

Missouri Itineraries: Only in Missouri Oddities & Famous People

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We have so many suggestions, you may have to extend your trip! Our MACVB Members have partnered together to offer you personalized itineraries to meet your needs. Looking for the unique? We have it! Need an excursion for a few days? Missouri professionals are here to help.

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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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Cape Girardeau On 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. Visit our website to view our 1.5 day tour, 2.5 day tour, and overnight tour options.



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Chillicothe That’s the greatest thing since Sliced Bread! In Chillicothe, we know great things. In fact, we invented them. Sliced Bread was invented in Chillicothe in 1928. This innovation revolutionized the baking industry as well as the daily routine of households around the world. You can visit an original Rohwedder Bread Slicing Machine at the Grand River Museum, and see many other tributes to sliced bread throughout Chillicothe. And now visit the new Sliced Bread Innovation Center located in the historic original bakery building. Hear our unique story and test your ingenuity in our historic bakery themed escape room.



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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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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 groups trip to Joplin. Leave a mark in the history books in Joplin.

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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 "threwed 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.



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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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