

# St Louis

Like a Local



**The Arch**

100 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63102 | [Website](#)

Perhaps St. Louis' most recognizable landmark, The Gateway Arch was completed in 1965 & commemorates the city's historical role as the "Gateway to the West" during the 19th-century westward expansion of the United States. Explore the recently renovated Arch Museum before taking a tram 630 feet in the air for panoramic views of Missouri, Illinois, & the Mississippi River.

**City Museum**

750 N 16th St, St. Louis, MO 63103 | [Website](#)

Housed in a former shoe factory, the City Museum is a unique, immersive experience that blends art, architecture, adventure, & fun. Made for kids & kids at heart, the museum features a whimsical mix of recycled materials, including old planes, chimneys, & even a school bus perched on the roof. Get lost in the museum's many tunnels, slides, caves, & secret passages, or head to the rooftop bar & Ferris wheel for the most unique experience St. Louis has to offer. Trust us, you *HAVE* to go.

**Busch Stadium**

700 Clark Ave, St. Louis, MO 63102 | [Website](#)

Busch Stadium is home to the 11-time World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Baseball & St. Louis go together like Budweiser & toasted ravioli. While the Cardinals are away during the conference, there's still plenty to do at & around Busch Stadium. Take a tour of the stadium & then head over to the Cardinals Hall of Fame & Museum located in Ballpark Village, the entertainment district that surrounds the stadium. Make sure to get a picture at the Musial statue, which honors Cardinal legend Stan Musial, who played his entire hall of fame career in St. Louis.

**Forest Park**

700 Clark Ave, St. Louis, MO 63102

[Website](#)

Located in the heart of St. Louis, Forest Park is one of the largest urban parks in the United States (yes, it's bigger than Central Park in New York!). It is home to many St. Louis cultural institutions including the Zoo, Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, Science Center, & Muny Opera. The park offers trails, gardens, golfing, paddleboat rentals, & opportunities for wildlife watching & relaxation.

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## **Budweiser**

1200 Lynch St, St. Louis, MO 63118 | [Website](#)

Anheuser-Busch was founded in 1852 in St. Louis as a small neighborhood brewery. Its flagship beer, Budweiser, was first introduced in 1876 by Adolphus Busch, a German immigrant, who sought to create a beer that would appeal to a broad audience. Though the brewery was sold to a Belgian company in the early 2000s, the brand remains an iconic part of St. Louis. The brewery offers free daily tours that include a tour of the brewery, a visit with the Clydesdales &, of course, a cold glass of beer.

## **Ted Drewes**

6726 Chippewa St, St. Louis, MO 63109 | [Website](#)

Similar to ice cream, but with a higher butter and egg yolk content, frozen custard is a St. Louis staple year-round, but especially in the hot summer months. No one does frozen custard better than Ted Drewes, which has been around since 1929.

## **Goopy Louie Butter Cake**

11266 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141 | [Website](#)

According to legend, goopy butter cake was created in the 1930s by accident when a local baker mixed up the proportions of ingredients while trying to make a traditional butter cake. The result was a dense, rich cake with a goopy center and a firm, sweet crust. You can find it in any bakery, but we hear Goopy Louie Butter Cake is the best!

## **Goopy Butter Cake**

1 box yellow cake mix

• 1 egg

• ½ cup butter melted

1 (8oz) package cream cheese

2 eggs beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 ½ cups powdered sugar

powdered sugar to sprinkle

Grease a 9x13 pan & turn oven to 350°F.

Blend cake mix, 1 egg, & butter. Press into pan.

Blend cream cheese, 2 eggs, & vanilla.

Spread over your the first mixture in your pan.

Bake at 350°F for 40-45 minutes or until edges are golden brown

Top with powdered sugar

# St. Louis for Eating Like a Local

## Beast Craft BBQ

20 S Belt W, Belleville, IL 62220 | [Website](#)

Pork steak is a popular cut of meat doused in BBQ sauce that is a staple of every summertime backyard cookout in St. Louis. While a huge part of local BBQ culture, pork steak isn't found on a lot of menus in the city. You'll have to travel across the river to Beast Craft BBQ in Belleville to find the best pork steak not in someone's backyard.

## Anthonino's Taverna

2225 Macklind Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110 | [Website](#)

Toasted ravioli is a beloved St. Louis appetizer that consists of breaded & deep-fried ravioli served with a side of marinara for dipping. It is said to have originated in the predominantly Italian-American neighborhood, The Hill around 1940, though its exact origins are disputed. Wherever it came from, it's delicious, & you'll find toasted ravioli on many menus across the city. Guy Fieri recommends Anthonino's Taverna.

## Imo's Pizza

Multiple Locations | [Website](#)

St. Louis-style pizza is distinct for its thin, cracker-like crust, Provel cheese (another St. Louis invention), & insistence that it be cut into squares. You'll either love it or hate it, but a trip to St. Louis wouldn't be complete without finding out where you stand. It was popularized by Imo's Pizza, which has dozens of locations across the region.



**Duck Room at Blueberry Hill**

6504 Delmar Blvd, University City, MO 63130 | [Website](#)

Opened in 1972 in the vibrant Delmar Loop, the music venue & restaurant is a hub for music lovers and pop culture enthusiasts alike. This landmark is known for its quirky décor & collections, delicious food, darts, & intimate atmosphere, but is perhaps best known as the home of the father of rock & roll Chuck Berry, who had a monthly residency at Blueberry Hill, where he played more than 200 shows from 1996-2014.

**Vintage Vinyl**

6610 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130 | [Website](#)

just down the block from Blueberry Hill, Vintage Vinyl has been a local institution since 1979 & is one of the largest independent record stores in the Midwest. It is known for both its bargain bins & its rare & out-of-print collection, & has a large stock of music by local artists & often hosts free live music performances. Live like a local & grab a pink Vintage Vinyl bumper sticker for your guitar case while you're there.

**National Blues Museum**

615 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101 | [Website](#)

Located in the heart of downtown St. Louis, the National Blues Museum celebrates the history, influence, & legacy of blues music. St. Louis played a pivotal role in the development & spread of the blues, especially during the Great Migration. Musicians passing through or settling in St. Louis brought their unique regional styles with them, blending the Delta blues with local influences & shaping what became known as the St. Louis Blues sound.

**Scott Joplin House**

2658 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63103 | [Website](#)

The Scott Joplin House is a National Historic Landmark located in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood. The museum offers a rare glimpse into the life of Scott Joplin, one of the most important American composers of the late 19th & early 20th centuries & serves as a reminder of the cultural richness of St. Louis as well as the deep roots of American music.

**Broadway Oyster Bar**

736 S Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102 | [Website](#)

Located downtown, Broadway Oyster Bar is a local favorite known for its live music, delicious seafood, & lively but laid-back vibes, making it a must-visit for music lovers & foodies alike.

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## **Citygarden Sculpture Park**

801 Market St, St. Louis, MO 63101 | [Website](#)

Citygarden Sculpture Park is a newer addition to downtown St. Louis. Located about a mile from the hotel, the urban oasis spans two city blocks that blends art, nature, and interactive design into a space that is both a public park and open-air museum. It features 24 modern and contemporary sculptures and interactive water features.

## **Walls Off Washington**

Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63103 | [Website](#)

The Walls Off Washington is an open-air gallery located along Washington Avenue in the city's Midtown district. This unique installation features large-scale murals by local and international artists, celebrating diversity, storytelling, and urban art.



## **The St. Louis Art Museum**

1 Fine Arts Dr, St. Louis, MO 63110 | [Website](#)

Located in the heart of Forest Park, the St. Louis Art Museum features over 34,000 works spanning both centuries and continents. Admission is free, making the museum with works by Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rivera, van Gogh, and more an accessible treasure for all.



## **Laumeier Sculpture Park**

12580 Rott Rd, Sappington, MO 63127 | [Website](#)

Laumeier Sculpture Park is an expansive, 105-acre outdoor museum with more than 60 large-scale sculptures throughout the grounds. Though not technically within the St. Louis city limits, it's close, and worth a trip if you're looking for an experience that combines nature and interactive art that can be enjoyed by both kids and kids-at-heart. It's free and open-year round.

### **The St. Louis Science Center**

5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110 | [Website](#)

Located in Forest Park, the St. Louis Science Center is a fun & educational destination for families that offers a wide range of interactive exhibits & hands-on activities. Popular attractions include the Planetarium, the Discovery Room, designed for young children to learn through play, & the OMNIMAX® Theater, a five-story, 80-foot-diameter dome screen featuring rotating documentaries. A bridge over Interstate 64 connects the Science Center's two main buildings, & visitors can observe vehicles below while learning about physics concepts like motion and speed.

### **The Saint Louis Zoo**

1 Government Dr, St. Louis, MO 63110 | [Website](#)

Also located in Forest Park, the Saint Louis Zoo is a cherished institution & a cornerstone of the community. Spanning 90 acres, the zoo is home to over 16,000 animals representing 600 species. Established in 1910, the zoo's history is tied to the 1904 World's Fair, where its first exhibit—a flight cage—was unveiled & remains a centerpiece today. It remains one of the few major zoos in the world offering free general admission.

### **Nature Playscape at Forest Park**

5595 Grand Drive in Forest Park, St. Louis MO 63112 | [Website](#)

The Nature Playscape at Forest Park is an interactive outdoor space designed to connect children & families with nature through play & exploration. Opening in 2021, the Playscape was transformed from a former golf course as part of It's part of Forest Park's broader mission to create inclusive, engaging spaces that promote physical activity, curiosity, & a lifelong connection to nature.

### **Fitz's Root Beer**

6605 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130 | [Website](#)

After you've worked up an appetite exploring all that Forest Park has to offer, head over to Fitz's Root Beer for lunch. Located in the Delmar Loop, come for the classic American fare & stay for their iconic Goey Louie Float: house made cream soda with vanilla & chocolate ice cream, whipped cream, & a square of their original St. Louis goey butter cake. If cream soda isn't your thing, they have 20+ floats to choose from, all featuring craft soda made onsite. Make sure to get your picture with the Chuck Berry statue located near the entrance.

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## Missouri History Museum

5700 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112 | [Website](#)

Located in Forest Park on the site of the main entrance to the 1904 World's Fair, the Missouri History Museum houses a wide range of artifacts, documents, & exhibits that explore the region's rich history, from Native American cultures & early European settlers to pivotal events such as the 1904 World's Fair & the Civil Rights Movement. General admission is free!

## Old Courthouse

11 N 4th St, St. Louis, MO 63102 | [Website](#)

Built between 1839 & 1864, the Old Courthouse played a significant role in American history as the site of the Dred Scott trials in 1847 & 1850. It is now a part of the Gateway Arch National Park.



## Riverboat Cruise

300 Riverfront Dr, Hannibal, MO 63401 | [Website](#)

Experience the sights & sounds of one of America's most iconic rivers while learning about the city's role as a key port city in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The one-hour cruise aboard a replica steamboat takes passengers along the diverse Mississippi riverfront.

## Cahokia Mounds

30 Ramey St, Collinsville, IL 62234 | [Website](#)

Located just 10 miles from the hotel, Cahokia Mounds is the largest & most complex pre-Columbian settlement north of Mexico, reaching a peak population of 10,000-20,000 between AD 1000 & 1350. It was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982. While the museum is under renovation, visitors can still scale the 154 stairs to the top of the largest remaining mound, known as Monks Mound.



## Crown Candy Kitchen

1401 St Louis Ave, St. Louis, MO 63106 | [Website](#)

When you're done exploring, take a step back in time at this classic soda fountain & candy shop beloved for its classic sandwiches, homemade chocolates, malts, & ice cream sundaes.

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## **Laclede's Landing Wax Museum**

720 N 2nd St, St. Louis, MO 63102 | [Website](#)

Perhaps the eeriest attraction in St. Louis, the Laclede's Landing Wax Museum is housed in a historic warehouse near the banks of the Mississippi. It features over 200 wax figures, but unlike the polished figures found in larger, more high-end wax museums, these statues are more, shall we say, offbeat, which adds to the museum's weird charm. Check out the chamber of horrors located in the basement ... if you dare.

## **World Chess Hall of Fame**

4652 Maryland Ave #1, St. Louis, MO 63108 | [Website](#)

Located in the Central West End neighborhood, The World Chess Hall of Fame is a museum dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, & artistry of chess & its legendary players. Inside you will find rare chess sets, historical artifacts, & contemporary chess-inspired art. Outside, you will find the world's largest chess piece, a life-size board, & multiple tables for casual matches.

## **Antiques Row on Cherokee Street**

1900-2300 Cherokee St, St. Louis, MO 63118

Antiques Row is a treasure trove for vintage lovers, history buffs, & oddities collectors. Stretching for several blocks along historic Cherokee Street, this district is home to a diverse mix of long-standing antique stores, local artisans, & vibrant street art, offering a unique destination that captures the city's love for the old & the unusual. It's best visited on the weekends when most stores are open.

## **Lemp Mansion**

3322 Demenil Pl, St. Louis, MO 63118 | [Website](#)

The Lemp Mansion is a historical mansion known for both its well-preserved architecture & occupants that just won't leave; it has the distinction of being the most haunted landmark in the city if you believe in that sort of thing. Built-in the 1860s by the Lemp brewing dynasty, the mansion became the site of multiple family tragedies. Today, it stands as a restaurant & inn that draws ghost hunters from around the globe. Visitors can grab a bite, join a mystery dinner theater, or take a haunted tour.

## **Venice Café**

1903 Pestalozzi, St. Louis, MO 63118 | [Website](#)

Located in the Benton Park neighborhood, Venice Café is one of the most visually striking bars in the Midwest, known for its vibrant, mosaic-covered interior & laid-back, artsy atmosphere. Is it a bar? Is it an art museum? You'll have to experience it yourself to find out. You can catch live music most nights of the week. *Note before you go: it's cash only.*

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