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NEW & Noteworthy



Life on the Mississippi | mohistory.org

Coming November 9, 2019-April 18, 2021, The Mighty Mississippi Exhibit at the Missouri History Museum will celebrate life on the river focusing on the past, present and future reach of this majestic waterway. The Mississippi River system is the most compelling natural trade route for the mid-North American continent.

Gateway Arch National Park | gatewayarch.com

Journey to the top of the 630-foot, Gateway Arch, which memorializes St. Louis as the Gateway to the West. The national park experience has been transformed with a \$380 million renovation bringing the grounds surrounding the iconic monument into the future. The park has been renovated connecting the Arch grounds directly to the downtown St. Louis central business district. The pathways provide pleasant and safe green spaces for pedestrians. The museum explores America's western journey and the important role St. Louis and its people played in the growth of the U.S.

Big Muddy Blues Festival | bigmuddybluesfestival.com

Put on your dancing shoes and travel back to the roots of American music at the best blues festival on the Mississippi River. The popular outdoor festival is held during America's Labor Day holiday, the first weekend in September each year. Indoor club performances add to the fun along with tribute shows held at the nearby National Blues Museum.



Blues District | broadwayoysterbar.com; bbsjazzbluessoups.com

Just south of Busch Stadium, where the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball in downtown St. Louis, two outstanding music clubs are playing the blues. A short walk between the venues takes you to blues heaven where you can listen to the best local and touring performers every night. Start at **BB's Jazz, Blues and Soups** where the Cajun and Creole food adds a strong southern accent to the joint. Jam sessions are held in the afternoons and early evenings on certain days and every night the live music heats up at 9 p.m. and continues until the wee hours. Enjoy indoor and outdoor music served alongside shrimp, oysters and other southern-style eats seven days a week at **Broadway Oyster Bar**.



The National Blues Museum nationalbluesmuseum.org

The National Blues Museum in downtown St. Louis is filled with innovative, interactive and technological exhibits. The museum covers the powerful role and influence of the blues genre and blues musicians in the history of America in regards to change and culture. An additional 4,000 sq. ft. houses a barbeque restaurant, Sugarfire Smoke House. The National Blues Museum is an excellent combination of a few key Bs that St. Louis is known for: blues, barbeque, baseball and beer.

◀ One of Chuck Berry's many eclectic outfits

Route 66, The Mother Road

Route 66 – makes it most important roadside stops right here in St. Louis. The 2,451-mile (3,900 km) road begins in downtown Chicago and ends on the pier in Santa Monica, California, but in between it's St. Louis that puts the Route on the map. The **Missouri History Museum** in beautiful Forest Park can give you all the details on America's road in its St. Louis history galleries. Drive through the Maplewood neighborhood to get your kicks following interpretive signs along the route. At the **National Museum of Transportation**, classic automobiles on display add an air of nostalgia to every car-lover's holiday. Just outside of St. Louis, **Meramec Caverns** is the first tourist attraction on Route 66. Cruise in to the famous **Ted Drewes' Frozen Custard** stand along Old Route 66 for a Concrete. That's not a piece of the highway, it's a delicious milkshake blended so thick with your favorite flavors it can be served upside down and won't fall out of the cup.

The **100th Anniversary of Route 66** is set for 2026. More information to come.

Sports in STL | mlb.com/cardinals; nhl.com/blues

St. Louisans are known for their love of sports. The 1904 Olympic Games were held here. Baseball season for the **St. Louis Cardinals** runs from April through September with the post-season race for the World Series in October. The **St. Louis Blues** skate from September

through May to reach the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Golf courses abound for players who disagree with Missouri native son Mark Twain who called golf, "A good walk, spoiled."

St. Louis Aquarium | stlouisaquarium.com

The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station, opening in December 2019, is the centerpiece of a \$187 million family entertainment complex currently under construction in downtown St. Louis. The Aquarium and other attractions, including the 200-foot-tall St. Louis Wheel. The two-story aquarium will include a million gallons of water and 13,000 aquatic animals, including more than 60 sharks and rays.



Attractions

Red denotes FREE admission.

- Adrenaline Zone/Demolition Ball
- Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour
- Ballpark Village
- Bellefontaine Cemetery
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
- Campbell House Museum
- Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
- Citygarden
- City Museum
- Contemporary Art Museum
- Endangered Wolf Center
- Forest Park
- Fabulous Fox Theatre
- Gateway Arch National Park
- Gateway Arch Riverboat Cruises
- Grant's Farm
- The Griot Museum of Black History
- Inside the Economy Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank
- International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum
- Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum
- Jewel Box
- The Judicial Learning Center
- Laumeier Sculpture Park
- Meramec Caverns
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- Missouri Civil War Museum
- Missouri History Museum
- Moto Museum
- Museum of Contemporary Religious Art

- National Blues Museum
- National Museum of Transportation
- National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
- Old Cathedral
- Old Courthouse
- Powell Symphony Hall
- Pulitzer Arts Foundation
- Purina Farms
- St. Louis Aquarium
- Saint Louis Art Museum
- St. Louis Cardinals
- St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame
- Saint Louis Science Center
- St. Louis Union Station – Grand Hall
- St. Louis Walk of Fame
- St. Louis Wheel
- Saint Louis Zoo
- Scott Joplin House
- Shrine of St. Joseph
- Six Flags St. Louis
- Soldiers Memorial Military Museum
- Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House
- Soulard Market
- Stifel Theatre
- Ted Drewes Frozen Custard
- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
- Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center
- World Bird Sanctuary
- World Chess Hall of Fame
- World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway

NEW Hotel Info

Angad Arts Hotel (Grand)
145 Rooms | Open

Hotel Saint Louis, Marriott Autograph
140 Rooms | Open

The Last Hotel
144 Rooms | Open

Aloft (Cortex)
129 Rooms | Opening 2019

Element by Westin (Cortex)
153 Rooms | Opening 2019

Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown
136 Rooms | Opening 2020

Hotel Indigo
88 Rooms | Opening 2020

Live! By Loews
216 Rooms | Opening 2020

The Moxy
154 Rooms | Opening 2021



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