

Missouri Itineraries: Historic Churches

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**Benton County
Columbia
Independence
Lake of the Ozarks
Moberly
Perry County
St. Charles
St. Joseph
St. Louis
Washington**



In the 1800's many people from all over the world came to the United States in search of religious freedom. Missouri, they were told, held great promise with fertile ground and open valleys. As the population of Missouri grew it saw the building of churches of all denominations. Many of these churches still stand today, and still serve their original purpose of a spiritual home to the faithful. Several church tours are scheduled throughout the year and many other churches welcome you to tour at anytime.

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Benton County Cole Camp has been blessed to have so many beautiful churches in the community – both inside and outside of town – with diverse denominations, old history and charming structures from the past and present. Take a drive to Cole Camp and you can relive these churches that were built to accommodate the growing population of small villages and farming communities – the hub of generations of descendants’ spiritual and social lives.



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Columbia Representing all walks of life and faith denominations, Columbia is home to many historical churches. From the Second Missionary Baptist Church founded in 1866 and rooted in rich African American heritage, to the Missouri United Methodist Church built in 1929 whose stained glass windows depict stories of the Old and New Testament, the religious and architectural history is outstanding. Learn about the A.P. Green Chapel, an addition to Memorial Union on the Campus of the University of Missouri and tour Stephen’s College Firestone Baars Chapel designed by Eero Saarinen, of St. Louis Arch fame. As there is so much to explore and experience, all itineraries can be customized to fit the needs of the group. The churches included on this itinerary are conveniently located within the downtown Columbia footprint, which makes adding activities, including lunch on your own, or together as a group easy.



FIND YOUR INDEPENDENCE

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Independence A City Rooted in Faith - Independence has a rich religious heritage shared by many different faiths. However, the Mormon Church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints), the Community of Christ (formerly Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), and Church of Christ (Temple Lot) share a profound Independence heritage. Learn more about the early pioneer life of the Mormon settlers and the Community of Christ, and Church of Christ (Temple Lot) faiths. Independence religious heritage sites help bring to life the story of these churches’ pursuit of religious freedom in the Heartland.



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Lake of the Ozarks Natural Shine of Mary, Mother of the Church <http://www.mothersshrine.com/> - 573-374-6279 The Shrine is known as the Mothers’ Shrine and is probably the most meaningful shrine in the country, featuring the Mothers’ Wall of Life with names of mothers engraved in the black granite. A beautiful outdoor shrine with a 14 ft. sculpture of Mary standing above the fountains. Visitors of all denominations are welcome. All are invited to put a mother’s name on the Mother’s Wall regardless of religious beliefs.



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Moberly With a variety of churches and denominations Moberly, Missouri has some beautiful and unique churches that you can't find anywhere else. During the Christmas season is when they are decorated in all their glory. The first Saturday in December provides church tours during the Moberly Christmas Festival or set up a private time throughout the year for a group tour of the area churches. Book your trip at moberly.com



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Perry County Christmas Country Church Tour - If you are looking for "the reason for the season" we have it! The Christmas Country Church Tour is a winter holiday excursion of 39 historic churches of various denominations spanning Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry County, Missouri. This unique two-day treasure hunt allows you to customize your route visiting century old churches from one-room wooden clad structures to brick and mortar masterpieces. From German Lutherans, Scotch-Irish Presbyterians to Maryland Catholics, each church is decorated in their own holiday tradition inspiring and delighting. Come and experience, excite and enjoy the architecture, history, and country down-home hospitality like you never have before. Walk on tour guides available.



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St. Charles St. Charles prides itself on being the home to some of the oldest churches in the region and in the state of Missouri. St. Charles Borromeo is the third oldest parish in the St. Louis Archdiocese going back to 1791. A replica of the typical French log church with vertical posts began being constructed in 2004 by members of the community. The work done completely by hand with period tools, in the manner of 18th century, and was completed in 2008. Shrine of Saint Philippine Duchesne – is a lasting tribute to the French Missionary Religious of the Sacred Heart. The Old Peace Chapel – originally built as general store in 1828, remodeled into a church by a German Evangelical congregation, and today is the centerpiece of the village in the

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St. Joseph St. Joseph With over 100 churches in St. Joseph, you could spend an entire day admiring their beauty. Many of these structures are over 100 years old and among the oldest buildings still standing in St. Joseph. One of the finest examples of Gothic Revival architecture in northwest Missouri is designed by Edmund J. Eckel, who created many of our architectural jewels. Explore the stained-glass windows imported from Austria along with “Tiffany” windows, bell towers and pipe organs. One can’t help but be awed by these beauties. They are works of art as well as places of worship



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St. Louis When St. Louis was founded by French fur traders in 1764, one of the first building constructed was a church. Built on the site of that first church in 1834, the Old Cathedral know officially as the Basilica of St. Louis the King is located on the edge of the Gateway Arch National Park grounds. The city’s burgeoning population soon outgrew the elegant riverfront cathedral, so a larger church was built in the city’s Central West End neighborhood. In 1909, the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis – called the “New Cathedral” by the locals was completed, but it took several decades before the 83,000 square feet of detailed interior mosaics were completed. The collection is one of the largest in the Western hemisphere.



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Washington New Year’s Day Country Church Tour - Each year more churches are added to the New Year’s Day Franklin County Historical Church Tour. The Christmas Season continues with each Church still decorated and each extremely unique. The congregations of these churches vary in number from a few families to hundreds of families. No matter the size, each welcomes you to experience their faith through these structures. Churches are located throughout Washington, Villa Ridge, Krakow, Clover Bottom, Leslie, and Union Missouri.

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Missouri Itineraries: Historic Squares



Historic Squares are a wonderful stop for group tours seeking free time! MACVB Members have partnered together to offer personalized itineraries to meet group needs. Looking for the unique? We have it! Need an excursion for a few days? Missouri tourism professionals are here to help.

- Benton County
- Cape Girardeau
- Carthage
- Chillicothe
- Clay County
- Clinton
- Columbia
- Independence
- Jefferson City
- Lake of the Ozarks
- Pulaski County
- Springfield
- St. Charles
- St. Louis
- Warrensburg



Historic town squares within a community offer amazing history, architecture, and excitement. Groups can take part in organized tours or allow the traveling guests to roam free in a small radius filled with museums, art galleries, restaurants, and retail opportunities. Each downtown square has a personality of its own; each with unique experiences.

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Benton County There is no shortage of history and heritage, including the former Osage Motel (now home to Common Ground Café), where Harry S. Truman was staying when he received word about becoming Vice President. The Benton County Courthouse, re-built in 1886 and the Benton County Jailhouse, which is just west of the Courthouse, are both historical buildings. The Joe Dice Swinging Bridge was the first suspension bridge and is one of 15 remaining swinging bridges that once crossed the Osage River. The Harry S. Truman Dam & Reservoir was completed after 15 years of development and construction, beginning in 1964. Warsaw maintains its downtown riverfront roots with boat docking facilities and the Drake Harbor Recreation Area, which overlooks the beautiful Osage River/Lake of the Ozarks.



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Cape Girardeau Cape Girardeau has been welcoming visitors since its founding in the mid-1700s. Our community is dedicated to providing exceptional service and warm hospitality. We believe one of our strongest assets is our people who are ready to welcome your group to Cape Girardeau. Spectacular natural vistas, a picturesque downtown, and our historic past blend together to offer the perfect destination for tour groups of all ages and interests. We have a wide range of dining experiences, shopping, antiques, sightseeing, tour options, and entertainment sure to satisfy.



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Carthage Take a break on the historic Carthage Square with antique shopping, specialty boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, and the most photographed Courthouse in Missouri. Delight in architecture, history, art and inspiration at the crossroad of America where the Mother Road meets the Jefferson Highway. The Carthage CVB offers great stops as you make memories with your group!



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Chillicothe Experience the Greatest Things in Downtown Chillicothe. Our picture-perfect Historic Square provides a unique destination for visitors. Over 23 larger-than-life, breath-taking murals offer visitors a scenic surprise around every corner. History comes alive in Downtown Chillicothe through unique, well-preserved architecture and public art that depicts scenes and stories from a by-gone era. Delicious dining and unique shopping complete a day of strolling through our square. And be sure to catch one of our popular downtown events that take place year-round. Wine walks, chocolate crawls, art exhibits, free concerts and more make a great experience in Downtown Chillicothe.

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Clay County Founded in 1822, Liberty's quaint square tells tales of the Mormon leader Joseph Smith, the Civil War, and the infamous Jesse James. With a history dating back to 1869 and to the childhood and wartime days of the outlaw brothers Jesse and Frank James, Kearney's charming, store-lined square is a historic gem. History flows through Excelsior Springs like the mineral water that helped found the town in 1880. Visit the Hall of Waters to see Excelsior's past come to life in this marvelous Art-Deco, Depression Modern styled hall first opened in 1937.



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Clinton The Greater Clinton-Area Chamber of Commerce and Clinton Main Street welcomes you. Clinton is located at the intersection of MO Highways 7, 13, 52, and 18. The Historic Downtown Square, the largest square district in MO, offers a Victorian setting. Browse through shops, where you will find jewelry, clothing, quilting supplies, a bookstore, restaurants, the visitor's center and an array of gifts. Our Henry County Museum and Cultural Arts Complex, located in an old Anheuser Busch building, takes you back in time and is worth seeing. In the middle of it all is the Henry Co. Courthouse, which dates to 1893. As you soak in the small town atmosphere, don't miss the Memorial Bandstand, the Soldiers Memorial, the 9/11 Memorial and the granite Historic Fountain that was donated to Clinton in 1911 by the Human Alliance Foundation. Find out more at www.clintonmo.com or call 660-885-8166. You can email david@clintonmo.com.



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Columbia Enjoy Columbia's twist on a historic square: a collection of historically important buildings in a park setting. You won't want to miss the Boone County History and Culture Center's Village at Boone Junction, a planned village consisting of historic structures relocated from their original locations in Boone County and placed together for easy exploring. The village features a log cabin built circa 1820, a family-owned and operated country store, and two architecturally diverse homes. In addition to the history village, your group can tour the 1877 Maplewood Home, built in 1877 by one of Boone County's pioneer families. Anchoring your visit is the museum itself which includes rotating history exhibits as well as the vibrant art displayed in the Montminy Art Gallery. The park provides plenty of shade; an opportunity for strolling or resting on a bench and there is plenty of space: indoor or outdoor to enjoy a catered meal.



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Independence History, Fine Dining, & Fun! Anchored by the Truman Courthouse, the historic Independence Square is filled with shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities. The Square experience includes mule-drawn covered wagon tours, the Historic Truman Courthouse and Clinton's Soda Fountain, where President Truman had his first job as a boy. Locally owned businesses flourish, with fine dining, bowling, an art gallery and much more. Whether you're here for a day, weekend, or even a date night, the Independence Square has a variety of excellent options to fit your needs.

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Jefferson City Surrounding the Missouri State Capitol complex, in Jefferson City's reinvigorated downtown, are numerous blocks of historic buildings and landmarks. Just east of the Capitol on Jefferson Street, is the Jefferson Landing State Historic Site, which is home to some of the city's oldest buildings, including the Christopher Maus House, Union Hotel, and the Lohman Building Store and Warehouse. Just around the corner on Madison Street is the Missouri Governor's Mansion, complemented by the Carnahan Memorial Garden, both flaunting beautiful architecture and landscaping. Directly across the street from the Capitol building on High Street is the Supreme Court of Missouri, the state's highest court, built in 1907 using funds from the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.



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Lake of the Ozarks Bagnell Dam Strip www.visitbagnelldam.com - 573-964-1008 Bagnell Dam Strip is not your typical "town square" but it is full of history. Vintage Ozark memories and memorabilia flood the senses in the Lake of the Ozarks area, bringing visitors back to a place filled with barbeque, candy stores, ice-cream parlors, nostalgic gift shops, music and classic arcades.

If you are looking for the one place that everyone in the family can find something to do, look no further than Bagnell Dam Strip. From arcade games to water activities, you will find it here. Many of the Lake of the Ozarks events begin or take place on The Strip, such as Hot Summer Nights, Bikefest and many other events.



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Pulaski County Frog Rock welcomes groups upon arrival in Waynesville's quaint downtown Square for a day filled with relaxation and exploration. Visitors will revel in guided tours of the 1903 Courthouse and Old Stage-coach Stop Museums offering rich history of Trail of Tears, Civil War, and Route 66. Groups delight in free time roaming through antique stores and unique gift shops. Enjoy a guided history tour of the town and of the National Park Service - Trail of Tears Memorial, nestled along the banks of the beautiful Roubidoux River. Gather for your group photo at the 8-foot Route 66 Shield.



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Springfield Park Central Square has been the center of everything in Springfield, Missouri for 200 years. Native Americans were the first inhabitants of what is now Springfield, followed by the early settlers. There are many historical events associated with Park Central Square including Civil War battles, a gun duel between Wild Bill Hickock and Dave Tutt and the development of the railroad just to name a few. Park Central Square today is home to unique restaurants with a local flavor, coffee shops, the library and boutiques for that one of a kind find. History Museum on the Square honors Springfield's past, including the Birthplace of Route 66 and the site of the first Wild West shoot out. HistoryMuseumOnTheSquare.org

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St. Charles Once the stomping grounds of traders, legislators, and explorers, Saint Charles' historic Main Street has prided itself on being "historically awesome" since 1769. One of the oldest and largest Historic Districts in Missouri, Main Street's brick-paved road, authentic gas lamps, and fourteen blocks of preserved 19th century architecture provide the perfect backdrop to explore its more than 125 unique shops and boutiques. Feeling hungry? Over 25 diverse restaurants are sure to satisfy any craving. The past collides with the present as each year Main Street hosts dozens of special events. Concerts, art fairs, cultural celebrations, and acclaimed holiday festivals attract guests of all ages from around the country. We invite you to discover historic Main Street, where the past comes to life and timeless memories are created every day.



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St. Louis Lafayette Square just located south of downtown St. Louis centers on a collection of "painted ladies," a set of stately Victorian homes that surround beautiful Lafayette Park. The park also includes one-of-a-kind restaurants, bars, specialty shops, and bed-and-breakfast inns. Twice a year, the residents of Lafayette Square generously open their homes for annual tours. Lafayette Park is St. Louis' oldest historic district, and also designated National Historic District. Souldard Farmers Market had humble beginnings in 1779 as a flat meadow that farmers could come and sell their locally raised fruit, vegetables, dairy, and livestock. It is one of the oldest public markets in the U.S. and the oldest farmers market west of the Mississippi.



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Warrensburg Explore Warrensburg's historic downtown! The area is filled with locally owned, unique shopping, dining and more. No visit to the historic area is complete without a picture or two with the Old Drum statue located on the Johnson County Courthouse lawn. The Old Drum trial held in Warrensburg, the county seat, in the late 1800's inspired the phrase, Man's Best Friend. When you visit, you might just find an event happening downtown. Warrensburg Main Street offers 70+ events year round including the Warrensburg Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings around the Courthouse from May through early October.

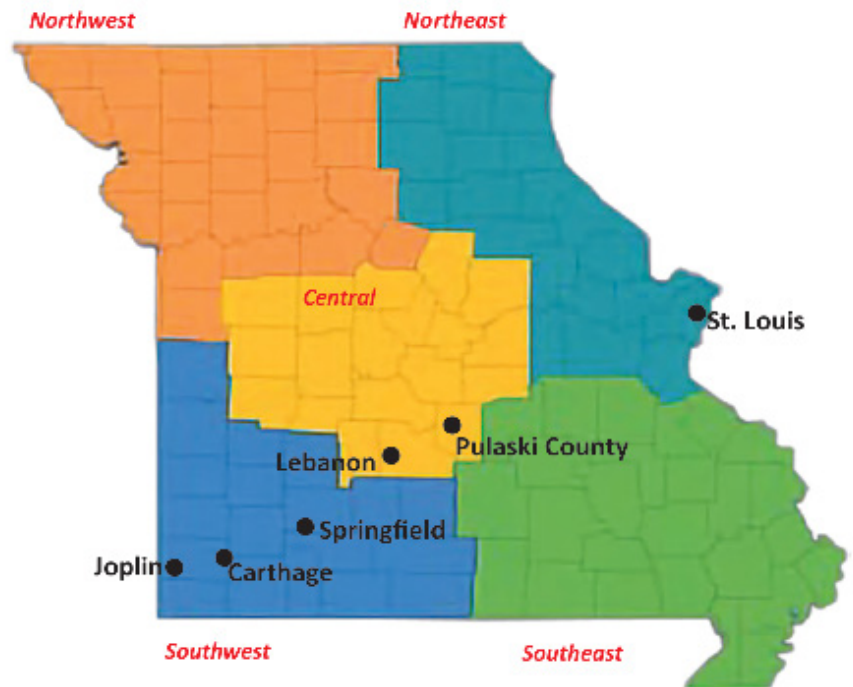
Missouri Itineraries: Show-Me Route 66

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Missouri's scenic Route 66 Byway stretches from St. Louis to Joplin. Your group will discover preserved historic sites, remnants of yesteryear and the newer adventures along Missouri's Mother Road. Communities along the Route have networked together to provide your travel family with an experience of a life time. Don't go with the "canned" itinerary; let us show you Route 66; we are eager to assist in day trips and multi-day trips along our 300+ miles.

SHOW-ME ROUTE 66



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Carthage Along Route 66 in Carthage, your group will discover historic sites, art galleries, distinctive museums, Victorian architecture, unique boutiques, and visit the World's only Precious Moments Chapel and Gardens. The Carthage CVB offers Progressive Dinners, Disc Golf, and Specialty to Tours for groups looking for kicks on 66.



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Joplin Notables in history George Washington Carver, Thomas Hart Benton, Bonnie & Clyde, Mickey Mantle & Langston Hughes all have left their mark along Joplin's Route 66. Your group will be the primary focus of Joplin's hospitality industry professionals; we are ready to be a memorable experience on your group's trip to Joplin. Leave a mark in the history books in Joplin.



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Lebanon With 37 miles of Historic Route 66 to explore, Laclede County welcomes visitors from all over the world! Tour the free Route 66 Museum and gift shop at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library, photograph the iconic neon sign at the Munger Moss Motel, pose your car in front of the Route 66 murals at Boswell Park - which also serves as the site of the Lebanon Route 66 Festival, and enjoy a fried bologna sandwich at historic Wrink's Market. If that isn't enough to entice you, visit Shepherd Hills Factory Outlet, the world's largest dealer of Case Knives, or enjoy time at one of our many antique stores or stroll the streets of the Lebanon Downtown Business District. Whether you want to stay a day, weekend, or week, you will find plenty of lodging, dining, and attractions right here in Lebanon, the Heart of Route 66!

SHOW-ME ROUTE 66



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Pulaski Offering 33 intact miles of Route 66 in Central Missouri. With 50+ stops to choose from, Pulaski County delivers scenic overlooks, unique eats, quirky and kishy photo opps, and the National Park Service Trail of Tears Memorial. Add to your itinerary a round of mini-golf, museums or a guided tour. With so much to see and do, plan your overnight with one of Pulaski County's 25 hotels. Call today for personal assistance and itinerary planning.



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Springfield U.S Route 66, also known as the Will Rogers Highway, the Main Street of America or the Mother Road, was one of the original highways with the U.S. Highway Systems and ran from Chicago, Illinois ending at Santa Monica, California. Start your adventure at the Route 66 Springfield Visitor Center for inspiration and mementos.



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St. Louis Known as the Mother Road and the Main Street of America, Route 66 plays an important role in American history and myth. The famous road also has a story to tell about the St. Louis area and how it has changed. Ted Drewes is a "concrete" fixture in St. Louis and a flavorful kick for all since 1929 located along the roadside or Route 66 as well as the National Museum of Transportation, Donut Drive-In, Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Route 66 State Park, the Gateway Arch National Park and more.

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St. Joseph
St. Louis
Warrensburg
Washington



Experience a theme itinerary packed with a lot of great ideas, photo opportunities and laughs. Groups will be on board to visit locations featured in the movies and old stomping grounds of celebrities. There are plenty of oddities and roadside attractions to discover too.

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Callaway County In Fulton, Missouri, walk through a 32-foot section of the Berlin Wall the largest section of the wall to be found outside of Berlin. The sculpture sits next the Church of St. Mary of Aldermanbury, the only Sir Christopher Wren church in the U.S. View the “Breakthrough” sculpture for the National Churchill Museum which honors Churchill’s 1946 visit Fulton’s Westminster College. His “Sinews of Peace” address, more commonly known as the “Iron Curtain” speech, was the harbinger of the Cold War between the United States and Russia. A 20-minute concert is available by appointment for groups. \$75 fee. Church and museum admission \$7.50 - \$8.50. More information www.nationalchurchillmuseum.org



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Clay County The Jesse James Birthplace, Kearney, Missouri, was the birthplace and home to the famous outlaw, Jesse Woodson James and his older brother, Frank James. Jesse James, son of a Baptist minister, Reverend Robert James and his wife Zerelda, was born at the family home in 1847. Barely 16, he followed his older brother Frank into the Civil War. While Frank rode with Quantrill’s guerrillas, Jesse rode with Bloody Bill Anderson. After the war ended, Jesse returned home and joined other former Confederate guerrillas in a life of outlawry that ended in 1882 when he was shot by Robert Ford.

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Hannibal Famous Missourian Mark Twain put Hannibal on the map. His beloved novels are still read around the world, and visitors from all 50 states and over 70 countries come each year to see the place that inspired Twain's stories. Visitors can trace his footsteps as they visit Mark Twain's Boyhood home, take a riverboat ride on the Mighty Mississippi or explore Mark Twain Cave, the cave Twain made famous. While in Hannibal, visitors can discover the lives of other famous Hannibal natives, including the Unsinkable Molly Brown of Titanic fame, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Jake Beckley, and Cliff Edwards, the voice of Jiminy Cricket.



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Independence Retrace the Steps of an American Legend -Harry Truman was a hometown Independence boy and straight-talking Midwesterner who became one of America's greatest and most beloved presidents. He loved it here so much, he returned home to Independence after serving in the White House. Here, you can walk through his neighborhood and see the route he walked once he was out of office. Stop into Clinton's Soda Fountain where young Harry had his first job and enjoy some delicious treats. See the sites where this world leader went to school, met his wife, had an occasional glass of whiskey and played penny-stakes poker. Don't miss the newly renovated Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, Truman Home and the Truman Courtroom and Office. Get the straight story on this straight shooter with an authentic look at real history, right here in Independence, Missouri.



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Jefferson City Learn about the Missouri State Penitentiary from a unique angle on a Mystery Tour that includes a Q&A with a former inmate! Discover how the inmates spent their days within the walls. In conjunction with the tours, the Missouri State Penitentiary Museum is in the former warden's residence, the Col. Darwin W. Marmaduke Home, and provides additional information about the famous prison that operated for 168 years. It is filled with improvised inmate weapons, beautifully hand-crafted items, historic photos as well as a replica cell demonstrating the living conditions at the prison. The Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation Museum is the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to veterinary medicine. There are more than 1,000 artifacts dating from the 16th century to the present.



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Lake of the Ozarks Home to the Largest State Park in Missouri filled with fishing, hiking, two public beaches for swimming, camping, horseback riding, playgrounds and more. The park is filled with a unique history and geological landscape of sinkholes, cliffs and caves. Within the State Park, Ha Ha Tonka is an attraction not to be missed, a ruined stone mansion modeled after the castles you would find in 16th century Europe.

The Lake of the Ozarks was created by the construction of the Bagnell Dam, which began on Aug. 8, 1929, and completed in April 1921. With a surface area of 54,000 acres, The Lake was the largest manmade lake in the United States at the time of its completion, and one of the largest manmade lakes in the world. Today, The Lake boasts more shore length at 1,150 miles than the state of California.



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Kansas City Beloved director and the “Father of Animation”, Walt Disney, opened his first studio in Kansas City. Laugh-O-Gram Studios, an unassuming two-story building in the KC’s Arts District, was Walt’s first business where he and fellow friends would begin lifelong careers in animation. It was also in this building that Walt found himself feeding a small mouse. At the time, the mouse was called Mortimer, and was said to sit at Walt’s desk and eat crumbs from Disney’s hands. Before leaving for Hollywood, Disney decided to release the mouse into a nearby field for fear that the cat from the restaurant below would eat his small friend. Legend has it that this KC mouse became the inspiration for the cartoon character everyone knows and loves: Mickey Mouse.



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Moberly You might not know that Missouri is home of America’s Last Five Star General, Omar Bradley. Bradley grew up in Randolph County and became General of the largest Army in United States history. His legacy was commemorated by the creation of the War Memorial at Rothwell Park with a larger-than-life sized statue. See various artifacts from his life at the Randolph County Historical Society & Museum. Plan your historical trip at



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Pulaski County and W.H. (Waynesville Hill) Croaker are ready to greet your group! This is a huge rock painted like a frog is just one cool attraction you will see as you get your kick’s on Route 66!

SUGAR BOWL BLUFFS - Beautiful bluffs - 200 foot tall bluffs of Gasconade dolomite overlook the Big Piney River in Devils Elbow. The view from the 1923 bridge is known as the Sugar Bowls for their unique shape. They are the reason Devil’s Elbow is considered one of the “Seven Wonders of Missouri.”

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Sedalia Scott Joplin's Maple Leaf Rag was published by Sedalia's music publisher, John Stark in 1899. An unprecedented contract between a black man—the son of a slave, and a white man jump-started Ragtime as America's first truly original music and made Scott Joplin the "King of Ragtime." This contract, which provided royalties instead of a flat fee to a black composer for the first time, set a precedent in the music industry going forward. Visit 114 E. 5th Street, the location where the historic contract was signed and begin Joplin's Footsteps Tour.



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Sikeston Sikeston is the home of "throwed rolls" at Lambert's Café. In 1976, Norman Lambert, son of the founders and original owners, Earl, and Agnes Lambert, threw the first roll. At the original location, he would walk around and hand out the rolls. One day it was really busy and when Norman couldn't get through the crowd, one of the customers yelled to him "Throw the D*** thing!". And with that the only HOME OF THROWN ROLLS was born. Lambert's averaged baking 520 dozen rolls per day, for a grand total of 2,246,400 individual rolls. Besides great food and the "pass arounds" you will enjoy the many antiques and historic mementos at the cafe. While visiting take a tour of the Depot Museum and find great deals at the Historic Downtown Sikeston shops and specialty boutiques.



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Springfield Oddities in Springfield include: Fantastic Caverns, America's ride-through cave. Bass Pro Shops and Wonders of Wildlife - Dive into the excitement of the world's oceans, lakes and streams The 350,000-square foot museum's Great Oceans Hall features boats used by Ernest Hemingway & Zane Grey and is home to a 300,000-gallon "open ocean" habitat of saltwater marine life. Go eye-to-eye with wildlife and discover the greatest collection of record-setting big game animals ever assembled. NRA National Sporting Arms Museum and Archery Hall of Fame Over 1,000 firearms that trace the history of hunting, conservation and freedom.



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St. Charles Located in the heart of historic St. Charles, First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site is the first seat of the state's government. Visitors can take a guided tour through the actual rooms where Missouri state government was created and first practiced. Travel to the southwest corner of St. Charles County and you will find a place where history, nature, art, and award winning wine all come together. Historic Missouri Wine Country was recognized as the first American Viticulture Area in 1980. Besides wine you will also find quaint towns in which to explore. Augusta, Defiance, New Melle, and Femme Osage. Also, visit one of the region's most popular historical attractions, the Historic Daniel Boone Home at Lindenwood Park. This living-history village features the nearly 200-year-old Boone Home and over a dozen other 19th century structures, including a chapel and schoolhouse.

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St. Joseph St. Joseph The guided tour of the Walter Cronkite Memorial is dedicated to the life of one of St. Joseph's greatest native sons. The permanent memorial is a collection of items designed to honor the legendary CBS News anchor, born in St. Joseph, MO on November 4, 1916. Tour a replica of the CBS newsroom where Mr. Cronkite reported the nightly world news. You can actually sit in his chair and experience what it was like to report to millions across America. Then, head over to the home of our most infamous outlaw, Jesse James. He only lived in this home for 100 days with his wife and children before fellow



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St. Louis See the world's only completely recycled museum when you visit the art-filled playground of City Museum, an intriguing mix of history, architecture and whimsy. One man's passion for collecting just about everything related to popular culture has created Blueberry Hill in The Loop neighborhood. In addition to its reputation for food and music, the restaurant is know as home to the world's best jukebox and eclectic collections that range from Chuck Berry's guitar to Howdy Doody items and old lunchboxes. Our biggest one-of-a-kind is our skyline. Visiting the Gateway Arch National Park is a must see when visiting St. Louis.



SMALL TOWN + BIG SOUL

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Warrensburg Have you heard the phrase, "Man's Best Friend"? In Warrensburg, you can learn about the Old Drum trial that inspired the well-known phrase. One can take a step back in time and visit the restored courthouse where the trial took place in 1870. Want to have a blast from your childhood? Check out Retrograde Charitable Toy & Video Game Museum where you'll find an extensive gallery of retro video games, collectibles, toys, and board games. Exhibits include art from cartoons, video games, and toys. You'll find a full line up of arcades, with thousands of games to choose from.



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Washington Washington, Missouri has long been known as the "Corn Cob Pipe Capital of the World." And, in fact, General MacArthur made us famous! The Missouri Meerschaum Company – the world's oldest and largest manufacturer of cool, sweet-smoking corn cob pipes – began the tradition in 1907 for which Washington became famous. Still giving tours and presentations at the original and only corncob pipe factory in the world!

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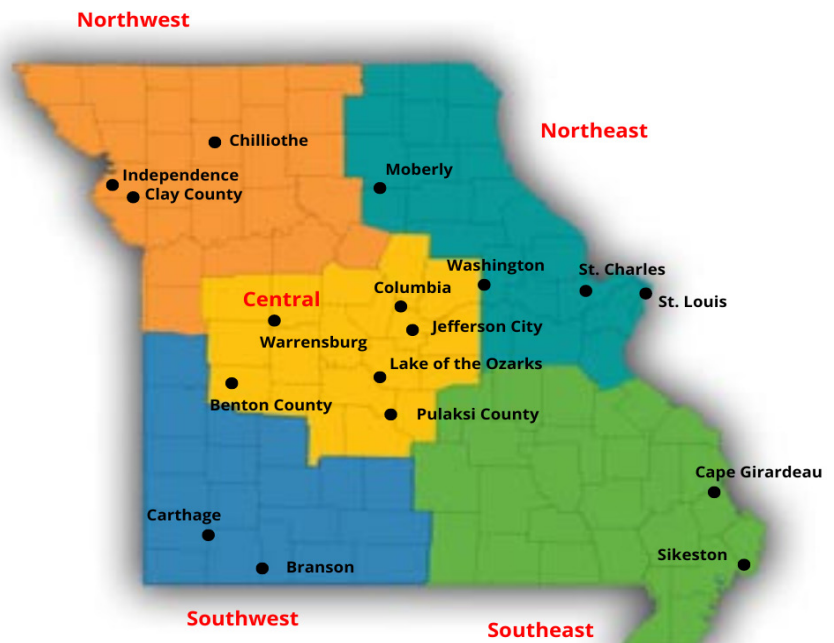
Missouri Itineraries: Holiday Lights

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Holiday Lights are a crowd favorite! Our MACVB Members have partnered together to offer personalized itineraries to meet group needs. Looking for the unique? We have it! Need an excursion for a few days? Missouri tourism professionals are here to help.

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Christmas brings joy filled wonderment throughout Missouri with live shows and LOTS of LIGHTS. Join in the community pride of holiday festivities that can include dinner, light drive-throughs and other stops of interest to your group. Invite guests to sing along down a merry path full of color and inspiration for the season.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



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Benton County Leave behind the hustle and bustle of city life and come down to historic Warsaw to enjoy the Christmas lights surrounding Drake Harbor – overlooking the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. Beginning at dark from Thanksgiving through the first of January, take a stroll down the only Boardwalk on the Lake of the Ozarks or along the waterfront filled with 100,000 lights and one-of-a-kind displays such as the 26' Steamboat Harbor Belle, Penguin Party, or catch the Grinch stealing Christmas and flying off in his helicopter! You will also see Santa's house and the Mayors Tree shining bright over Drake Harbor! Be sure and plan your visit around the Christmas festivals found throughout Benton County, including Cole Camp's Christbaumfest and Christkindlemarket or Warsaw's Christmas on the Harbor or Warsaw's Kaysinger Christmas. For more information on dates, please visit www.visitbentoncomo.com!



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Branson There is nothing like Christmas in Branson. When you visit America's Christmas Tree City during the holiday season, it is an unforgettable experience. For more than a quarter century, Branson has made its holiday lineup of events a treasured tradition. Celebrations run from the beginning of November through New Year's Day – there is no waiting for Thanksgiving to kick-off the holidays here! Branson is known for world-class live shows and performers. It is not called the Live Music Show Capital of the World for nothing! With an amazing lineup of special holiday performances and themed shows, a Christmas show in Branson is unlike any others. Christmas light displays can be found all throughout the Branson area. Driving tours such as Let There Be Lights! Branson's Lights of Joy and Trail of Lights are all great to explore. During the Christmas season, visitors can even experience light displays while walking down the Branson Landing. Silver Dollar City is home to the largest Christmas light display in this area during An Old Time Christmas. With Christmas in Midtown, you can find around 6.5 million lights across the park, see over 1,000 decorated Christmas trees, an eight-story Christmas tree with special effects and so much more.



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Cape Girardeau Cape Girardeau has been welcoming visitors since its founding in the mid-1700s. Our community is dedicated to providing exceptional service and warm hospitality. We believe one of our strongest assets is our people who are ready to welcome your group to Cape Girardeau. Spectacular natural vistas, a picturesque downtown, and our historic past blend together to offer the perfect destination for tour groups of all ages and interests. We have a wide range of dining experiences, shopping, antiques, sightseeing, tour options, and entertainment sure to satisfy.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



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Carthage Delight in a silent night. Christmas brings a variety of classic holiday events like craft shows, dinner theatre, and live performances. Stay late to enjoy the Way of Salvation Driving Light Tour at the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix, Mt. Moriah Musical Light Display, and Christmas at the Precious Moments Chapel and Gardens. The Carthage CVB offers Progressive Dinners, relaxing stops, and specialty tours for groups looking for small town charm. Christmas Home Tours are available every other year in the Historic Residential District.



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Chillicothe There is no better experience than a small-town holiday season. From before Thanksgiving until after the New Year, Chillicothe is lit up all throughout town. The Downtown Historic Square and Main Street feature lights and decorations on every building. Don't miss the Memory Tree in Silver Moon Plaza. And no visit would be complete without a drive through the Festival of Lights. Our Simpson Park is transformed into a winter wonderland during the holiday season. Experience the greatest and brightest things this holiday season in Chillicothe.



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Clay County Jump into the holiday season this year with festive lights and merry fun! One of the best ways for a group to enjoy some of the dazzling decorations in Clay is to book a trip aboard the Excelsior Springs Chamber Trolley's Holly Jolly Tour! This family friendly tour takes you on a magical lighted journey of Excelsior Springs. The tour picks up at the Hall of Waters, and we recommend you step inside for a look around before boarding the trolley; the Hall of Trees display is a jolly hall of trees and lights put up annually in Excelsior Springs that you will not want to miss. Aboard the trolley, your tour will take you to the Lane of Lights and will drive past several local homes that



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Columbia Every year, Columbians light up the town to spread holiday cheer to all around. Magic trees are a staple here in town during the holidays with three main ones in the Village of Cherry Hill, The Crossing church and one in The District. All three large trees are wrapped in multicolor lights that can be seen for miles and make great photo opportunities. Enjoy an annual evening in The District where retail and restaurant storefronts are transformed into live performances and visits with Santa. Shelter Insurance holds a tree-lighting ceremony every year and invites visitors to a walk through a Winter Wonderland of dazzling holiday lights. If you are feeling a little "Grinchy" and need a holiday pick-me-up, Columbia is the place to be!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



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Independence Come experience the magic of the holidays in Independence, Missouri. Watch the windows come to life at our Living Windows event on the historic Independence Square. Catch a carriage ride to see the mile of Christmas lights on the Square, while enjoying some delicious hot chocolate from a local coffee shop. Need to do some last-minute holiday shopping? Stop by the Holiday Mart to pick up one-of-a-kind gifts for your loved ones. Once you are done shopping, we invite you to tour our historic homes to see them beautifully decorated for the holidays. You won't want to miss it!



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Jefferson City Nothing is quite as magical as when the streets of Jefferson City come alive with sparkling lights and holiday décor. Winter traditions start the first week of December with the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and continues with Downtown Living Windows, candlelight tours of the beautifully decorated Governor's Mansion and a massive holiday parade. Listening to the sweet sounds of caroling and symphonies in the Capitol's elegant rotunda and a driving tour through neighborhoods full of homes flaunting twinkling illuminations and unique Christmas displays are also great ways to celebrate the season. Visitors can join in on the holiday fun at Binder Park with a drive-thru display of choreographed lights synced to holiday music, stretching over a mile long.



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Kansas City Just like its iconic jazz and mouthwatering barbecue, Kansas City has earned a reputation for its impressive holiday light displays. A local tradition for 90 years, the Plaza Lights span 15-blocks on the famed Country Club Plaza, featuring thousands of glimmering, jewel-colored bulbs that accentuate every dome, tower and window of the Spanish-inspired shopping district. Other festive holiday displays include a festive drive-through display at Christmas in the Park, the 100-foot Mayor's Christmas Tree at Crown Center and Historic Union Station's festive displays that include a massive model-train display and KC's largest indoor holiday tree.



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Lake of the Ozarks The City of Laurie presents the Enchanted Village of Lights at the Laurie Fairgrounds. The Enchanted Village of Lights is one of the largest drive-through holiday light parks in Mid-Missouri. There is no charge to drive through the Enchanted Village, but any donations are greatly appreciated. The Enchanted Village of Lights is scheduled to run from the weekend before Thanksgiving until January 1 each year.



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Moberly Visit Moberly to see the magical lights in one of the largest municipal-owned parks in Missouri, Rothwell Park. Altrusa's Lights in the Park will be sure to get you in the holiday spirit that up every day in the month of December. Afterwards, head to Moberly's Depot District to see the additional lighted display Downtown. Stop at Depot Park for the perfect selfie-spot with the decorations. More details are on our website moberly.com

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Pulaski County Pulaski County groups are welcome to join Pulaski County in celebrating the holidays. Plan your visit around area festivals and events, “ooh and ahh” over the lighting of historic Devils Elbow along Route 66, and enjoy a personalized route to top businesses, communities and residences competing in the annual Light Up Pulaski, held 3 weeks in December.



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Sikeston Sikeston’s holiday season starts with the Downtown Holiday Open House on the 2nd weekend in November. Shop store discounts, enjoy carriage rides, and of course visits with Santa! The annual Downtown Tree Lighting and opening of Santa’s Village is held on the first Friday in December. Santa’s Village is free and open until New Year’s Day in American Legion Park. This kid’s size outdoor village features a candy shop, post office, public safety, library, utilities building, train depot, and of course Santa’s Workshop! New additions are made to the village each year. The holiday season is not complete without the annual Dashing Through Downtown Parade of Lights held the first Saturday in December. While visiting take a tour of the Depot Museum and find great deals at the Historic Downtown Sikeston shops and specialty boutiques.



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St. Charles For nearly half a century, Saint Charles Christmas Traditions® has helped create cherished memories for the young and young at heart. With a unique blend of storytelling, history, and fairy tale whimsy, visitors are transported to a world of yuletide nostalgia where reindeer fly, Victorian carolers share a cheerful tune, and sugarplums dance in your head. Close your eyes and listen to the sound of horses’ hooves on the brick street, and the sweet holiday music of the fife. Capture in your mind the essence, that time in America when life was simpler, and Christmas was elegant and magical.



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St. Louis Don’t miss your chance to see one of the most popular Christmas light displays in the area. Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park for over 30 years has been making memories for families across the region. The Garden Glow at the Missouri Botanical Garden is a must see during the holiday season. Visitors have the opportunity to stroll through the Missouri Botanical Garden at night surrounded by a spectacle of unique light installations. Anheuser-Busch Brewery Lights. Experience the wonder of the Budweiser Clydesdales, s’mores roasting on an open fire, thousands of twinkling lights, and one monumental display of holiday spirit. Union Station is a wonderful stop in St. Louis all year long, however during the holiday season it has a little bit extra spirit. Don’t miss out on the Polar Express, the 3d lightshow in the Grand Hall and the opportunity to spend time with Santa just to name a few of the holiday experiences.

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Warrensburg Warrensburg's holiday season starts the first weekend of December with the Community Holiday Parade on Friday night. Warrensburg Main Street's Dicken's Christmas follows Saturday after Father Christmas arrives on the Amtrak's Missouri River Runner. Throughout the weekend you can attend a spectacular performance of the Nutcracker on the University of Central Missouri's campus by Center Stage Academy of the Performing Arts students. Throughout the holiday season, you can enjoy Powell Garden's Festival of Lights. The Gardens are located approximately twenty miles from Warrensburg. The twenty miles of lighted outdoor winter wonderland is worth the trip!



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Washington *It's a Wonderful Life* could have been filmed in Washington, MO at Christmas time! The beautiful historic downtown depicts the most wonderful of holiday traditions, with decorated shop windows and the street canopied in holiday swags and wreaths with lights galore. The season kicks off with the Holiday Parade of Lights, the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. The Sunday after Thanksgiving the downtown is alive with carolers, hot cider and cocoa, marshmallow roasting, cookie decorating, crafts, and Santa all at the Olde Fashioned Christmas event.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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Missouri is not just a place to play; it's a place to you can play to your fears and make you believe in ghosts. Explore the creepy, the spooky, and some downright haunted locations. Welcome to your next adventure.

SPOOKY TRIPS/HAUNTS



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Cape Girardeau Cape Girardeau has been welcoming visitors since its founding in the mid-1700s. Our community is dedicated to providing exceptional service and warm hospitality. We believe one of our strongest assets is our people who are ready to welcome your group to Cape Girardeau. Spectacular natural vistas, a picturesque downtown, and our historic past blend together to offer the perfect destination for tour groups of all ages and interests. We have a wide range of dining experiences, shopping, antiquing, sightseeing, tour options, and entertainment sure to satisfy.



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Clay County There are plenty of spooky sights to be seen. Visit Belvoir Winery in Liberty, Missouri to enjoy delicious local wines while touring the site's historic grounds. Learn of Belvoir's past, its involvement with the International Order of Odd Fellows, and the ghosts that remain. Whether you visit for a few hours or stay the night at Belvoir's recently opened Inn, you are sure to leave with new stories to tell. A short drive away in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, resides the storied Elms Hotel and Spa. Originally built in 1888, The Elms went through several rebuilds before its final incarnation in 1912. Today visitors to the hotel claim to see the spirits of former guests, some of which were famous politicians and infamous mobsters.



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Hannibal Get ready for a spine-tingling adventure during a Haunted Hannibal Ghost Tour! Board a trolley or pick up your guide on your motor coach and hear the stories of murder and mayhem behind some of Hannibal's most reportedly haunted sights. Passengers are encouraged to take photos to search for orbs! The final destination is the Old Baptist Cemetery, where participants are given their own 'ghost busting' tools and encouraged to search for signs of paranormal activity amongst some of the oldest graves in Hannibal.

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Independence Spooky sights await those who are courageous enough to take on the Paranormal Path in Independence. Whether you think spirits can send messages to the living or that it's all just a bunch of hocus pocus, we dare you to plan a ghost tour at the reportedly haunted Vaile Mansion, Bingham-Waggoner Estate, and 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home & Museum to find out for yourself. Visit the three historic homes on our Paranormal Path, where the doors are open to believers and non-believers alike. But don't worry—that chill through your bones and tingle down your spine is just our ghostly souls welcoming you to their haunted grounds.



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Jefferson City Named the "bloodiest 47 acres in America" by Time magazine, the Missouri State Penitentiary was the oldest continually operating prison west of the Mississippi River having opened its doors in 1836 and closing them in 2004. History tours showcase the prison's grisly past while the ghost tours blend the prison's history with unexplainable occurrences people have faced. Private tours are available for groups of 25 or more. In conjunction with the tours, the Missouri State Penitentiary Museum provides additional historical information and artifacts about the famous prison that operated for 168 years.



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Kansas City Kansas City has earned the moniker of "The Haunted House Capital of the World," making it one of the best places to visit during Halloween season. Head to the West Bottoms where brave souls can forge their own path at iconic haunted houses like The Beast and Edge of Hell. But KC also holds other haunted secrets—a few well-known locations around the city are known for their paranormal pasts where visitors can experience ghost tales, candlelit tours and other paranormal haunts.



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Moberly is the home of the 1913 4th Street Theatre, the Grand Theatre and many other historical buildings in Moberly's Downtown Depot District. Numerous ghost sightings and unusual occurrences have happened in these 100-year-old buildings. Groups are able to schedule their private ghost tour anytime throughout the year. Every weekend in October will have haunted tours. Watch for more details at moberly.com.



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Springfield Pythian Castle, in Springfield Missouri, was built in 1913 by the Knights of Pythias and later owned by the U.S. Military. German and Italian prisoners-of-war were assigned here during WWII for medical treatment and as laborers. The building was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 2009. It is currently privately owned and available for historic and ghost tours and as an event venue. The Pythian Castle has been featured on the TV shows The Haunted Collector, Ghost Adventures and Ghost Lab.



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St. Charles St. Charles Ghost Tour – Begin your walking tour with The Ghosts of St. Charles author Michael A. Henry, in front of the Historical Society building on Main Street and visit the some of the places reporting ghostly activity all while learning about the history through storytelling. www.stcharlesghosts.com/. Legends & Lanterns -- Experience the Legends & Lanterns Festival with inspiration from the past and the vintage charm of Halloween during the early 1900s with historic rituals and customs depicted in American ghost stories and Brother Grimm fairy tales. A little silly, a little macabre, but all in fun, Legends & Lanterns™ will allow visitors to get in the “spirit” for All Hallow’s Eve. The festival will feature scarecrows, hayrides through history, and ghostly guests with historic Main Street as its backdrop. www.legendsandlanterns.com



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St. Joseph Voices of the Past:Mount Mora Cemetery: Second Thursday and Friday in October. Visitors can stroll Mausoleum Row in Mount Mora Cemetery, where 21 of the finest architectural dwellings line the row. Established in 1851, you will experience St. Joseph’s past through intriguing stories told by costumed living history characters. Each year the theme and stories are different. Award winning event; Haunted Harris Kemper: Second weekend in October Halloween-themed tour focus on the architecture of Harris-Kemper Neighborhood with costumed tour guides, spooky stories and refreshments.; Glore After Hours:Come experience the Glore Psychiatric Museum (formerly the State Lunatic Asylum #2) with this unique after-hours event. Upon arrival at the Glore, you will be given a short tour of the museum and then – it’s lights out!; Murder at the Asylum at Glore Psychiatric Museum: A fully immersive game of who dunnit! ; Glore Psychiatric Museum is proud to announce the opening of our newest experience – Murder at the Asylum! This fully immersive and interactive game of “Clue” has you searching for who murdered Dr. Harlow Mills! Dr. Mills, physician at State Lunatic Asylum #2 well known for his display of nails and objects found in a patients’ stomach at autopsy, has been murdered! Dr. Mill’s had no shortage of enemies at the hospital but it’s up to you to figure out who the killer is. Upon arrival at the museum (housed in the outpatient and surgery center of the former #2) you will receive a clue card and video passcode. The clue card sends you searching throughout the entire museum for QR codes. Each code introduces you to another suspect, as you learn the events that unfolded at the hospital the day in question. Gather clues, “meet” the suspects and see if you have what it takes to solve a murder!

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St. Louis From caves to cemeteries St. Louis provides quite the haunted experience. The Lemp Mansion, formerly a famous brewery has been voted in the Top 10 for Best Haunted Hotels in a USA Today Poll, offers haunted history tours. Jefferson Barracks Cemetery includes 41 historic military buildings and is rumored to be haunted by many ghosts. The Darkness aka America's Horror Scream Park is open year-round. "It's thrills by day and fright by night," when Six Flags St. Louis transforms into a haunted attraction after dark every weekend throughout October. Ghost Tours are offered at The Fabulous Fox Theatre and the Peabody Opera House. Learn about the mysteries of the Missouri Botanical Garden.



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Washington Stroll through the beautiful streets of downtown Washington as our knowledgeable tour guide shares dozens of paranormal stories, historic facts, and eyewitness accounts. Your tour will take you on a 3/4 mile walking route amid the commercial and residential structures of Washington's historic districts. You will hear tales of woe, murder, and accidental deaths collected from local residents and visitors. The third Thursday of each month at dusk and Monday through Saturday by appointment. Wagon-ride tours each Wednesday in April, May, September and October - reservations: 636-667-1174.

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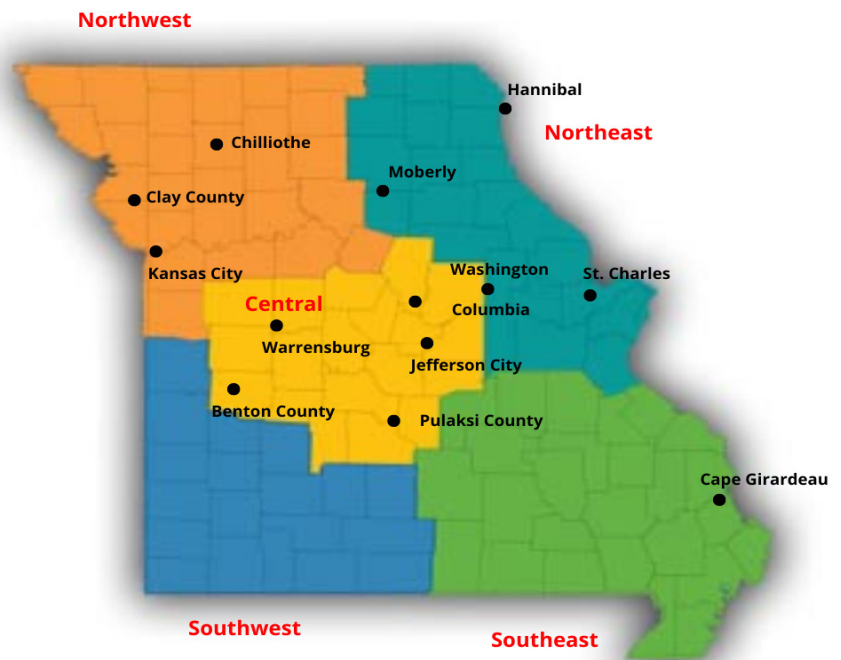
Missouri Itineraries: Antiques, Primitives, Quilts

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Benton County A treasure hunter, quilter and nature lover's paradise all rolled into a one-stop-unique destination centrally located in Missouri! Benton County is home to over a dozen thrift and primitive stores, 5 large antique malls and 3 quilt shops where your "treasure" awaits! Do you enjoy transforming an aged collectible into a new work of art? Are you looking for that special "piece" to add to your vintage collection? Are you a quilter looking for one-of-a-kind fabric pieces to add to your family heirloom? We've got you "covered"! Stroll the historic streets of Cole Camp, Lincoln and Warsaw while shopping and enjoy the breath-taking beauty of the Ozarks! Be sure to grab a bite to eat at one of the many "Best of Missouri" family-owned dining establishments located throughout Benton County, where you will find authentic German cuisine, an all-you-can-eat buffet, home-cookin' with all the fixins' and cafés offering sandwiches that are out of this world (just to name a few).



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Cape Girardeau Cape Girardeau has been welcoming visitors since its founding in the mid-1700s. Our community is dedicated to providing exceptional service and warm hospitality. We believe one of our strongest assets is our people who are ready to welcome your group to Cape Girardeau. Spectacular natural vistas, a picturesque downtown, and our historic past blend together to offer the perfect destination for tour groups of all ages and interests. We have a wide range of dining experiences, shopping, antiques, sightseeing, tour options, and entertainment sure to satisfy.



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Chillicothe A visit to Chillicothe provides the perfect opportunity for quilters and shoppers. The Missouri Star Quilt Company (located 20 minutes from Chillicothe in nearby Hamilton) is a quilter's paradise offering shopping and classes from Quilt Maven Jenny Doan. Chillicothe is home to Cuts and Bolts fabric as well as several unique antique, craft and resale shops. Nearby Jamesport is the largest Amish Community west of the Mississippi and is the home of Sherwood Quilts as well as a larger quilt event every year. Jamesport also features unique shopping and antiques in a wide variety of stores. Be sure to take part in the Highway 36 Quilt Trail from April thru October featuring 14 stops near Hwy 36 in North Missouri.



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Clay County Clay County's Liberty, Missouri is home to a quilting shop that no quilter should miss. Nestled on Liberty's Historic Downtown Square, Quilting is My Therapy offers fabric, thread, patterns, machine supplies, and quilting themed gifts. The shop is owned by well-known quilter, Angela Walters, who you may recognize from her popular YouTube show, The Midnight Quilt Show. Antique shoppers will be in vintage treasure paradise when they visit Fishing River Market in Excelsior Springs. Fishing River Market is a premier spot to fish around for your next vintage find; who knows what goodies you'll take home after a shopping trip there!

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COLUMBIA, MO

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Columbia Treasure hunters visiting Columbia, Missouri will be in for a treat when they visit one of the area's amazing antique malls. With over 450 booths featuring antiques, primitives and vintage memorabilia, you're sure to find a hidden gem at Midway Antique Mall. Veranda Antique Mall has everything from Depression glass to pinball machines! Explore over 100 booths and see what their dealers have found for you. Both Midway and Veranda Antique Malls are easily accessible from I-70. Be sure to check them out on Facebook for photos of their unique offerings and special events. Located 15 minutes from Columbia, Rocheport, MO is a charming river town on the Lewis and Clark Trail. Antique stores are located alongside working art studios. You'll want to add Rocheport to your Columbia agenda, along with some other Columbia shops specializing in antique books, guns and military collectibles or vintage fashion and retro decor.



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Hannibal Hannibal, Missouri is a quilter's paradise! Hickory Stick Quilt Shop, located on historic Main Street, has been in business for over 40 years. They have been honored to receive the Better Home & Gardens Top 10 Quilt Shop designation. Offering classes and workshops for bus groups, this shop is sure to impress. While shopping downtown, do not forget to stop by Bits and Pieces Sewing and Notions, with antique notions, buttons and more to complete that perfect shop hop! Both of these shops participate in the Highway 36 Quilt Trail, so grab your patterns.



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Jefferson City Jefferson City is full of J.U.N.K. – Jeff's Used and Nostalgic Keepsakes! Whether visitors are looking for antiques, collectibles, vintage décor, or items for a DIY project, the capital city has many shops to meet their needs. Seasonal events and pop-up shops also make their appearance on select weekends to offer salvaged items, curated treasures and entertainment for all. Sprinkled throughout the west, south, east and downtown areas of the city, visitors are bound to find something they'll treasure for years to come.



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Kansas City Thrifty pickers flock to the West Bottoms at the beginning of each month for First Weekends, when antique sellers open their shop doors for the masses. Whether you show up in search of vintage retail or with no expectations at all, you're sure to find artifacts from generations past at Kansas City's West Bottoms. At Kansas City's historic River Market district of Kansas City, head to River Market Antiques. Whatever you happen to be looking for, there's a chance that you'll find it in this four-story, 30,000-square foot behemoth that's home to more than 175 dealers.

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Moberly Some of the best antique and primitive stores are in Moberly, including Vintage 424, Randolph Mercantile and so much more. Step back in time by visiting the Clark Amish Community, just 10 minutes away from Moberly where you will find some of the best sweets and other handmade goods in Missouri. All the stores are listed on moberly.com



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Pulaski County Central Missouri's, Pulaski County has brought together over 18 stops along our Antique, Thrifting & Sweet Trail. Weave in the historic stops along the Quilt Block Trail located at area museums; Old Stagecoach Stop, 1903 Courthouse and Frisco Railroad museums. Your group will have several days of exploring, reminiscing and shopping.



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St. Charles Saint Charles is known for its historic architecture, specialty stores and antiques. Visitors can shop their way down Main Street and Frenchtown Historic District to find over a dozen different shops selling real antiques, collectibles, memorabilia and quality vintage furniture. Treasure hunters should also make time to shop the St. Charles Antique Mall, with over 35,000 sq. ft. of antiques, furniture and vintage items. For the quilt enthusiasts, the Foundry Art Centre host the Quilt National (October-December), an internationally-juried exhibition and renowned biennial collection of Art Quilts by contemporary fiber artists. The Foundry Art Centre is the only venue that will host the exhibition in its entirety aside from its original run at The Dairy Barn Arts Center.

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Warrensburg

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Warrensburg Stopping in the three quilt shops located Johnson County is a must-visit for quilters! Warrensburg is home to Sew Good Quilting and Primitive Stiches and just a few miles on west Highway 50, you'll find Hunters Quilt Mart. All the shops offer in-store shopping. Check out their Facebook pages to learn about upcoming events/classes they are offering. After purchasing your next project's supplies, visit Those Were The Days, Missouri's second largest antique store featuring multiple floors of antiques and collectibles. Be sure to stop in Hwy 13 North Antiques & Collectibles and Pastries in a Pinch featuring three buildings of furniture, antiques, collectibles, and delicious homemade pies!



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Washington It seems that Franklin County, Missouri has an antique store, or resale shop dealing in primitives around every corner. From Pacific to Sullivan, Washington to St. Clair, and all the towns in between you can contact dealers who are happy to help you find that one in a million item. Or just browse the stores for that piece you know you can't live without. Quilt lovers of all ages will enjoy a tour through Cedar Creek Lodge in New Haven, MO. You will see quilts hanging in the hallways and on the walls of the meeting/conference areas throughout the lodge. And while you are there make sure you get to see the old Western Town, too.

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Columbia The District is bound by three college campuses and encompasses 50 square blocks downtown. Divided into five sections- the Sharp End, the Government District, the North Village Arts District, the Stollway, and Flat Branch, there is a lot of history, cuisine and retail to be experienced. Discover local shops, restaurants, services, art galleries, fitness studios, hotels, theaters, event spaces, nonprofits, and government in Columbia's entertainment and dining district. The area is also the center for several major attractions, such as downtown's park at the trailhead of the MKT. Bicyclists and hikers can now take KATY Trail's MKT Spur right into The District for a day of shopping and dining. Groups will also be drawn to the historic Blind Boone Home just across Broadway. The State Historical Society of Missouri has an art gallery, bookshop, and library in their beautiful space on Elm. There's something for everyone, so come "Discover the District" for yourself.



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Kansas City Live music at T-Mobile Center, dive bars on 39th Street, shopping on the Country Club Plaza—entertainment comes in many forms in Kansas City. At the Country Club Plaza, stroll through 15 city blocks of Spanish-inspired architecture to discover dozens of fountains, shop trendy designer brands and dine at beloved restaurants ideal for special date nights. And at the heart of Kansas City is the Power & Light District, a thriving Downtown playground, where memories are made during late-night revelry inside KC Live! Block, upscale dining occasions and citywide watch parties for the biggest sporting events in the region.



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Lake of the Ozarks Lake of the Ozarks is home to hundreds of dining ranging from casual to fine dining. This area is a mecca for live entertainment. Throughout the year you can enjoy free live music at many of the dining establishments off and on the water. In addition to the live regional entertainment, Lake of the Ozarks is home to concert venues that bring in Top Artist from all over.



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St. Joseph RiJC Wyatt House: Dine in this unique 1891 Historic Home and enjoy wonderful cuisine and fine service in authentic Victorian Ambiance. No 1 Private Dining Restaurant in St Joseph and Certificate of Excellence Winner 2014-2021 on TripAdvisor.



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St. Charles From riverside views and the historic European architecture of Main Street to the urban atmosphere of the Streets of St. Charles, the variety of dining & entertainment options in Saint Charles, Missouri cannot be beat. At the Streets of St. Charles visitors can dine at one of the fifteen different restaurants, catch the latest movie, shop at a trendy boutique, and enjoy a boozy frozen cock-tail. From March through September, the “streets” also host from farmers markets to outdoor events featuring a variety of local bands and musicians. The fun does not end there, historic Main Street has even more to offer with over 25 diverse restaurants & bars, 125 unique shops and hosts dozens of special events and festivals throughout the year. Another fun stop along the way is Am-eristar Casino Resort Spa with first-class restaurants, luxury hotel & spa, and a 130,000-sq.ft. casino.



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St. Louis Whether you’re a foodie, music-lover, craft beer enthusiast or just in search of a fun night out, you’re sure to find what you’re looking for in St. Louis. Discover a delicious variety of St. Louis restaurants, bars, music venues and hot spots around town that are sure to satisfy any appetite. Our newest dining addition is the City Foundry STL, the new mixed use development includes retail space and entertainment options. The Foundry is St. Louis’ first European style food hall that has introduced foodies to 19hip, chef-centric hot spots designed to celebrate food in an industrial setting. Another great area to explore is The Delmar Loop neighborhood, home to local dining favorites - Pi Pizza, Blueberry Hill and Fitz’s Root Beer - in addition to several great entertainment venues. Don’t forget to add The Hill neighborhood to your visit, home to many celebrated family-owned Italian restaurants that will have you coming back time and time again to visit them all. Checking out the Central West End is also a must if you are looking for a great patio to take in some people watching. Another big hit is Ballpark Village next to Busch Stadi-

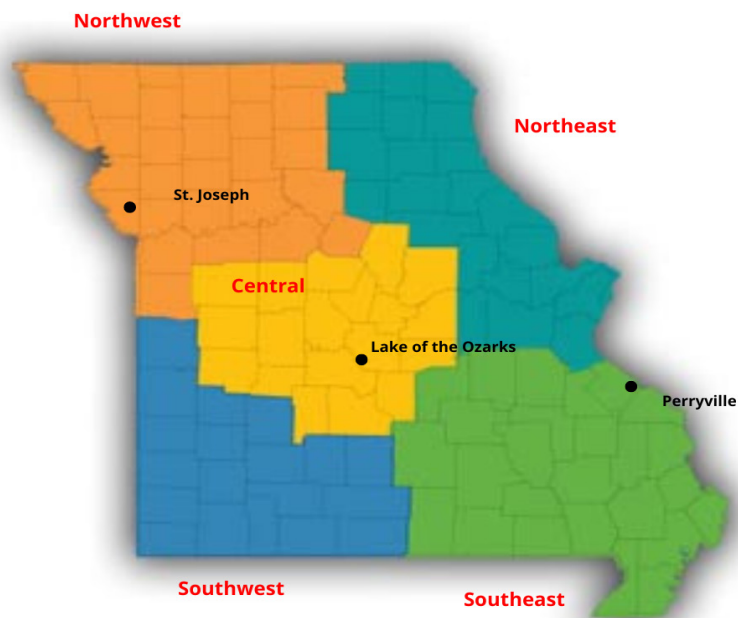
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Missouri on the Move is a trail of all things with motion. Cars, tractors, trains, planes and more. No matter how you want to move in Missouri these museums and transportation sites will give you and your family hours of enjoyment, education, fascination, and inspire you to move to the next “Missouri on the Move” site.

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Lake of the Ozarks Eldon Chamber of Commerce is housed in the new Train Depot Museum in Eldon, Missouri. The town was created when the railroad system came through that area. Homes were built to house the railroad workers and the economy began growing in the late 1800's. The Train Depot Museum is new to the town and has the railroad history and artifacts to showcase Eldon's history over the years.



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Perryville American Tractor Museum celebrating the iconic machine and backbone of America. Tour this amazing collection walking you through the evolution of the machine that plowed, planted, and harvested the American dream for centuries. See one of the most unique and largest collections of its kind featuring very rare manufacturers such as Rumely, Waterloo Boy, Case, Illinois, Indiana, Huber, Plymouth, Avery, John Deere and many more! Fun for all ages of tractor enthusiasts.



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St. Joseph River Bluff Trails Park: Bike Trails Located among the bluffs of the Missouri River in the northern part of St. Joseph, the River Bluff Trails Park system offers a recreational escape to bikers, joggers, hikers and all who love to explore nature. The park boasts miles and miles of multiuse cross-country trails and dedicated biking trails including numerous downhill runs and flow lines. From youth skill zones to expert-only drops and gaps, there's something for all rider levels. Boulder-lined pathways meander along the ridges with scenic overlooks to enjoy relaxing sunsets over the beautiful Missouri River and Kansas skyline. Adjoining the Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area, the trail system calls to anyone seeking adventure. Patee House Museum: Patee House is St. Joseph's only National Historic Landmark. It has been listed by True West magazine as one of America's Top 10 Western Museums in 2008, and it is one of 1,000 Places to See in the U.S.A. & Canada Before You Die. Built in 1858 as a luxury hotel, Patee House served as the Pony Express headquarters from 1860 to 1861. It is one block away from the home of infamous outlaw Jesse James, where he was shot and killed by Bob Ford. After his death, the James family stayed and were interviewed in the hotel. Patee House Museum features two full floors of exhibits. Inside Patee House, you can climb aboard an 1860 train and ride the vintage "Wild Thing" carousel. The museum also houses an 1877 railroad depot, stage-coach, cars, trucks, fire trucks, wagons, buggies and carriages, Jeeps, a racecar, horse-drawn hearses and a real gallows, a blacksmith shop, dressmaker's shop, model railroads, antique furniture and toys, a wing with Western art by artist George Warfel, and a wing designed to look like the Streets of Old St. Jo in the 1860s-1880s.