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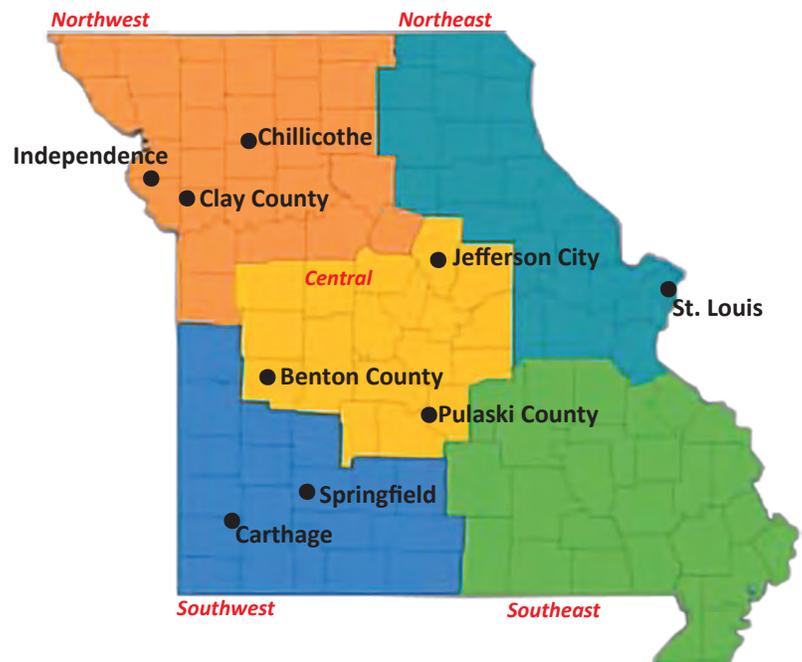


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HISTORIC SQUARES

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.

Independence
St. Louis
Pulaski County
Carthage
Chillicothe
Jefferson City
Springfield
Clay County
Benton County



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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Thank you for requesting additional information about the Historic Squares Itinerary. Your information has been forwarded to the participating Destination Marketing Organizations. Please feel free to reach out to our members for additional details.

We are excited to host your group in Missouri!

Independence History, Fine Dining, & Fun! Anchored by the Truman Courthouse, 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 youth. Locally owned businesses flourish, with fine dining, bowling, an art gallery and much more. Whether you're doing a day or weekend trip or even a date night, the Independence Square has a variety of excellent options to fit your needs.



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St. Louis Lafayette Square 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. Soulard 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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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 through antique, gift, and sweet 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.



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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 Progressive Dinners, relaxing stops, and specialty tours for groups looking for small town charm.

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Chillicothe Experience the Greatest Things in Downtown Chillicothe. Our picture-perfect Historic Square provides a unique destination for visitors. Over 20 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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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 **Jefferson Landing**, an old steamboat stop currently housing the Amtrak station and two museums: the **Lohman Building Store and Warehouse** and **Elizabeth Rozier Gallery**. Just around the corner on Madison Street is the **Missouri Governor's Mansion**, complemented by the **Carnahan Memorial Gardens**, 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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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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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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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 river-front 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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