-mile road course inside a 56,000 sq. ft. air conditioned facility. Great for groups, parties, birthdays and walk-in/arrive and drive customers. Karts and helmets provided. Must be 50" to drive and have closed-toed shoes.

Pulitzer Arts Foundation

www.pulitzerarts.org

Presents changing art exhibitions and programs involving the visual, literary and performing arts while serving as a sanctuary and a laboratory for the arts.

Purina Farms

www.purina.com/about-purinal/purina-farms

Barnyard animals, dogs, cats, wagon rides, cow milking, hayloft activities and exciting daily canine performances. Call for reservations. Admission and parking are free except when noted during special events. Ten minutes west of Six Flags on I-44. **FREE**

Raging Rivers WaterPark

www.ragingrivers.com

Forty minutes from St. Louis on the Great River Road (Rte. 100). Giant wave pool, body flumes, Endless River, Tree House Harbor, family interactive play area.



Regional Arts Commission

www.racstl.org

At the forefront of efforts to transform St. Louis into a more vibrant, creative and economically thriving community by elevating the vitality, value and visibility of the arts.

Route 66 Sidewalk Plaques

www.cityofmaplewood.com/rte66

Visit a tribute to some of the iconic Route 66 sites in the St. Louis region. Maplewood, on the original route, celebrates The Mother Road with a walk down memory lane. **FREE**

Saint Louis Art Museum

www.slam.org

Built as the Fine Arts Palace of the 1904 World's Fair and one of the nation's leading comprehensive art museums. Collections include works of art of exceptional quality from virtually every culture and time period. Highlights include free admission to special exhibitions on Friday and programs that range from films to performances. **FREE**

St. Louis Blues

www.nhl.com/blues

A member of the Central Division in the Western Conference of the National Hockey League, the St. Louis Blues play home games October through April at Enterprise Center, followed by the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The franchise was founded in 1967 as an expansion team during the league's original expansion from six to 12 teams.



▲ St. Louis Cardinals

www.mlb.com/cardinals

Catch exciting Major League Baseball action at Busch Stadium and cheer for the 11-time World Series Champion and 19-time NL pennant winning St. Louis Cardinals. With more than 100 years of tradition the storied franchise takes to the field at Busch Stadium for 81 games each April-October.

St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

www.umsf.edu/mercantile

Celebrating 166 years of Midwestern art, history and culture. Collections and special exhibitions feature river, railroad and St. Louis history, American art and rare books. **FREE**

St. Louis Paranormal Research Society

www.seeaghost.com

Explore the darker side of St. Louis. All you need to bring is your courage. The St. Louis Paranormal Research Society is

a small group of eclectic individuals who realize that the exploration of the paranormal should be one of personal exploration, not necessarily a scientific endeavor. This realization allows us to present a truly unique experience and one that you will never forget.

St. Louis Premium Outlets www.premiumoutlets.com/stlouis

Visit St. Louis Premium Outlets located just 30 minutes from downtown and only 20 minutes from St. Louis Lambert International Airport. Shop more than 90 designer and name brand outlet stores. Enjoy exceptional brands at extraordinary savings of 25-65% every day for shopping that's always worth the trip.

St. Louis Renaissance Faire www.stlrenfest.com

Travel back in time and step into the beautifully wooded, 16th-century village called Petit Lyon. Immerse yourself in the costumes and mannerisms of the era. Thrill to the exploits of jousting knights on thundering steeds. Roam the village shops for unique crafts and goods as artisans demonstrate period skills. Delight in comedy, music and feats of derring-do. Feast on delicious food and drink while strolling minstrels entertain. Interact with the colorful villagers, nobles, peasants and personalities of ages past.

Saint Louis Science Center www.slsc.org

Explore 700-plus exhibits, the OMNIMAX Theater, Planetarium, special traveling exhibitions and more. Group rates available.
FREE

► St. Louis Union Station www.stlouisunionstation.com

A National Historic Landmark with a Curio Collection by Hilton hotel. Experience the color and wonder of a 3D light show at the hotel, and a fire and light show at the lake. Coming soon to Union Station – a train park, ferris wheel and an aquarium.

Saint Louis University www.slu.edu

The first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi. Attractions include the historic Samuel Cupples House, Museum of Contemporary Religious Art and Pere Marquette Gallery.



Saint Louis Zoo

Saint Louis University Museum of Art www.slu.edu/sluma-home

Displaying extraordinary collections of historical and contemporary art, including works by Andy Warhol, Chuck Close and Robert Motherwell.

St. Louis Walk of Fame www.stlouiswalkoffame.org

More than 120 stars and informative plaques honoring famous St. Louisans are set in the sidewalks of The Loop, the exciting restaurant, shopping and arts & entertainment district designated "One of the 10 Greatest Streets in America." Stars include John Goodman, Chuck Berry, Bob Costas, Tina Turner and Nelly. **FREE**

▲ Saint Louis Zoo www.stlzoo.org

Home to more than 18,000 exotic animals, many of them rare and endangered. These 700 species represent the major continents and biomes of the world. Set in the rolling hills, lakes and glades of Forest Park, the Saint Louis Zoo is always a great place to be. **FREE**

St. Mary of Victories Catholic Church www.smov.info

Historic 1843 church, second oldest in St. Louis city. Amazing pre-Civil war altar, statues, altar rail and art pieces. Tours Sunday and upon request. Donation for guided tours. Public welcome.

Historic Sappington House & Barn Restaurant www.sappingtonhouse.org

National Historic Landmark thought to be the oldest brick home in St. Louis County. Complex includes Library of Americana



Schlafly Bottleworks



St. Louis Union Station

and Barn Restaurant. Farm-fresh breakfasts and lunches.

The Thomas Sappington House Museum and Library of Americana www.sappingtonhouse.org

A National Historic Landmark; stunning and rare example of Federal architecture in Missouri. Home of nationally recognized Library of Americana and Decorative Arts.

Saratoga Lanes www.saratogalanes.com

A National Historic Landmark. Eight lanes, five pool tables. Full bar. Climb the stairs and enjoy the charm of the oldest bowling alley west of the Mississippi. A true St. Louis destination.

▲ Schlafly Bottleworks www.schlafly.com

Free tours include exhibit on the history of brewing in St. Louis, Schlafly brewhouse, bottling plant, tasting room and gift shop. Groups welcome.

Shaw Nature Reserve www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/visit/family-of-attractions/shaw-nature-reserve.aspx

Twenty-four hundred acres of natural Ozark landscape with 1.5 miles of Meramec River frontage and a diversity of native plant and animal habitats. Ponds, prairies, woodlands, wild flowers and hiking trails.

The Sheldon Concert Hall
www.thesheldon.org

Built in 1912, The Sheldon hosts a wide variety of concerts. The 732-seat concert hall includes six art galleries and a sculpture garden.

Shrine of St. Joseph
www.shrineofstjoseph.org

Magnificently restored Baroque church. Site of Vatican-authenticated miracle. Beautiful Altar of Answered Prayers. More than 35 hand-carved statues, 1890 tracker organ. Tours by appointment.

FREE

Six Flags St. Louis
www.sixflags.com/stlouis

Non-stop, over-the-top, high-speed thrills around every turn. Heart-pounding roller coasters, family rides and attractions are just the ticket to fun for kids of all ages. Visit Hurricane Harbor, a 12-acre water park, free with theme park admission.

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum
www.mohistory.org/soldiersmemorial

This downtown St. Louis landmark opened in 1938. A \$30 million renovation was completed in November 2018. The museum tells the stories of service men and women from St. Louis and their families, as well as St. Louis' contributions to the war effort.

Soulard Farmers Market
www.soulardmarket.com

Founded circa 1779; 148 stalls with farm-fresh and imported produce, meats, fish, herbs and more. Open year-round. **FREE**

Sweetology
www.sweetology.com

Come enjoy a creative, unique decorating experience at Sweetology, St. Louis' premiere destination for do-it-yourself cupcake, cookie and cake-decorating. Think Cake Boss™ meets Build-A-Bear™ with a little Willy Wonka™ magic thrown in. You bring the imagination and we'll help you with the rest.

Ted Drewes Frozen Custard
www.teddrewes.com

A St. Louis tradition on Old Route 66 since 1929. Known for specialty "concrete" shakes, so thick you can turn them upside down.

Stifel Theatre
www.stifeltheatre.com

This St. Louis institution formerly known as Kiel Opera House is now Stifel Theatre, hosting an array of entertainment, special events and behind the scene tours.

▼ **Third Degree Glass Factory**
www.stlglass.com

Working glass art center with glassblowing, beadmaking and fusing glass; art and gift galleries; venue for private events. Classes, tours, private demonstrations, and commissions.

Tower Grove Park
www.towergrovepark.org

With more than 2.4 million annual visitors, this 289-acre National Historic Landmark park offers Victorian pavilions, bird watching, festivals and many other recreational activities. **FREE**

Trailnet
www.trailnet.org

Trailnet is the premier bicycling organization of St. Louis and hosts rides from March to October. Rides are held throughout the region, in the city of St. Louis and in scenic rural areas of Missouri and Illinois. Trailnet's bicycle rides are designed for all levels of experience. Each ride features a number of different distances ranging from five to 100 miles.

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
www.trinitystlouis.com

Oldest Lutheran Church west of the Mississippi (1839). Near Soulard Market. Tours by appointment. Join us for wor-

ship with original Saxon chalice and 1864 organ.

Tropicana Lanes
www.tropicanalanes.com

A 52-lane bowling center voted "Best in St. Louis." Featuring cocktail lounge, great food, cosmic bowling and fun atmosphere. Experienced host for large tournaments and groups.

Turtle Playground
www.forestparkstatues.org/turtle-playground/

Giant turtle sculptures overlook Forest Park and I-64. Open year round. **FREE**

Westport Plaza
www.westportstl.com

A unique blend of office and retail space, the 42-acres offer an assortment of events and activities. Westport Plaza has something for everyone, whether you're looking for a night out of comedy and sushi, a variety of distinctive specialty shops, restaurants, bars, entertainment venues and two Sheraton hotels.

World Bird Sanctuary
www.worldbirdsantuary.org

Live eagles, owls, hawks and more exhibited in a convenient 305-acre park setting. Hiking trails, bird watching, picnic areas and knowledgeable naturalists offer unique environmental entertainment. **FREE**

World Chess Hall of Fame
www.worldchesshof.org

The only one of its kind with a dynamic relationship between art and chess. **FREE**



Third Degree Glass Factory

Yucandu Art Studio
www.yucandu.com

A hands-on art studio for ages 5 to 98 with projects from mosaics to collage to painting. Located in charming historical Webster Groves.

BREWERIES

4 Hands Brewing Company
www.4handsbrewery.com

A craft brewery located in the LaSalle Park neighborhood. Specializing in crafting unique ales that push the level of creativity and flavor. At any one time, 10 different ales will be available.

Budweiser Brewery Experience
www.budweisertours.com

Tours include the historic Brew House, Budweiser Clydesdale stable, beechwood aging cellar, packaging plant, hospitality room and Anheuser-Busch gift shop.

FREE

Hofbräuhaus
www.hofbrauhausstlouis.com

The largest Hofbräuhaus in North America, this location provides an authentic experience as memorable as the 400+ year old original in Munich. Enjoy traditional Bavarian cuisine, fresh German beer brewed on-site and live entertainment seven days a week.



Schlafly Tap Room



Urban Chestnut

St. Louis Brewers Guild
www.stlbeer.org

The St. Louis Brewers Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a civic and educational mission to highlight and tell the story of our region's fascinating brewing history while remaining equally committed to working alongside and in support of the entire local brewing community and other aligned organizations and individuals to cement St. Louis as one of the nation's premiere beer tourism destinations.

Schlafly Bottleworks
www.schlafly.com

Free tours include exhibit on the history of brewing in St. Louis, Schlafly brewhouse, bottling plant, tasting rooms and gift shop.

▼ **Schlafly Tap Room**
www.schlafly.com

Microbrewery and brewpub featuring handcrafted Schlafly beers.

Square One Brewery & Distillery
www.squareonebrewery.com

Brewery, distillery and restaurant located just south of downtown. Up to 12 beers on tap. Serving unique beers and spirits with fresh food in a beautiful historic building and garden.

▼ **Urban Chestnut Grove Brewing & Bierhall**
www.urbanchestnut.com

Brewery with tasteroom and biergarten. Serving locally sourced small fare and craft beers made on-site. Open daily. A Green Dining Alliance-certified restaurant.

Urban Chestnut Midtown Brewery & Biergarten
www.urbanchestnut.com

Brewery with tasteroom and biergarten. Serving locally sourced small fare and craft beers made on-site. Open daily. A Green Dining Alliance-certified restaurant.

CASINOS

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa
www.stcharles.ameristar.com

Stunning stained glass skylights, latest slot and video poker machines, table games and poker rooms, this 130,000 sq. ft. casino offers endless action in an exquisite setting.

Hollywood Casino
www.hollywoodcasinostlouis.com

With over 21,000 fun and exciting slot machines and 59 table games across 125,000 square foot of gaming floor, Hollywood Casino also features a vibrant nightlife scene at Boogie Nights the ultimate 70s and 80s dance club.

◀ **Lumière Place Casino & Hotels**
www.lumiereplace.com

Located in the shadow of the Arch, the casino offers 75,000 sq. ft. of gaming action (1,800 slots, 55+ table games and dedicated poker room).

River City Casino & Hotel
www.rivercity.com

The road to the best city in St. Louis is paved with luck and the destination is even luckier. This city has a casino, hotel and five unique restaurants.

WINERIES

Boenker Hill Vineyard & Winery
www.boenkerhill.com

Enjoy the best view in the Midwest. Savor a glass of one of our signature wines or dine at our full service restaurant. Live music on weekends.

Stone Hill Winery & Restaurant
www.stonehillwinery.com

Missouri's oldest winery dates from 1847. Tour underground cellars and taste award-winning wines. Enjoy our picturesque view and a delicious meal at the Vintage Restaurant.



Lumière Place Casino

SIGHTSEEING & TOUR COMPANIES

Are We There Yet?, LLC

(888) STL-TOUR / (314) 304-3508
www.arewethereyetdea.com

Fun, professionally conducted tours with Dea Hoover, the St. Louis Tour Girl. Step-on guides, trolley charters, attraction reservations, hotel and meals. Great rates. Individuals, families and groups welcome.

► Brewery Tours of St. Louis

(314) 399-0221
www.brewerytoursofstlouis.com

Visit four breweries in 3.5 hours on a luxury bus. Sample beer, purchase pints, growlers etc. Complimentary bottled water and swag bag filled with pint glass, koozie, coaster, etc.

City Cycling Tours

(314) 616-5724
www.citycyclingtours.com

Guided, narrated, leisurely paced bicycle tours and complete bicycle rental services. Discover the historic, architectural and cultural significance of features and attractions of Forest Park. Helmets, locks, bottled water included. Individuals, families and groups welcome. Call for reservations.

Corporate Transportation

(855) 746.6785
www.limostl.com

A leading provider of safe and luxurious transportation to St. Louis-area wineries. Can plan or advise custom itineraries for wine tours of all sizes. Offering a variety of special rates, discounts and packages for groups of all sizes. Specialty tours include wine tasting tours, holiday lights tours and sightseeing/city tours.

Destination St. Louis

(314) 727-2400
www.destinationstlouis.com

St. Louis' premier destination management company, accredited by the Association of Destination Management Execu-

tives. In business for more than 20 years, our team provides award-winning events, large and small shuttle systems, creative tour and spouse programs, airport meet and greets, meeting planning and ground transportation. Full-service coordination for groups from 2-25,000. Exclusive St. Louis member of the DMC Network; WBE-certified business.

Discover St. Louis, LLC

(800) 628-3093 / (314) 522-6367
www.discover-stlouis.com

Customized tours with a professional, certified tour guide. Learn about restaurants, cultural events, architecture, public transit and more.

Downtown and Grand Center Architectural Walking Tours

(314) 421-6474
www.landmarks-stl.org/events/downtown_walking_tours

Choose from four different tours and join experienced tour leaders sharing remarkable stories about the diverse history and architecture of downtown St. Louis and Grand Center. All four tours are offered every Saturday, April through October, rain or shine. For groups of 10 or more, please make advanced reservations.

Double Key Treasure Hunts

(800) 494-3183
www.doublekeytreasurehunts.com

Go on a real treasure hunt and see the sights of St. Louis. Solve clues and find real treasure while visiting historical sites. All-inclusive Treasure Hunt Packages are for groups up to eight people and are inspired by the events occurring before 1929, carefully crafted to appear 80-plus years old.

EAT Saint Louis Food Tours

(314) 399-9EAT
www.saintlouisfoodtours.com

Tours offer both locals and visitors an unparalleled chance to visit artisan producers

and restaurateurs while our guides share their knowledge of history and culture of each delicious neighborhood.

▼ Gateway Arch Riverboats

(877) 982-1410 / (314) 982-1410
www.gatewayarch.com

Enjoy a narrated, one-hour sightseeing-cruise or a Skyline dinner cruise with live music, a delicious buffet and the best view of St. Louis.

Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc.

(314) 421-6474
www.landmarks-stl.org

Explore the rich history and architectural legacy of downtown St. Louis with a guided walking tour. Enjoy well known landmarks as well as hidden gems. Sponsored by Revitalize St. Louis in cooperation with the Landmarks Association of St. Louis.

Missouri History Museum

(314) 746-4599
www.mohistory.org

Theme-centered educational excursions designed to entertain and educate. Inspired by Missouri History Museum exhibitions and programming, these one-



Gateway Arch Riverboats



Brewery Tours of St. Louis

day tours explore historic topics at various sites throughout the city. Individuals, families and groups welcome.

Professional Tour Guide Association

www.ptgastl.org

Founded in 2004, the PTGA of Metropolitan St. Louis works to raise the public awareness of the tour guide profession and insures the highest quality of services.

Renegade STL

(314) 467-8588

www.renegadestl.com

Offers offbeat and original tours of St. Louis by providing walking and bus

tours of the city. Both public and private tours available.

Riordan Tours/St. Louis Haunted History Tour

(314) 800-6369

www.riordantours.com

A one-and-a-half hour tour, easy walk through Laclede's Landing and the Arch grounds. Visitors will learn about bizarre and spooky aspects of the history of St. Louis.

St. Louis Carriage & Trolley Company

(314) 621-3334

www.stlouiscarriagecompany.com

From the front door of most major downtown hotels, step aboard and step back in time to rediscover the Old World charm and quiet elegance of horse-drawn touring. One-hour trolley tours of historic downtown. Pick up at St. Louis Union Station and Hilton at the Ballpark.

St. Louis Fun Tours

(314) 910-7981

www.stlouisfuntours.com

A great way to get acquainted with the popular sights and local favorites that St. Louis offers during a narrated 75-minute tour aboard an authentic trolley.

Show Me MO Tours, LLC

(314) 781-0015

www.showmemotours.com

Offering small, unique leisure tours specializing in local and regional history in and

around the St. Louis area. Vacation packages and Katy Trail bike shuttles available. "Green," corporate and familyfriendly. Groups welcome.

Sunrise Tours

(800) 881-0804

www.travelsunrise.com

Offering various day tours in the St. Louis area for more than 15 years. Visit the website for a catalog of current tour offerings.

Trailnet

(314) 436-1324

www.trailnet.org

Trailnet is the premier bicycling organization of St. Louis and hosts rides from March to October. Rides are held throughout the region, in the city of St. Louis and in scenic rural areas of Missouri and Illinois. Trailnet's bicycle rides are designed for all levels of experience. Each ride features a number of different distances ranging from five to 100 miles.

Trikke STL Guided Tours

(314) 487-4553

www.trikkeestl.com

A fun, simple and hassle-free way to experience greater St. Louis. A mobile company operating seasonal tours from March thru Mid-November. Trikke STL transports their innovative three wheeled Elektrik Trikke Tribred Pon-e fleet to many St Louis locations. Being mobile affords patrons unlimited and never ending choices of locations from which to tour on the Trikkies.

Vandalia Bus Lines

(800) 542-4287

www.vblinc.com

Tours and charters in and around St. Louis conducted in English. Step-on guides. 15-61 passenger buses.



TECHNICAL *tours*

3rd Degree Glass Factory

5200 Delmar Blvd.
(314) 367-4527
www.thirddegreeglassfactory.com
Number of People: 6 or more

Get an inside look into the inner workings of Third Degree — from the continuous improvement of our building since 2002, to the production of beautiful glass artwork in each of our three studios. A fun and informative tour for all ages!

► Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tours

12th and Lynch Streets
(314) 577-2333
Email: amber.owens@anheuser-busch.com
www.budweisertours.com
Tour Length: 45 minutes
Number of People: 1-30

Hours/Price: Tours are complimentary. More indepth tours including The Day Fresh Brewery Tour, Beermaster Tour and Beer School are available. Costs vary.

View the Budweiser Clydesdales, the Brew House, Beechwood Aging Cellar and Packaging Plant. The tour concludes in the Biergarten for tasting. Visit the Budweiser gift shop onsite.

Ballpark Village

601 Clark Ave.
(314) 345-9481
www.stlballparkvillage.com
Tour Length: 45 minutes
Number of People: 15-50

Bellfontaine Cemetery

4947 W. Florissant Ave.
(314) 381-0750
Email: dfuller@bellfontainecemetery.org
www.bellfontainecemetery.org/visits-and-tours
Tour Length: 120 minutes
Number of People: 25 maximum

Private tours available year-round by appointment, cost varies. Book two weeks in advance.

Bus or trolley tours led by Master Guides tour the history, horticulture and architecture of Bellfontaine cemetery, including the gravesite of William Clark and Adolphus Busch.

Bissinger's Chocolate

1600 N. Broadway
314.615.2417
Email: discoverchocolate@bissingers.com
www.bissingers.com
Number of People: 12-15

Come and see first-hand the art and craft of creating our award-winning fine confections. The tour will highlight the company's 350-year history, artisan techniques, and discuss the chocolate-making process and the social and environmental elements related to cocoa farming. Chocolate tastings will be available at the end of the tour.

► The Boeing Company – James S. McDonald Prologue Room

McDonnell Blvd. & Airport Rd.
(314) 232-6896
Email: mary.r.barr@boeing.com
www.boeing.com/prologueroom
Tour Length: 60 minutes
Number of People: Groups of 10 or more

The James S. McDonnell Prologue Room in St. Louis tells the story of more than nine decades of aviation progress, from biplanes to space travel. Scale models, diagrams, paintings, and photographs document such important events as the first flight around the world in 1924, the first take-off of a jet fighter from a U.S. Navy carrier in 1946, the first aircraft to land at the South Pole in 1956, and the first manned spacecraft to orbit the Earth in 1962. **FREE**

Busch Stadium

700 Clark St.
(314) 345-9565
Email: stadiumtours@cardinals.com
www.stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com
Tour Length: 1 hour
Number of People: 1-50

Busch Stadium tours provide a unique look at the home of the Cardinals and offer a great way to add variety to your conference or meeting. Take in the view from the Radio Broadcast Booth, see the World Series trophies in the Champions Club and imagine yourself as a big leaguer in the Cardinals Dugout.



Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour



James S. McDonald Prologue Room

Central Library – St. Louis Public Library

1301 Olive St.
(314) 539-0345
Email: volunteer@slpl.org
www.slpl.org
Tour Length: 60 minutes
Number of People: Groups of fewer than 10 can walk in. Groups of 10+ may schedule a private tour 30 days in advance.

Visitors will receive a history of the building and its architecture and see the results of its recent \$70 million restoration. **FREE**

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Company

5025 Pattison Ave.
(314) 338-3501
Email: customersupport@chocolatechocolate.com
www.chocolatechocolate.com
Tour Length: 15-20 minutes
Number of People: Groups up to 25

See candy being made in the Candy Kitchen. Visit the plant floor to view production and hear an explanation of the process. Sampling included. **FREE**

► The Fabulous Fox Theatre

527 North Grand Blvd.
(314) 657-5068
Email: tours@foxstl.com
www.fabulousfox.com
Tour Length: 90 minutes

Number of People: Private tours for groups of 20 or more.

A complete tour of the restored 1929 movie palace includes backstage areas and the famed Mighty Worlitzer Organ when scheduling allows. View "A Tribute to Stan Kann," an exhibit which honors the Fox's decades-long organist, and "Peacock Alley," which provides a photographic montage of the fabulous entertainers and productions that have played the Fox since its reopening in 1982. Optional private lunch available for groups of 25 or more.

► Herbaria

2016 Marconi Ave.
(314) 601-3904
www.herbariasoap.com
Number of People: 10 or more

See us mix, pour, cut and wrap our soap. Worth a trip for the smell alone! There's lots to learn. Discover the difference between soap and detergent. Find out the #1 cause of skin irritation. Understand why our soaps are "fragrance-free." Get a bit of bathing history. Scientists, young and old, get into soap chemistry.

KDHF 88.1 Radio

3524 Washington Ave.
(314) 664-3955
Email: volunteer@kdhx.com
www.kdhx.org
Tour Length: 30-45 minutes
Number of People: 20 maximum; call to make arrangements for larger groups.

Tour includes a history of KDHF, including an explanation of community radio and its significance. Visit the air studios, production studios, live performance studio, music library and venue space. **FREE**

Hofbräuhaus St. Louis – Belleville

123 St. Eugene Dr., Belleville, IL
(618) 800-2337
Email: sales@hofbrauhausstlouis.com
www.hofbrauhausstlouis.com
Number of People: 1-50

Provides an authentic experience as memorable as the 400+ year old original in Munich. Tour the brewery and dance on the benches to live bands from Germany and Austria while enjoying authentic Bavarian cuisine and original-recipe beers. Make friends at communal tables in the massive



Stifel Theatre

beer hall or soak up the sun in the outdoor beer garden. It's Oktoberfest every day at the Hofbräuhaus.

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

Five locations in the metro area
(314) 436-8708
Email: dandrews@stlmsd.com
www.stlmsd.com
Tour Length: 90 minutes
Number of People: Groups of 10-15

Tour of treatment plant and explanation of water treatment process. Wear tennis shoes; no loose, flowing clothing. **FREE**

Missouri Botanical Garden

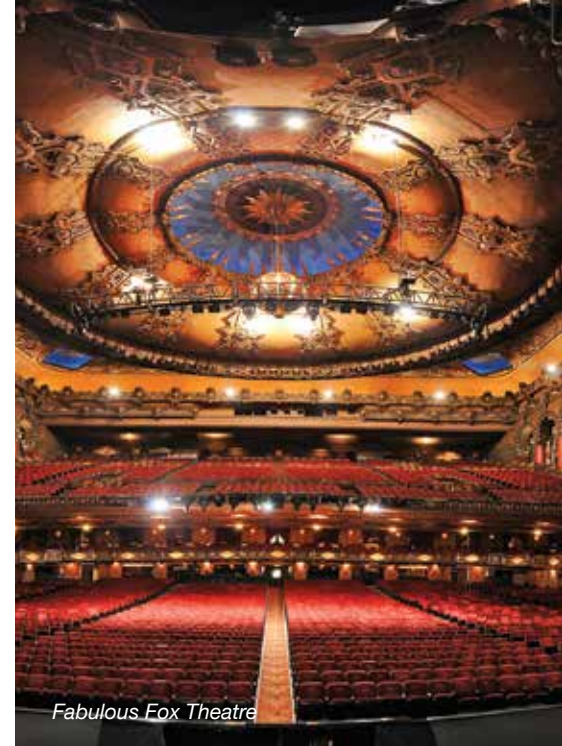
5700 Lindell Blvd.
(800) 332.1286
Email: tourism@mobot.org
www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
Tour Length: varies
Number of People: 15 or more

The Missouri Botanical Garden has numerous tour options for adults, students, families, and children. Whether you desire a private walking tour, a private tram tour, or a class field trip.

Missouri History Museum

5700 Lindell Blvd.
(314) 746-4599
Email: tgold@mohistory.org
www.mohistory.org
Tour Length: varies
Number of People: 15+

The Missouri History Museum, Library & Research Center and Soldiers Memorial Military Museum are ideal destinations for all types of groups. Tours and programs are inspired by Missouri History Museum exhibits, Soldiers Memorial exhibits, and the Missouri Historical Society (MHS) Collections. Formats include gallery tours, curator talks, and step-on bus tours. Visiting groups can customize their experience with an assortment of additional options, including free self-guided gallery time, dining, and souvenir orders.



Fabulous Fox Theatre



Herbaria

Nine Network of Public Media – Channel 9

3655 Olive St.
(314) 512-9000
Email: shaskins9@ketc.org
www.ninenet.org
Tour Length: 30-45 minutes
Number of People: Groups of 6-15, ages 12+

Visitors will receive a brief history of the network and see a green room, production area, master control and the studio if not in use. **FREE**

Old Courthouse

11 North 4th St.
(314) 982-1410, Ext. 0
Email: groupsales@gatewayarch.com
www.gatewayarch.com/experience/old-courthouse.aspx
Tour Length: 15-45 minutes
Number of People: Varies



St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dogtown

celebrate, celebrate

Ameren Missouri Thanksgiving Day Parade

Season: Thanksgiving Day
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 569-4141
www.christmasinstlouis.org

Musical floats and displays, giant helium balloon figures, animal units and marching bands from around the St. Louis region inspire parade-goers to show their holiday spirit and celebrate the city of St. Louis. The parade kicks off the holiday season with special guest Santa Claus appearing at the finale.

Annie Malone May Day Parade

Season: May
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 531-0120
Email: amcfs@anniemalone.com
www.anniemalone.com

Held since 1910, the Annie Malone Parade is now the second largest African-American parade in the country. It is a celebration of Annie Malone's achievements and St. Louis' African-American history.

Ameren Missouri Festival of Lights

Season: November
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 569-4141
www.christmasinstlouis.org

Kick-off the Christmas season in downtown St. Louis with a talent and music festival culminating with the Mayor lighting the Christmas tree and a fireworks display.

Mardi Gras Parade

Season: February
Location: Historic Soulard
(314) 771-5110
Email: info@mardigrasinc.com
www.mardigrasinc.com

St. Louis hosts the nation's second largest Mardi Gras celebration, and the annual parade is the celebration's signature event. The 1.5 mile parade route hosts hundreds of thousands of revelers all screaming for beads and other throws as the colorful floats make their way along the route.

Pride St. Louis Parade

Season: Last Sunday of June
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 772-8888
Email: parade@pridestl.org
www.pridestl.org

St. Louis' Pride Parade commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City and is a highlight of Pride-Fest weekend. The parade also serves as a means to showcase the creative talents of hundreds of local LGBT friendly businesses, non-profit organizations and community groups.

St. Louis Annual Labor Day Parade

Season: Labor Day
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 291-8666
www.stlouislabor.org

Thousands of local union members march through Downtown St. Louis for the annual Labor Day Parade.

St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

Season: Veterans Day
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 589-6640
Email: stlveteransdayparade@gmail.com

Thousands of spectators come out to honor and celebrate St. Louis' service members.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Season: March
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 241-7287
Email: parade@irishparade.org
www.irishparade.org

With more than 120 floats, bands, cartoon-character balloons and marchers and 250,000-plus spectators, the St. Louis St. Patrick's Day Parade is considered one of the best in the nation.

The Veiled Prophet Parade

Season: Fourth of July
Location: Downtown St. Louis
(314) 434-3434
Email: vpparade@gmail.com
www.veiledprophet.org

One of our nation's oldest parades and an enduring St. Louis 4th of July tradition, the VP Parade entertains young and old, celebrates our nation's birth and honors the city of St. Louis.

things TO DO

For more information about annual events check out explorestlouis.com/events.

January

Loop Ice Carnival

February

Mardi Gras

March

St. Patrick's Day Parade

April

Chinese Culture Days
Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival
St. Louis Earth Day Festival
GO! St. Louis Marathon

May

Art Fair at Laumeier
St. Louis African Arts Festival
Annie Malone May Day Parade

June

Blues on the Mississippi
Pride Fest
Shakespeare Festival
Whitaker Jazz Festival
Circus Flora

July

Fair Saint Louis
VP Parade
Let them Eat Art
St. Louis Brewers Heritage Festival

August

Festival of Nations
St. Louis World's Fare Heritage Festival

September

Big Muddy Blues Festival
Japanese Festival
Saint Louis Art Fair
Great Forest Park Balloon Race
Taste of St. Louis
LouFest Music Festival
Queeny Art Fair
Q in the Lou
The Budweiser Taste of St. Louis
Love Beer Fest – Anheuser-Busch



October

Historic Shaw Art Fair
Best of Missouri Market
Oktoberfest
Soulard Oktoberfest
Grove Fest
Harvest Festival

November – January

Thanksgiving Day Parade
Holiday Festival of Lights
Way of Lights at the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows
Anheuser-Busch Brewery Lights
Winter Wonderland Drive-Through Lights Display
Gardenland Express
Zoo Lights
International Film Festival
Garden Glow
The Polar Express Train Ride

Music, Dance & Theatre

Dance St. Louis www.dancestl.org

Fabulous Fox Theatre (Aug-May) www.fabulousfox.com

The Muny (June-Aug) www.muny.org

Opera St. Louis (May-June) www.opera-stl.org

Peabody Opera House www.peabodyoperahouse.com

Powell Symphony Hall (Sept-June) www.stlsymphony.org

Repertory Theatre St. Louis (Sept-April) www.repstl.org

St. Louis Black Repertory Company (Jan-June) www.theblackrep.org

Stages St. Louis (May-Oct) www.stagesstlouis.com



National Blues Museum

something FOR EVERYONE

America's Music Corridor

St. Louis sits at the beginning of a mid-nation tour of America's best home-grown music. Start your group with this two-day visit to St. Louis and continue to Branson and Kansas City, Missouri to add all of the state's jazzy and country musical styles. Or, head south along the Mighty Mississippi to Memphis, Tennessee and New Orleans, Louisiana to add a southern note to your group's multi-day, multi-destination music tour.

Day One

Start your journey down America's Music Corridor by getting acquainted with some of St. Louis' most favored sons and daughters on the St. Louis Walk of Fame in the Loop neighborhood. Music legends such as Chuck Berry, Scott Joplin, Miles Davis, Tina Turner and many others are honored with bronze stars in the sidewalk along the Walk of Fame. Check out the assortment of shops, restaurants and cafes located in The Loop neighborhood (named after an old streetcar turnaround) where the Walk of Fame is located. Vintage Vinyl has an enormous selection of LPs and 45s where you can ask for St. Louis Blues recordings.

Blueberry Hill: The Loop's epicenter, has plenty of room for group dining and is full of Rock'n'Roll memorabilia, including Chuck Berry's guitar, and displays dedicated to the Beatles, Howdy Doody, and just about any other collectible pop culture item you can imagine.

Scott Joplin House: Known as the Father of Ragtime, Joplin spent some of his most productive years in St. Louis at the turn of the 20th century. The National Historic Landmark home is where the young pianist lived from 1900-1903.

St. Louis Union Station: History buffs won't want to miss beautiful St. Louis Union Station, a restored National Historic Landmark opened in 1894. Don't miss the 3-D panoramic light show which plays on the Grand Hall ceiling in the evenings.

Laclede's Landing: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the cobblestone-paved Landing is one of St. Louis' entertainment districts. Special events like the annual **Big Muddy Blues Festival**, held each Labor Day weekend, take place on the Landing.

Day Two

The Gateway Arch National Park: No music here, but no visit to St. Louis would be complete without a trip to the top of the Gateway Arch, towering 630 feet above

the banks of the mighty Mississippi. Once you reach your destination, you'll find a 30-mile panoramic view of the Mississippi River.

Gateway Arch Riverboat Cruises:

What better way to get a feel for Ol'Man River, the literal backbone of America's Music Corridor, than with a relaxing Gateway Riverboat Cruise.

Soulard Neighborhood: The city's oldest neighborhood is also a center for St. Louis-style Blues music. More than 30 music clubs, restaurants and taverns are scattered among the red brick townhouses and ornate churches. Drive the bluesy neighborhood during the day on your way to the neighboring **Anheuser-Busch Brewery** and come back at night for a pub crawl and great music.

Soulard's culinary circuit runs the gamut from spicy Cajun delicacies to elegant private dining for groups. **The Soulard Farmers' Market**, founded in 1779, springs to life each Wednesday through Saturday with assorted fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, herbs and spices for sale. After dinner, stroll through the streets and pick out what kind of live music sounds good at clubs including BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups, The Beale on Broadway or the Broadway Oyster Bar, among many others, in the St. Louis Blues Triangle.

Anheuser-Busch Brewery: Another favorite stop of visitors to Soulard is the historic home of one of the world's largest breweries. Enjoy the outdoors at the newest stop on the A-B campus, the Beer Garden where you can attend beer school or just sit and sample.

In the evening, dance your cares away at the **Casa Loma Ballroom**, an authentic St. Louis dance hall, where the Imperial Swing still reigns supreme, and great live bands heat up the highly polished floor several nights each week.

Beer, Blues & Baseball

St. Louis has two past times, watching our beloved Red Birds play baseball at Busch Stadium and listing to great blues music. St. Louis hosts a number of spots that offer live blues music each night of the week.



Day One

Return to the banks of the Mississippi River for a trip to the top of the **Gateway Arch**, soaring 630 feet above downtown St. Louis. At the top of America's tallest man-made monument, you'll find a 30-mile panoramic view of the Mississippi River and the city.

Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour: The Soulard neighborhood's biggest residence is home of the original Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Complimentary tours of the fabled American brewery complex – including the popular, historic stables of the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales and free tasting room.

Ballpark Village: a seven city-block, 10-acre entertainment plaza. Highlights include **Cardinals Nation** – a venue that combines a Cards-themed restaurant, rooftop deck with views inside the stadium, and the St. Louis **Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum**, considered the best baseball museum outside of Cooperstown. A **Budweiser Brewhouse**, complete with beer garden and displays on St. Louis' brewing history, anchors the project. **Fox Sports Midwest Live!** offers a lively sports-centric audio-visual experience year-round.

The **St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame** is located at **Ballpark Village** – just across the street from the **Busch Stadium**. Few franchises have the acclaim and heritage of the St. Louis Cardinals, and that history lives here, in the new Cardinals Museum. Featuring stadiums, players and champi-

onship moments, the Cardinals Museum boasts one of the largest team-specific collections of artifacts and memorabilia in the world. The Museum's seven galleries take you on a chronological journey through the rich history of the Cardinals, allowing you to learn about the birth of the franchise, relive special memories and interact with great exhibits.

4 Hands Brewing Company: a craft brewery located in the LaSalle Park neighborhood. Specializing in crafting unique ales that push the level of creativity and flavor. At any one time, 10 different ales will be available.

Day Two

St. Louis Cardinals: catch an exciting Major League Baseball action and cheer for the St. Louis Cardinals, 11-time World Series Champions. You can also take a Stadium Tour to see the ins and outs of Busch Stadium.

Schlafly Bottleworks: offers free tours on this St. Louis favorite brewery. The tour includes an exhibit on the history of brewing in St. Louis, the brewhouse, bottling plant and tasting rooms.

BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups: stop in and catch award winning live music seven nights a week with local and national acts. This St. Louis favorite is a must stop for any music lover.

Broadway Oyster Bar: is where you can catch the best in local and national bands

nightly. Oh and their Cajun/Creole-style dishes are a must.

The National Blues Museum: a world-class cultural attraction, in downtown St. Louis that explores the Blues and celebrates the genre as the foundation of all modern American music. The facility educates guests in an entertaining environment that includes high impact technology driven experiences, a 100-seat theater, artifact-driven exhibits and robust public programming.

Civil War in St. Louis

Experience the places, historic characters and true tales that detail St. Louis' fascinating role in America's Civil War. Participants will discover fresh, seldom reported stories that showcase historic sites and bring compelling tales about the Civil War's "Western Front" to the forefront.

Day One

The Old Courthouse: St. Louis' stately domed Old Courthouse is perhaps the single most important location in the U.S. relating to a cause that jump started the Civil War. It was there in 1847 that an enslaved man named Dred Scott filed suit for the freedom of himself, his wife Harriet and their two daughters. St. Louis' Old Courthouse is listed in the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Field House Museum: This St. Louis row house is best known as the boyhood home of Eugene Field, the "Children's Poet," whose works include "Little Boy Blue" and "Dutch Lullaby" ("Wynken, Blynken, and Nod"). Field's father, Roswell Martin Field, was a well-known St. Louis attorney. In 1853, the elder Field filed a lawsuit on behalf of Dred and Harriet Scott, two slaves seeking their freedom.

The Gateway Arch National Park:

No trip to St. Louis is complete without a visit to the Gateway Arch. The Arch is a national monument honoring Thomas Jefferson, his Louisiana Purchase and the Native Americans, explorers and settlers who shaped the American West.



Old Courthouse

Missouri History Museum: Peek into St. Louis' fascinating past via galleries teeming with stories and artifacts from the Civil War, the city's French fur-trading days, the Louisiana Purchase/Lewis & Clark days, the 1904 "Meet Me in St. Louis" World's Fair-era and more. A Civil War gallery explains St. Louis' unusual situation as a Union stronghold within a slave state.

Driving tour of **Forest Park**, St. Louis' 1,300-acre Forest Park is an emerald green oasis of parkland, picnic grounds, ball fields, lakes and cultural attractions. The Saint Louis Zoo, Art Museum, The Muny, Science Center, and the Missouri History Museum are located in the park. A treasure-trove of Civil War monuments dot the landscape including:

- Edward Bates statue – This was the first statue in the City to honor a Civil War hero and this one was a civilian, not a soldier.
- General Franz Sigel Statue – Born in Germany, Franz Sigel came to St. Louis in 1858 as a teacher at the German Institute. At the start of the Civil War, Sigel organized a regiment of Union volunteers, mostly German immigrants, which became the 3rd Regiment, U.S. Volunteers.
- Francis "Frank" Blair Statue – Frank Blair was a major general and corps commander in the Union Army and a member of both the House of Representatives and Senate.

St. Louis Walk of Fame in The Loop:

The sidewalks along Delmar Boulevard, the main street in St. Louis' lively The Loop neighborhood, shimmer with more than 140 brass stars and biographical plaques of the St. Louis Walk of Fame. Among the Civil War-era notables so honored



Missouri History Museum



Laclede's Landing

are: Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, engineer James B. Eads who designed and built ironclads for the Union at his St. Louis shipyard, abolitionist journalist Elijah Lovejoy and freedom-seekers Dred and Harriet Scott.

Dinner at **Fitz's American Grill and Bottling Works** in The Loop: This soda pop microbrewery is home to Fitz's Premium Root Beer, a St. Louis tradition since 1947.

Here's a bit of root beer-related Civil War trivia: Harriett Tubman, the former slave then free black woman who was an American abolitionist and spy for the Union Army, supported herself and her humanitarian efforts by selling her homemade root beer to the Federal troops.

Day Two

Laclede's Landing/Riverfront Driving Tour: Along the banks of the Mississippi River, St. Louis' Laclede's Landing entertainment district is where 19th-century riverboat warehouses have been re-purposed into restaurants, offices and entertainment venues.

A few miles to the south of **Laclede's Landing**, inventor and engineer James B. Eads produced the Union's first ironclad gun boats. Long before the famous clash of the Merrimac and the Monitor, Eads had 4,000 men working on the Union fleet in his south St. Louis shipyard. Eads' first

ironclad boat, the St. Louis, was launched in October 1861 and was the first of its kind to be bombarded by the South.

Eads Bridge: St. Louis' first span across the Mississippi – and the first structural steel bridge in the world. Dedicated by General William T. Sherman in 1874.

Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing: Along the banks of the Mississippi River, a historical marker notes the first nationally designated Underground Railway site in Missouri – the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing. Named for an African-American abolitionist, fugitive slaves used this river access as an escape route to the free state of Illinois prior to the Civil War. Free black Mary Meachum, the widow of the Reverend John Berry Meachum, used the basement of her St. Louis home as a stage on the Underground Railroad for slaves seeking freedom in the north. Years earlier her husband had established a "Freedom School" on board a boat in the middle of the Mississippi after an 1847 law forbade the education of black children.

Calvary Cemetery: Pay your respects to former slave Dred Scott and Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman at Calvary Cemetery. Other well-known Civil War-era personalities interred here include: Daniel Frost, who headed the southern militia during the Camp Jackson incident in St. Louis; Missouri Governor Thomas C. Reynolds, a Confederate sympathizer who, as long as Missouri remained in Union hands, remained a governor without an actual state to govern; and John Wesley Turner, a Union officer who participated in the march to Appomattox Courthouse, where he and other troops of the Army of the James directly intercepted Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia.

Bellefontaine Cemetery: Founded in 1849, the 314-acre burial park contains the gravesites of hundreds of historic figures. The most prominent is William Clark of Lewis & Clark fame. Civil War-era personalities buried here include Clark's Confederate colonel son, Meriwether Lewis Clark; Edward Bates, U.S. Attorney General under Abraham Lincoln; Major General Don Carlos Buell who led Federal troops in the battle of Shiloh; CSA General Sterling Price; inventor and engineer James B. Eads; Roswell Field, attorney for Dred Scott; and the little known Given

Campbell, a CSA captain who literally witnessed the end of the Civil War. Campbell commanded a 10-man escort for CSA President Jefferson Davis' flight to Mexico when Davis was captured by Federal troops on May 10, 1864. The capture marked the end of major fighting.

Battle of Camp Jackson site at Saint Louis University (SLU): St. Louis' only Civil War military action, the "Battle" of Camp Jackson, took place on what is now the campus of Saint Louis University. In one of the long conflict's odd coincidences, both U.S. Grant and William Tecumseh Sherman were civilian eyewitnesses to the only war-related fighting in St. Louis – the Camp Jackson incident of May 10, 1861. The camp housed a Confederate-sympathizing militia under the command of Brigadier-General D.M. Frost. The "Southerners" were plotting to take over the Federal Arsenal in St. Louis. The insurgent camp was captured for the Union by forces led by General Nathaniel Lyon. Riots broke out as the rebel militiamen were taken into custody. Four Union soldiers and 27 Confederates were killed. The Union maintained control of the important port city of St. Louis throughout the conflict.

A plaque on the SLU campus marks the site of the confrontation. Founded in 1818 by the Jesuits, Saint Louis University is the first university established west of the Mississippi River. SLU alumni include Jean Baptiste Charboneau, son of Sacajawea, the youngest member of Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery.

Grant's Farm: The log cabin home hand-built by U.S. Grant is nestled within Grant's Farm, a ride-through wildlife preserve operated by Anheuser-Busch Companies. A fence made of Civil War gun barrels surrounds a portion of the estate near the cabin. During the regular operating season (April – October), a visit to Grant's Farm includes a tram ride through a 160-acre animal preserve, where more than 30 exotic species freely roam. The estate also includes the Bauernhof Courtyard for refreshments, an animal display area, elephant and bird shows, and the Tier Garten animal feeding and petting area.

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site: The Victorian home of Civil War General U.S. Grant is open for interpre-

tation by National Park Rangers. **White Haven**, one of the oldest homes in the St. Louis area, was the family residence of Julia Dent Grant, wife of the 18th president of the United States and the man credited with saving the Union. The Grants lived at White Haven from 1854 to 1859 and was where President Grant planned to retire to after his term in office ended. Only 10 acres remain of the original 1,000-acre plantation, but the National Park Service has preserved the site and has restored the remaining structures to their 1875 appearance.

Jefferson Barracks and the Missouri Civil War Museum: The historic Jefferson Barracks' 1905 Post Exchange Building now houses Missouri's largest and finest Civil War museum, library, and educational center. It is the nation's fourth largest Civil War museum and will be among the largest Civil War research libraries in the U.S. The MCWM's focus is entirely on Missouri's role in the American Civil War.

More than 12,000 Union and 1,000 Confederate victims of the Civil War are laid to rest at **Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**, a beautiful cemetery overlooking the Mississippi River. Confederate headstones feature a pointed top. Several monuments honor both sides of the conflict including an obelisk in memory of 175 non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel of the US Colored Infantry who died of cholera in August 1866. Printed guides are available at the cemetery office.

Jefferson Barracks was established in 1826 and served as a major military installation and had troops participating in every major U.S. military campaign from the Black Hawk Wars through World War II. The post was decommissioned in 1946.



Fitz's Bottling Works

An on-site museum details the military history of the barracks. An interesting historical note: In 1912, Albert Berry made the first successful parachute jump from an airplane onto a targeted area at Jefferson Barracks.

Additional St. Louis Civil War-related sites:

The Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this is one of only a handful of St. Louis homes remaining that were built in the Greek Revival style. The home, built in three sections with the oldest part dating from 1848, was originally built by Henri Chatillon, a native of the Carondelet area of St. Louis and a hunter and guide for the American Fur Company. Chatillon was immortalized in historian Francis Parkman Jr.'s 1849 bestseller "The Oregon Trail" which was based on their adventures together in the New Frontier. The DeMenil family purchased the home in 1856 and made two additions, 1861-3 and 1875 that transformed the farmhouse into the mansion it is today. The mansion is an excellent example of a Victorian home of a wealthy family.

Civil War Armory: The U.S. Federal Armory that was the object of the Confederate militia of the Camp Jackson incident still stands and remains Federal (yet private) property. The stone buildings of the Armory are visible from Broadway and Arsenal streets. The adjacent 10-acre Lyon Park, was the western portion of the grounds of the St. Louis Arsenal.

Soulard Farmers Market: In operation since 1779, Soulard Farmers Market is the nation's oldest established farmers' market and a cornerstone of St. Louis' oldest remaining neighborhood. (Old St. Louis burned to the ground in 1849.) Produce, fresh meats, spices and flowers are available to modern day shoppers every Wednesday through Saturday. One of Soulard's most famous vendors was a local farmer who sold cordwood harvested from his homestead known as Hardscrabble. His name was U.S. Grant. There are many Civil War-era homes in the Soulard neighborhood which is known for its brick row houses, Blues music clubs, corner taverns and its biggest residence – the original Anheuser-Busch Brewery. The neighborhood's and St. Louis' French heritage are celebrated each year during

spirited events commemorating Bastille Day and Mardi Gras. St. Louis' Mardi Gras is one of the largest pre-Lenten carnivals in the U.S.

Lafayette Square and Park: The Marquis de Lafayette, France's leadership contribution to the American Revolutionary War effort, visited St. Louis in 1825. He made such an impression on the citizens that they named the city's first designated park in his honor. Lafayette Park in St. Louis, founded in 1836, is the oldest public park west of the Mississippi. Some neighborhood residents have claimed to have seen the ghosts of Civil War soldiers on guard within the park. The area's circa 1870–1880 "painted ladies" have been called the finest and largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the country.

Missouri Botanical Garden: On the grounds of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Victorian home of garden founder Henry Shaw includes displays interpreting the life of enslaved people who lived and worked at what is now one of the Top Three public gardens in the world. The Garden is the oldest public garden in the United States. The grounds opened for public viewing two years prior to the start of the Civil War.

St. Louis' French Heritage

St. Louis was founded by a Frenchman, named after a sainted French king, and nicknamed "the Paris of the West" during pioneering days. Today, the city's "French Connection" is very much on view in its architecture, historic sites, fleur de lis images and by hosting one of the largest Mardi Gras celebrations in the nation.

Day One

Laclede's Landing: Drive through St. Louis' historic Laclede's Landing entertainment district. Named for Pierre Laclède, St. Louis' French founder, The Landing (as locals call it) is a nine square-block area of restored warehouses on the Mississippi River where Lewis & Clark departed to explore the Louisiana Purchase territory and steamboats once transported their cargoes of cotton, tobacco and trade goods. Today, the warehouses have been converted into clubs, bars, restaurants and offices.

Gateway Arch: Arc de Triomphe, indeed! No group trip to St. Louis is complete without viewing the Gateway Arch, which sits high atop the "Left Bank" of the mighty Mississippi. French explorers Louis Joliet and Jesuit priest Jacques Marquette began mapping the "Big River" in 1673.

Fun Facts regarding the architectural symbols of St. Louis and Paris:

- Gateway Arch: 630 feet high; stainless steel; completed in 1965; \$11 million to construct the Arch; \$2 million to build the tram system; Eero Saarinen, architect
- Eiffel Tower: 986 feet high; wrought iron; completed in 1889; \$1.5 million; Gustave Eiffel, engineer

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral):

Count your blessings at the church known to St. Louisans as the Old Cathedral. When the city was founded by Pierre Laclède in 1764, the land on which the Old Cathedral sits was reserved for Roman Catholic worship and a log church was built. A larger log church replaced the original on the same site in 1776. This was the only church of any denomination for St. Louisans until about 1816. The 1834 Greek Revival structure that stands today was the first Cathedral west of the Mississippi River and the fourth Catholic church to grace the site. The title "basilica" is given by papal decree to a historically significant sacred space.

Old Courthouse: Stroll from the Arch to the Old Courthouse to view a remarkable set of dioramas depicting French Colonial architecture in Old St. Louis and galleries filled with objects that were important to daily life in Old St. Louis. Built from 1839–1862, the Old Courthouse features restored court rooms, exhibit rooms on St. Louis' history and its beautifully decorated dome.

Citygarden: Like the sculpture garden of Paris' Musee Rodin, St. Louis' Citygarden is an artistic Eden in the heart of a major city. The outdoor attraction blends lush plantings and internationally renowned sculpture with the delights of water, stone, architecture and landscape design. Citygarden is completely open and accessible to the public 365 days-a-year. On display are twenty-five pieces of sculpture by internationally renowned artists.

St. Louis City Hall: While driving by, groups can take note of St. Louis' City Hall (1873) which is modeled after the Hotel de Ville (City Hall) in Paris. A statue of the city's French founder, Pierre La-clède, stands west of the Market Street entry to the building.

St. Louis Union Station: A few blocks further west of City Hall is St. Louis Union Station (1894), which was modeled after the design of the French fortress of Carcassonne and was once the world's busiest rail station. In the evening, watch a free, panoramic light show projected on the massive ceiling.

Soulard Neighborhood: A driving tour of Soulard, St. Louis' oldest neighborhood, showcases brick row houses, blues music clubs, corner taverns and the oldest operating farmers market in America. Soulard celebrates its French heritage each year by hosting one of the nation's biggest Mardi Gras celebrations. There's always a "bon temps" vibe in this lively, friendly neighborhood.

Groups can see the spot (and shop any Wednesday – Saturday) where St. Louisans have shopped since 1779 –

Soulard Farmers Market. Owned and operated by the City of St. Louis, it is the oldest farmers market in the country.

The Soulard neighborhood's biggest residence is home of the original **Anheuser-Busch Brewery**. Complimentary tours of the fabled American brewery complex – including the popular, historic stables of the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales and free tasting room – operate daily.

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Evening Entertainment Option: **Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra Performance.** Powell Symphony Hall is among St. Louis' architectural homages to France. The ele-

gant grand foyer and lobbies, replete with crystal chandeliers and rich red carpeting, are modeled after one of the palaces at Versailles. Powell Symphony Hall is home to the world renowned Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the second oldest professional symphony in the United States.

Day Two

Church of the Holy Family: Founded in 1699 in nearby Cahokia, Illinois, the Church of the Holy Family is the oldest continuously operating Roman Catholic parish in the United States and the oldest church west of the Allegheny Mountains. It was established by French priest Father St. Cosme who worked with two French laborers to build a log rectory and chapel. The original log church was destroyed by fire in 1783 and the first Mass was offered in the current log church in 1799. Constructed of black walnut timbers in the traditional French Colonial vertical log style, the Log Church is only one of five built in this style that still exists in North America.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (New Cathedral): The life of Saint Louis IX, crusader King of France (1214-1270) and the city's namesake and patron saint, is vividly portrayed in the vestibule of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Built in 1907, this incredible structure combines Byzantine and Romanesque architecture styles with one of the largest collection of mosaics in the world. Pope Paul VI called the church "the outstanding cathedral of the Americas." More than 41 million pieces of tesserae in 8,000 colors fill more than 83,000 sq. ft.

Missouri History Museum: The museum's permanent (and free) Currents Gallery includes remnants of the city's French fur trading past, Parisian fashions and ephemera of the original settlers' French cultural customs.

Saint Louis Art Museum: A sculpture of the city's namesake and patron saint, Louis IX, titled "Apotheosis of St. Louis" greets visitors outside the main entrance to the Saint Louis Art Museum. Prior to the creation of the Gateway Arch, this statue, which graced the main plaza at the 1904 "Meet Me in St. Louis" World's Fair, was the symbol of the city. Groups can experience the museum's extensive collection of French Impressionist works and French Empire furnishings and decorative arts.



Soulard Farmers Market

The Saint Louis Art Museum's permanent collection is open to the public free of charge.

Central West End Neighborhood: After lunch, allow free time for groups to stroll and shop along the tree-and-sidewalk café-lined streets of the Central West End neighborhood. Antique shops, boutiques and even a store named Left Bank Books add a Parisian flare to the streetscape. Note the beautiful cast iron street lamps, from the early 1900s, that illuminate major intersections. A decidedly French stop in the West End is Bissinger's.

Bissinger's French Confections:

St. Louis' French heritage is tastefully on display at Bissinger's French Confections. Bissinger, one of the last handcrafted chocolatiers in the world, has been making fine French confections for more than 400 years and takes pride in the fact that it has not sacrificed quality ingredients, taste or craftsmanship to produce more candy at a lower cost. In the 1600s, King Louis XIV of France granted the Bissinger family the honorary title of "Confiseur Imperial." During the late 1600s, Bissinger's lists the nobility of Europe, heads of state, Ludwig of Bavaria, the Rothschilds, and Napoleon Bonaparte and Josephine as loyal Bissinger's enthusiasts. In 1845, Karl Frederick Bissinger immigrated to the United States. Eventually, his son moved to St. Louis to continue the family tradition of creating amazing chocolates.

St. Louis Walk of Fame: Groups can stretch their legs and learn about St. Louis' famous citizens in The Loop neighborhood – home to the St. Louis Walk of Fame. At 6501 Delmar, look for "Jazz Cleopatra" Josephine Baker's star. Also "starring" along the Walk of Fame are St. Louis' French founders Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau, William Clark who explored the Louisiana Purchase territory, music legends including Chuck Berry, Scott Joplin, Miles Davis and Tina Turner and more than 100 other significant St. Louisans from all fields of endeavor.

Environmentally Friendly

See St. Louis' top green and environmentally friendly attractions during your group's next tour through the Gateway City.

Day One

The **Missouri Botanical Garden** has been a "green" destination for travelers for almost 150 years. Considered one of the top three public gardens in the world (along with Kew Gardens in London and the New York Botanic Garden), the Missouri Botanical Garden is also renowned for its beauty as well as its worldwide research aimed at plant conservation.

During your group's travels around St. Louis, you'll see beautiful plantings that not only enhance the city's visual appeal, but also add the environmental benefits of clean air, habitat for birds and wildlife, and in some neighborhoods, fresh herbs and vegetables. Many of the projects, especially neighborhood group gardens, are projects of Gateway Greening. The program creates blooming beds in medians in major streets downtown and places planters brimming with colorful flowers within parkways and street corners. One of these urban gardens located in St. Louis' Lafayette Square neighborhood. The neighborhood's circa 1870-1880 "painted ladies" have been called the finest and largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the country. It also is home to the oldest public park west of the Mississippi which opened in 1836 and was named in honor of Revolutionary War hero, the Marquis de Lafayette.

Recycling is truly an art form at **City Museum**, a museum made entirely out of re-

cycled pieces. The museum building itself is recycled having started life as a shoe manufacturing factory and warehouse. Items that would have become landfill now fill the floors of the quirky and innovative warehouse of artistic fun. Remnants of old buildings were transformed into the museum's gift shop, retired heating coils from area breweries provide access to ceiling-high habit trails for kids and adults. The Museum operates on Pure Power – all the energy used comes from sources such as regional wind and other renewable resources.

Have a group lunch at **Schlafly Bottleworks**, an environment-friendly restaurant and microbrewery in St. Louis' **Maplewood** neighborhood. The restaurant uses fresh produce and herbs grown in its own garden. All kitchen produce scraps are composted for use in the garden. The garden reclaimed the earth beneath one-third acre of asphalt and is the site of organic and biodynamic gardening workshops. All packaging for the beer and soft drink products are made of recyclable materials. The restaurant/brewpub has instituted an organic and sustainable foods farmers' market on site each Wednesday from May through October. Those days also are "SloWednesdays" when one of the farmers who participated in the market teaches about his or her special growing or producing system for vegetables, meat, cheese, honey or herbs. Bottleworks also sponsors a semi-annual tree-planting



City Museum

program which has added more than 200 trees to Maplewood's cityscape. Free tours of the brewery are available daily.

Spend the afternoon at the world-famous **Saint Louis Zoo** in Forest Park. Groups can ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad, which operates year round, and stop at the most popular animal exhibit areas. The train is ADA accessible. See the Zoo on foot during group walking tours or a botanical wonders tour, which looks at plant life. Group seating is also available for the Zoo's popular Sea Lion shows and youth groups can compete during a fun scavenger hunt through the Zoo.

Stop at the **Saint Louis Science Center** in Forest Park during the day or on one of its select late night openings where telescope viewing parties, Planetarium star shows and science trivia contests will be underway.

Day Two

The Butterfly House in Faust Park and Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit, Missouri. Fields of wild flowers and tall grass prairies at Shaw Nature Reserve showcase native plants that conserve water and create habitats for birds, bees and butterflies. Scores of gorgeous butterflies flutter about as visitors stroll the conservatory paths at the Butterfly House and learn of this delicate creature's powerful impact on our environment.

Howl with wolves at **The Wild Canid Survival and Research Center**, the first captive breeding facility in the world for endangered wolves. The facility offers public daytime and evening educational tours and programs, including campground programs and wolf howls. The institution, founded by noted zoologist Marlin Perkins, has an apt slogan: Providing An Alternative To Extinction.

Birders will flap about a visit to the **World Bird Sanctuary**, dedicated to preserving the earth's biological diversity and securing the future of birds of prey in their natural environments. Home to eagles, owls, hawks, falcons, vultures, parrots, mammals and reptiles. Naturalists offer programs on a variety of environmental topics.

St. Louis' parks are filled with sights for groups who appreciate the outdoors and

the environment. **Forest Park**, home to the Science Center and Zoo, is also the site of the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the Muny Theater where a season of summer musicals are staged under the stars, athletic fields and peaceful lakes. Earth Day celebrations are held in Forest Park each April.

Drive through **Tower Grove Park** to experience a rare Victorian walking park. Whimsically painted shelters, a bandstand and faux ruins date back to the park's early days as part of Missouri Botanical Garden founder Henry Shaw's country estate.

In downtown St. Louis, stroll through **Citygarden**, an outdoor sculpture Garden set in a beautifully landscaped two-block space dotted with water features and paths. Add a trip to **Laumeier Sculpture Park** for more modern art in a peaceful 105-acre setting.

St. Lou is Heavenly

The moon and stars, angels and saints, and places of otherworldly beauty and excitement shine on this stellar St. Louis group tour itinerary.

Day One

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral): When St. Louis was founded by French fur traders in 1764, one of the first buildings constructed in the infant town was a church. Built in 1834 on the site of that first church, the Old Cathedral sits near the base of the Gateway Arch. Inside the Old Cathedral Museum, groups can see pieces of St. Louis' early history including the original church bell, religious art from the late 1700s, and the tomb of Bishop Rosati, builder of the Old Cathedral. From 1826 to 1843, the St. Louis diocese, headquartered at the Old Cathedral, covered nearly half of America, from Louisiana north to Michigan, from Kentucky west to Oregon and from Washington along the Canadian border to the Great Lakes. Pope John XXIII decreed the church a basilica in 1961, a title given by papal decree to a historically significant sacred space.

Gateway Arch National Park: Reaching 630 feet into the heavens, St. Louis' glittering, stainless steel Arch is the nation's monument to Thomas Jefferson, his



Saint Louis Science Center

Louisiana Purchase and the Native Americans, explorers and settlers who shaped the American West. Groups can take the popular tram ride to the top for amazing views of the majestic Mississippi River and all of St. Louis.

St. Louis Cardinals: How do you prepare for a heavenly tour around St. Louis? By spending time with the Cardinals, of course. During baseball season, groups can stroll through the "Red Sea on the Mississippi" – throngs of red-clad Cardinals' fans – to arrive at Baseball Heaven (aka Busch Stadium) to see the St. Louis' beloved Redbirds take the field.

Christ Church Cathedral: Designed in the 14th century English Gothic tradition, Christ Church Cathedral was completed in 1867. The parish was founded in 1819 as the first Episcopal church west of the Mississippi River. Tiffany stained glass windows and massive, 35-foot-high, carved marble screens (reredos) behind the main altar are highlights inside the church. The bells in the Cathedral tower were cast by the same German foundry that did the bells for the German Pavilion at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The largest bell weighs 5,732 pounds, making it the biggest in the state of Missouri.

Shrine of St. Joseph: This a magnificently restored Baroque church opened in 1846. The church was noted as the site of a miracle that saved the life of a dying man who was healed after kissing a relic of St. Peter Claver. The miracle was Vatican-authenticated as one of two miracles needed to canonize the Saint known for his work among the African people of the Americas. The central altar, called the Altar of Answered Prayers, was installed in 1867 after the parishioners asked St. Joseph to intercede and save them from a deadly cholera epidemic that swept the

river city. The Italian Renaissance-style altar was designed to replicate the Altar of St. Ignatius at the Jesuit Gesu Church in Rome.

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church:

Founded in 1830, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church houses the oldest Lutheran congregation west of the Mississippi River, and is considered the mother church of Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations. The first church on the site was destroyed by a tornado, but was rebuilt in the same spot in 1896. The 1864 baptismal font and pulpit, which survived the tornado, are still in use at the church, and represent beautiful examples of German woodworking skills.

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art:

Consists of 50,000 square feet of exhibition space and its Collection of the Western Jesuit Missions fills the entire third floor of the museum. Historical artifacts contained within include a monstrance designed by the artist Jean Baptiste Loir, ca. 1710-1716; a reliquary containing a tip from a thorn purportedly taken from the Crown of Thorns; and an exquisitely detailed platinum, gold, and silver monstrance donated to the Jesuits of St. Stanislaus by benefactors.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, also known as the “New Cathedral,” is the crown jewel of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis. A magnificent structure, the cathedral is Romanesque in style on the exterior and Byzantine on the interior. The church contains one of the largest mosaic art collections in the western hemisphere – 41.5 million pieces of mosaic glass covering 83,000 square feet. Pope Paul VI called “the outstanding cathedral of the Americas.” Group tours are available by reservation. A lower level Mosaics Museum describes to groups how the art was created.

Day Two

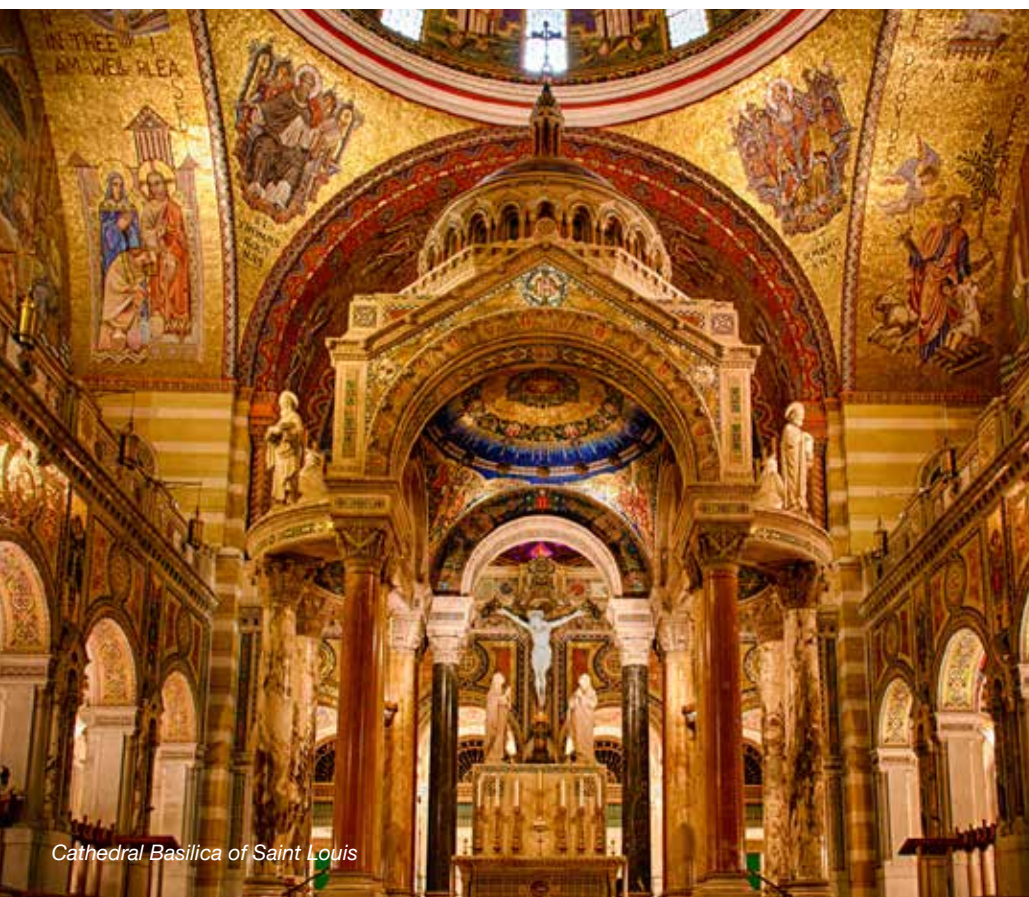
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Old St. Ferdinand Shrine: The shrine was the home of St. Philippine Rose Duchesne, fourth American saint and one of Missouri’s foremost pioneer women. The Federal-style shrine is the oldest Catholic Church in the upper Louisiana Territory and oldest standing church west of the Mississippi. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Mother Duchesne came to the St. Louis area from France and provided in her writing some of the best descriptions of early life in Missouri.

McDonnell Planetarium: The heavens are always on view at the McDonnell Planetarium within the Saint Louis Science Center. The planetarium’s star shows are continuously projected via one of the most powerful astronomical projectors ever built.

St. Louis Walk of Fame and Loop Planetary Walk: Groups can stroll amongst the stars and the planets along Delmar Boulevard in The Loop neighborhood. The sidewalks shimmer with more than 120 brass stars and biographical plaques of the St. Louis Walk of Fame which honor famous St. Louisans. Interactive models of our solar system’s planets – The Loop’s Planetary Walk – add an out-of-this-world ambiance to the Loop’s lively streetscape. The 2,880-foot long walk, which starts with the sun at the Moonrise Hotel and concludes with Neptune down the road at Cicero’s restaurant, gives visitors an appreciation of just how “far out” Earth’s neighbors really are. At this 1:5 billion scale, the sun is only 10 inches in diameter, and Mother Earth is a mere speck located about 95 feet away.

Moonrise Hotel and Eclipse Restaurant: Peek into St. Louis’ hip Moonrise Hotel for an out-of-this-world design experience. Display cases throughout the property contain space-related art and toys with items ranging from rare Apollo-era memorabilia to kitschy collectibles. Original art featuring ray guns, space ships and rockets reflects America’s fascination with outer space. Revolving above the hotel’s rooftop terrace is the world’s largest man-made model of the moon. Enjoy a refreshment at the hotel’s colorful – and spacey – Eclipse Restaurant lounge. Stellar Evening Options with Broadway Stars: The Fabulous Fox or The Muny (Summer).



Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis



The Munny

The Fabulous Fox Theatre: This 1929 movie palace, one of the first theatres built for “talkies” by movie mogul William Fox, was designed in a style described as Siamese-Byzantine. The showy interior – the lobby is guarded by two sculptures of majestic lions with twinkling yellow eyes – is often more elaborate than the sets from the touring Broadway shows and entertainment events that now grace the theatre’s stage.

The Munny: The Munny, the nickname for the St. Louis Municipal Opera, is the nation’s oldest and largest outdoor theatre. Each summer, the 12,000-seat Munny offers a season of seven Broadway revivals and current musicals starring nationally known performers, from late June until early August.

Other heavenly sites to consider for your group visit:

Concordia Historical Institute Museum at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod International Center: This museum, and library contains the world’s largest collection of artifacts and information on the history of Lutheranism in America. The Institute traces its core collection to the arrival of Saxon Lutheran immigrants to St. Louis in 1839.

Museum Shrine of St. Philippine Rose Duchesne: Mother Philippine Rose Duchesne, the fourth American saint, was canonized in 1988. She

was the leader of a group of Catholic missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and founder of the first free school west of the Mississippi. The museum displays artifacts of the original 1818 school and of St. Philippine’s missionary work with the Potawatomi Indians.

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art:

The world’s first museum of interfaith contemporary art located on the campus of Saint Louis University. The Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) opened in 1993 in a chapel formerly used by priests who studied philosophy at the Jesuit university.

Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos:

A “galaxy of magnificent multi-colored rock grottos,” the Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos outside of St. Louis was hand built by a single Franciscan brother. Visitors to the Shrine will see grottos dedicated to the Stations of the Cross, the Seven Joys of Mary, St. Francis, St. Joseph and much more. The grottos are constructed of Missouri rock, sea shells and even costume jewelry, which has been donated by visitors or sent from foreign missions.

Kidding Around St. Louis

Youth groups will delight in St. Louis’ spirited, kid-centric attractions that offer hands-on activities, exciting experiences and just plain fun.

Day One

The Gateway Arch National Park: No trip to St. Louis is complete without a visit to the Gateway Arch. Officially titled the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, the Arch is the national monument honoring Thomas Jefferson, his Louisiana Purchase and the Native Americans, explorers and settlers who shaped the American West. St. Louis’ stately domed **Old Courthouse** is perhaps the single most important location in the U.S. relating to a cause that jump started the Civil War.

City Museum: This whimsical warehouse of artsy fun enchants all ages with man-made caves to explore, funky hands-on art projects, performances by an in-house circus troupe. Recycling is truly an art form at City Museum, a museum made entirely out of recycled materials. The museum building itself was re-purposed

having started life as a shoe manufacturing factory and warehouse. Items that would have become landfill now fill the floors of the quirky and innovative warehouse of artistic fun.

Inside the Economy Museum: Young consumers can learn how their allowance money fits into the overall economy with a visit to the new Inside the Economy Museum within the historic Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Group members can engage in a hands-on, one-of-a-kind experience that explains the economy and their role in it, in a fun and interactive way. Nearly 100 exhibits include games, videos and interactive displays that make sense out of money and how the financial systems function.

Saint Louis Science Center: The center for all things science is the Saint Louis Science Center (SLSC), another of the city’s free cultural attractions. Science Galleries feature hands-on activities including conducting experiments using microscopes, digging for fossils, and working with computers. Have an out of this world experience at the Boeing Space Station within the SLSC’s McDonnell Planetarium.

Day Two

Six Flags St. Louis: What kid isn’t seeking non-stop fun? That’s what’s in store at Six Flags St. Louis. Groups can experience more than 100 rides and attractions throughout the park including the new Boomerang forward and backward roller coaster and wet and wild Tsunami Soaker which lets riders spray each other with blasts of water while the ride floats and spins ‘round and ‘round. Admission to Six Flags St. Louis also includes the Hurricane Harbor water park for the same price.

Ted Drewes Frozen Custard: On your return drive back from the thrills of Six Flags, give your group the chills at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard. This landmark custard stand is an icon along the original Route 66 and a St. Louis institution.

Day Three

Forest Park: This 1,300-acre urban park is one of St. Louis’ premiere attractions and visitor destinations and home to many of St. Louis’ major cultural institutions – most of which are open free of general admission fees. Forest Park is notable as having been the site of the fabled

1904 “Meet Me in St. Louis” World’s Fair. Groups can enjoy many outstanding attractions located within the park, including:

Saint Louis Zoo: Animal-loving youth groups will go ape on a safari through the Saint Louis Zoo. More than 18,000 exotic animals, many of them rare and endangered, make this park their home.

Missouri History Museum: Hands-on exhibits and live actor presentations help history come alive at the Missouri History Museum, another of St. Louis’ exceptional free cultural attractions located within Forest Park.

Saint Louis Art Museum: The inscription “Dedicated to Art and Free to All” is carved in the stone above the main entry to the Saint Louis Art Museum. It serves as a reminder of this great institution’s twin commitments to artistic excellence and public accessibility.

The Loop Neighborhood: Groups will flip over the hip vibe and trendy shops of The Loop – one of St. Louis’ most popular shopping, dining, and entertainment districts. This stretch of Delmar Boulevard has been named “One of the 10 Great Streets in America” by the American Planning Association.

The sidewalks shimmer with more than 140 brass stars and biographical plaques of the St. Louis Walk of Fame which honor famous St. Louisans.



Saint Louis Art Museum



Lafayette Square

Interactive models of our solar system’s planets – The Loop’s Planetary Walk – add an out-of-this-world ambiance to the Loop’s lively streetscape. The 2,880-foot long walk, which starts with the sun at the Moonrise Hotel and concludes with Neptune down the road at Cicero’s restaurant, gives group members an appreciation of just how “far out” Earth’s neighbors really are.

Little Bits of St. Louis

St. Louis is a city made up of hundreds of diverse, delightful neighborhoods. Each has its own distinct flavor, architectural style and vibe. Highlighted here are a few great neighborhoods for walking, shopping, dining and exploring.

Day One

Lafayette Square: The Marquis de Lafayette, France’s leadership contribution to the American Revolutionary War effort, visited St. Louis in 1825. Lafayette Park, founded in 1836, is the oldest public park west of the Mississippi. The elegant neighborhood surrounding the “squared park” is known as Lafayette Square. The area’s circa 1870–1880 “painted ladies” have been called the finest and largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the country.

Park Avenue Coffee: Take a coffee break and bite into one of St. Louis’ iconic foods – gooey butter coffee cake – at Park Avenue Coffee Company. This friendly neighborhood café air roasts its many coffee offerings and serves up delectable baked goods and other flavorful drinks.

South Grand: The South Grand neighborhood’s slogan says it all: “The Best Food

from Around the World in Just Six Blocks.” The neighborhood has a flavor of its own with international restaurants and bakeries, vintage clothing and decor shops, fair trade boutiques, coffee houses and martini bars. South Grand’s most notable attractions are Tower Grove Park and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

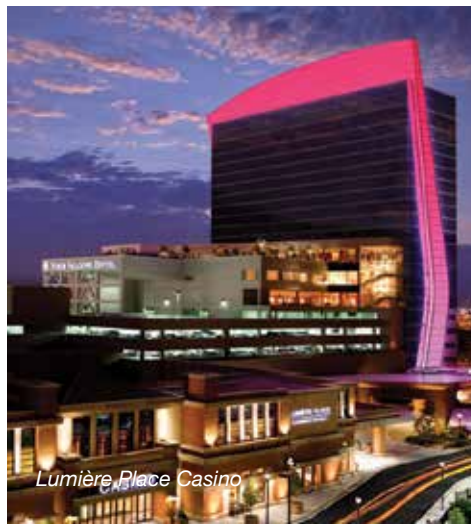
Tower Grove Park: Tower Grove Park, the finest example of a Victorian park design remaining in the United States, is one of only four municipal parks designated a National Historic Landmark. It also is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park was a gift to the people of St. Louis by Missouri Botanical Garden founder Henry Shaw.

This lovely park features a bandstand, goldfish ponds complete with faux ancient ruins, and 10 unique pavilions each of a different architectural style.

Missouri Botanical Garden: Time for a beauty stop at the amazing Missouri Botanical Garden. Founded in 1859 by English immigrant Henry Shaw, this is the oldest public garden in the United States and is considered one of the top three public gardens in the world. The Garden is renowned for its beauty and its world-wide research aimed at plant conservation. Highlights of the 79-acre-Eden include: a tropical rainforest inside the Climaltron geodesic dome that features endangered plant species; Seiwa-En, the largest authentic Japanese garden in North America; a Victorian garden; Boxwood garden; Chinese garden; two rose gardens; reflecting pools; garden architecture, sculpture and an elaborate Missouri Adventure-themed Children’s Garden.

Soulard: A driving tour of Soulard, St. Louis’ oldest neighborhood, showcases brick row houses, blues music clubs, corner taverns and the oldest operating farmers market in America. Soulard celebrates its French heritage each year by hosting one of the nation’s biggest Mardi Gras celebrations. There’s always a “bon temps” vibe in this lively, friendly neighborhood.

Soulard Farmers Market: Groups can see the spot (and shop any Wednesday – Saturday) where St. Louisans have shopped since 1779 – Soulard Farmers Market. Owned and operated by the



Lumière Place Casino

City of St. Louis, it is the oldest farmers market in the country. Fresh produce, flowers, bakery goods, meat and spices are available.

Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour: The Soulard neighborhood's biggest residence is home of the original Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Complimentary tours of the fabled American brewery complex – including the popular, historic stables of the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales and free tasting room – operate daily.

Day Two

The Hill: The Hill is known throughout the food-loving world as one of the most tasteful “Little Italy” neighborhoods in America. Settled in the early 1900s by Italian immigrants, residents still carry on their traditions in this lively spot near downtown and Forest Park. Green, white and red Italian flag-painted fireplugs mark the boundaries of the Hill where the neat shotgun-style houses are almost as interesting as the creative pasta dishes served in the corner restaurants. The neighborhood's dining establishments range from mom and pop sandwich shops and casual trattorias to elegant Mobil and Zagat-rated restaurants. Stop for a game of bocce – Italian lawn bowling – and pick up Italian essentials in the aromatic specialty shops. Baseball-loving visitors will want to see the neighborhood where Yogi Berra, Joe Garagiola grew up and famed broadcaster Jack Buck resided on Elizabeth Avenue – now called “Hall of Fame Place” in their honor.

Central West End: Stroll and shop along the tree-and-sidewalk café-lined streets of the Central West End neighborhood. Antique shops, eclectic boutiques and even a store named Left Bank Books add a Parisian flare to the streetscape. Note the beautiful cast iron street lamps, from the early 1900s, that illuminate major intersections.

Bissinger's French Confections: Hop into Bissinger's French Confections to pop a delectable, hand-made chocolate for a melt-in-your mouth taste treat. Bissinger, one of the last handcrafted chocolatiers in the world, has been making fine French confections for more than 400 years and takes pride in the fact that it has not sacrificed quality ingredients, taste or craftsmanship to produce more candy at a lower cost.



The Hill Neighborhood

World Chess Hall of Fame: Steps away from Bissingers, a sculpture of the world's largest chess piece marks the location of the World Chess Hall of Fame and The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. During a tour of the Hall of Fame, visitors see displays of chess-related artifacts from the permanent collection, and temporary exhibitions highlighting the great players, historic games, and rich cultural history of chess.

World's Fair

“Meet me in St. Louis, Louis” will be more than just a famous Judy Garland tune after your group experiences the sights and cultural legacy of the most-fabled of all World's Fair's – The Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904.

The Fair celebrated the centennial of President Thomas Jefferson's fantastic real estate deal with Napoleon Bonaparte of France: \$15 million for 600 million acres of the Louisiana Territories. The deal was struck in 1803, but it took until 1804 for the word of the transaction to reach St. Louis. That same year, Jefferson's exploration team, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, departed St. Louis to map the newly minted U.S. lands.

Day One

Gateway Arch National Park: It is fitting that the tour starts at the Gateway Arch – the internationally recognized symbol of St. Louis, Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, and subsequent westward

expansion of the nation. Groups can take the popular tram ride to the top of the 630-foot-tall monument for amazing views of the majestic Mississippi River and all of St. Louis.

Forest Park: When the world came to St. Louis in 1904, Forest Park served as the main fairgrounds for the great Fair. Today, the 1,300-acre park remains one of St. Louis' premiere attractions and visitor destinations not only for its World's Fair heritage, but for the treasure trove of free attraction within it.

Saint Louis Art Museum: Groups can walk in the footsteps of fairgoers at the Saint Louis Art Museum, the only permanent exhibition facility built for the 1904 “Meet Me in St. Louis” World's Fair. As it did in 1904, the museum houses masterpieces and ancient artifacts reflecting thousands of years of human culture from around the world. Words engraved above the main entrance to the museum read: Dedicated to Art and Free to All. The Saint Louis Art Museum's permanent collection is open to the public free of charge.

Note the statue of Saint Louis, King of France outside the museum's main entrance. The statue originally was located at the head of the Plaza during the Fair and was the first large piece of statuary to greet visitors passing through the main entrance gates.

Saint Louis Zoo: Another spectacular structure remaining from the Fair is found at the Saint Louis Zoo, just east of the Art

Museum in Forest Park. The giant walk-through Flight Cage was the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit at the Fair. At 228 feet long, 84 feet wide and 50 feet high, it was the largest aviary ever built and today it remains one of the largest free flight cages in the world. The landmark structure, which served as the impetus for the development of the Forest Park location of the Saint Louis Zoo in 1913, is a cornerstone of the Zoo's Bird Garden. It brings visitors closer to the feathered creatures who reside in a lushly landscaped exhibit called Cypress Swamp, a habitat for birds native to the lower Mississippi River.

World's Fair Pavilion: The World's Fair Pavilion is perched high atop a hill to the east of the Flight Cage. Built on the site of the Fair's original Missouri Building, the Pavilion was designed to be a lasting memorial to the Fair.

Forest Park Boathouse: In 1904, a popular mode of transportation through the fairgrounds was a boat ride through the miles of canals that wound through Forest Park. Modern day visitors can relive the romance of the Fair on a paddleboat ride from the cheerful Forest Park Boathouse. Boaters can paddle to a picnic island in the lake, cruise around a wildlife island and enjoy eight new fountains that now dot the Grand Canal beneath the Saint Louis Art Museum.

Missouri History Museum: The magnitude and pageantry of the Fair sometimes overshadowed the event it was staged to commemorate – the centennial of the signing of the Louisiana Purchase and the consequent exploration of the new territory by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. At the Missouri History Museum, also located within Forest Park, groups can see the original Louisiana Purchase Transfer Document that formalized the transfer of the Upper Louisiana Territory from Spain to France to the United States on March 9 and 10, 1804 in St. Louis. A map of the Louisiana Purchase territory that traces Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery route is etched in the stone walkway at the museum's north entry. Galleries within the museum also include artifacts from the Lewis & Clark journey and the rest of Clark's life in St. Louis.

The Missouri History Museum's continuing exhibit, "1904 World's Fair: Looking

Back at Looking Forward," showcases the people, entertainment, food, and the many objects, artworks and examples of technology that were on view in St. Louis during the seven magical months that the Fair was open.

Francis Field at Washington

University: In addition to hosting the Fair, St. Louis became the first American city to host the Olympic Games. The 1904 games were held at Francis Field on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, just west of the World's Fair grounds in Forest Park. Drive by the athletic field and gymnasium, still in use today by the university, which held the majority of the track and field events. Francis Gymnasium and Francis Field, both used as venues during the 1904 Olympics, are named for David Rowland Francis, an 1870 graduate of Washington University, governor of Missouri, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company (1904 World's Fair), and U.S. ambassador to Russia.

Day Two

St. Louis Union Station: Thousands traveled to St. Louis by train to reach the Fair anticipating one of the most spectacular events they had ever imagined. The passenger trains delivered them to an equally stunning architectural gem – St. Louis Union Station. Built in 1894, Union Station was once the largest and busiest passenger rail station in the world. Today, groups can step inside the luxurious, barrel-vaulted Grand Hall of this National Historic Landmark to view a colorful Tiffany window and, in the evening, watch a free, panoramic light show projected on the massive ceiling.

Scott Joplin House: Composer Scott Joplin's famous Rag, "The Cascades," was inspired by the beautiful fountains in Forest Park that welcomed visitors to the Fair. The popular entertainment of the era, including Ragtime music, could be found along the section of the Fairgrounds known as "The Pike." A stop at the Scott Joplin House allows visitors to tour the



Thomas Jefferson



World's Fair Pavilion



St. Louis Union Station

two-story antebellum structure that was home to the “King of Ragtime” during some of his most productive years.

Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion: The restored 1848 Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion houses an extravagant and diverse collection of 1904 World's Fair memorabilia. More than 1,200 pieces are on view including photographs and souvenirs in excellent condition. Visitors can tour the entire antebellum Greek Revival home, a National Historic Landmark.

Missouri Botanical Garden: Founded in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden is the nation's oldest public garden and was a tourist attraction at the time of the 1904 World's Fair. Beautiful stone lanterns from the 1904 Fair are displayed within Seiwa-En, the largest traditional Japanese garden in North America located on the Gardens southern edge.

Grant's Farm: Among the interesting exhibits at the 1904 World's Fair was the

log cabin home hand-built by 18th U.S. President and Civil War general Ulysses S. Grant. Just as Fairgoers did in 1904, modern day group visitors to St. Louis can view the cabin which is the only house still standing that was hand-built and occupied by a U.S. president. After the Fair, Grant's Cabin was purchased by Adolphus Busch (of Anheuser-Busch brewing fame) who was an admirer of Grant. Busch moved it to his property on Gravois Road that was once owned by Grant's in-laws. The land is now part of the Grant's Farm animal preserve which is operated as a free family attraction by Anheuser-Busch.

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