

Saint Louis Attractions

To explore St. Louis, you might choose to use one, two, three, four or all of your five senses; seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting. St. Louis is a fascinating place to be discovered using all of the senses. Step off the train and into the station and see what St. Louis is all about.

Using sight, you can see the skyline of St. Louis on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. The Gateway Arch, part of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial stands out as the city's most celebrated landmark. See one of many parks and museums located throughout the city or take in a professional baseball, football or hockey game.

Hear the sounds of St. Louis blues music which can be found in many of the bars and taverns. Listen to the rhythm of music that made its way along the river from New Orleans to Memphis and St. Louis, then by rail to Chicago. Tune your ears to early ragtime jazz in Scott Joplin's home. If you hear the sounds of steamboat whistles, it's not your imagination. Take a riverboat tour on the Mississippi and see life on today's river in action.

Touch history in the Museum of Westward Expansion, located beneath the Gateway Arch. Be a child again and touch and feel the exhibits at the City Museum or Science Center. Feeling brave? Pet some of the animals at the St. Louis Zoo or at Grants Farm.

Smelling smoke or aromas that you can't quite identify? Maybe it's the smoke rising from a barbeque pit in a local eatery with St. Louis baby back ribs. Or perhaps you're getting a whiff of the aromatic spices and sauces of the many ethnic restaurants found downtown and in outlying areas.

Finally there is taste. St. Louis serves a wide variety of culinary delights for every palate. Remember those mouth-watering ribs you smelled? Sit down, no utensils required, and savor those ribs in over a hundred eateries around St. Louis. St. Louis has always been a crossroads of sorts and people left their mark with the many ethnic cuisines to be sampled around the city. And what is St. Louis without beer? One can taste a variety of drinks in many of the local taverns. There is always a glass of beer to be tasted to the sounds of "cheers", "prost", "kampai", "A votre santé" or "Salud".

This is St. Louis!

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