

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RELOCATION INFORMATION



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KIRKWOOD LIVING

The City of Kirkwood is a mid-sized suburb with a family-friendly feel. Sitting 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis, its 27,000-plus residents enjoy a variety of restaurants, coffee shops, parks and a quaint downtown.

Kirkwood proudly earns the highest overall rating possible from Niche.com, with stellar ratings in public schools, housing and family livability. The median home value is \$315,000 and most residents own their homes. Kirkwood also features a vibrant farmers market, open year-round as a cornerstone of the community.

The Kirkwood School District is widely praised at every level. George R. Robinson Elementary ranks as the second-best public elementary school in Missouri, with North Glendale Elementary right behind it. North Kirkwood Middle and Kirkwood Senior High also rank in the top five at their respective levels of Missouri.

Kirkwood also has several well-known places to enjoy the outdoors. Laumeier Sculpture Park is the largest dedicated park of its kind in the country. Here, you can take a walk to see the 60 large-scale outdoor sculptures within the 105-acre park. Another quiet corner is the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, which features 112 acres of oak-hickory forest, several walking trails and an interactive welcome center. Stop by with the kids to see its aquarium, wildlife viewing window and living beehive.

For the food lover in you, be sure to stop in at Tucker's Place. This mom-and-pop shop, a family favorite, has been serving award-winning steaks for more than 30 years. If you're looking for a relaxed suburb with a high quality of life, Kirkwood is the place for you.



Laumeier Sculpture Park

BRENTWOOD LIVING

The City of Brentwood has a friendly atmosphere and small-town vibe with about 8,000 residents. The Brentwood School District has schools with great ratings across the board, including Mark Twain Elementary and Webster Groves High School.

Brentwood is proud to have a thriving Parks & Recreation cooperative with several parks hosting festivals throughout the year – one of the most notable being the Brentwood Days festival, which brings the community together to enjoy free food, carnival rides, live music and great fireworks.

The City of Brentwood Community Center, meanwhile, offers youth and adult sports leagues and a full-size ice arena with public sessions, training sessions and activities for all ages.

Many of the young professionals who live in the city venture to the nearby suburb of Maple Wood for its thriving nightlife scene.



Brentwood Days



CLAYTON LIVING

The City of Clayton is an upbeat, youthful community about 15 minutes from the heart of downtown St. Louis. Deemed the metro area's premier hub of business, dining and shopping, this spot has it all. It combines its own bustling downtown with quiet neighborhoods and is conveniently located close to major interstate highways and the St. Louis Lambert International Airport. In addition to being a short ride from St. Louis, Clayton lies close to Missouri wine country, where notable wineries Augusta Winery.

The town's trendy food scene boasts The Crossing, a high-end French & Italian restaurant, and BARcelona Tapas, a bright setting where typical Spanish tapas are served alongside live music. For those who like to get outside, Oak Knoll Park is perfect for a run or to spend some time with the little ones. It has lots of green space, a paved path, a pond and a gated playground.

Clayton also has a highly regarded school system. Glenridge Elementary School, Wydown Middle School and Clayton High School all earn an A+ rating from Niche.com. With a population topping 16,000, Clayton is the mid-sized suburb with a bit of everything.



ST. CHARLES LIVING

St. Charles is a northwestern suburb of St. Louis with a population of 70,171. It's the oldest city on the Missouri River is now a beautifully restored historic community with a treasured heritage. There's a wide age range of residents evenly spread among young professionals, individuals raising children, and retirees.

Main Street there is lined with unique shops and restaurants. Local eateries include everything from Fratelli's Ristorante (serving Italian comfort food) to the Bike Stop Café (half bike shop, half upbeat coffeehouse). There's an avid cycling community in St. Charles and many residents enjoy riding some of the many routes through town or Katy Trail State Park, the longest recreational rail trail in the United States.

St. Charles also has a reputable public school system. Highly rated schools include Lincoln Elementary, Francis Howell Middle and Francis Howell High.

Thanks to its proximity to Missouri Wine Country, St. Charles features many local wines in its best restaurants. Balducci Vineyards even offers full-sized meals and live entertainment to pair with your glass!

Bike Stop Café



St. Louis is a culinary melting pot. According to TheFoodNetwork.com – and let's be honest, what other source would you trust when it comes down to good eats? – its restaurants are regional leaders in their categories:

For those who brunch: [Southwest Diner](#). Step into this area favorite and you might think you just stepped out of a time machine, circa 1955. Its staples include Rocket to Bacon Land (a three-egg omelet with goat cheese, arugula, bacon and caramelized onions); biscuits and homemade sausage gravy; and huevos rancheros.

For the BBQ buff: [Salt + Smoke](#). Ask locals what their favorite BBQ spot is and you may get a variety of answers. But one thing's for sure: Salt + Smoke is a top contender. Fan favorites include dry-rub smoked wings, the pulled pork sandwich, or any plates (your choice of meat with two sides and a bacon and cheddar popover).

For burger bliss: [Mac's Local Eats](#). Chef and owner Chris McKenzie is known in Greater St. Louis for urging people to eat local ... hence the name! It's located in the Tamm Avenue Grill and its burgers are thin and crispy – as many of the best diner burgers are – but with a twist. They're dry-aged. We'd list their burger selection but we're confident you're already sold after that last sentence.

For the carboholics: [Union Loafers](#). Name a restaurant "Loafers" and the carb lovers will come, right? Union Loafers thinks so. The team is baking and selling eight different bread types each day, both in loaf form and in sandwiches. As if that's not enough, locals rave about its New York-style pizza. Pizza and homemade bread ... it's clear why this 2015 newcomer made the list.



Mac's Local Eats

ST. LOUIS SHOPPING

St. Louis is ripe with some of the finest shopping districts in the Midwest. Located just west of downtown, the [Central West End](#) is the perfect place to spend the day on foot, hitting favorite stores from [Q Boutique](#) to [Bonobos](#) and [KayOss Designs](#). The CWE has a variety of restaurants, coffeehouses and bars to grab a bite or drink between stops!

One of the city's unique sections is [Cherokee Street](#), a do-it-yourself paradise of family-owned businesses, galleries and pop-up shops. You'll find paint-splattered sidewalks and murals anchored to the sides of the district's buildings, each a showcase of the various artistic talents within city limits. If you're an antique lover, be sure to hit [Antique Row](#) – a half-mile of shops housing vintage clothing sure to please the fashionista in all of us. You'll find plenty of stops to suit your style, bakeries and coffee shops aplenty, and craft stores which will help you bring even your most intricate ideas to life.

[The Loop](#) is a youthful section of town, thanks to nearby [Washington University](#). Students and young professionals alike enjoy the area's diverse mix of arts, entertainment and shopping options. Readers love [Subterranean Books](#), while music aficionados feel right at home at [Vintage Vinyl](#). The Loop is also home to the [St. Louis Walk of Fame](#), a tribute to the city's legends who range from athletes and entertainers to artists, journalists, scientists and more.

Traditional outlet and mall goers have a number of stellar options to choose from around downtown St. Louis. [Saint Louis Galleria](#) is the city's largest shopping mall and ranks as one of the best in the state, according to Trip Advisor. You'll find all the major staples in the Galleria, from Macy's and Dillard's to Apple, Michael Kors and even a St. Louis Cardinals Clubhouse apparel store. There's also a trio of fine outlets for your shopping pleasure: [Taubman Prestige Outlets](#), [St. Louis Premium Outlets](#) and [St. Louis Outlet Mall](#).

ST. LOUIS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

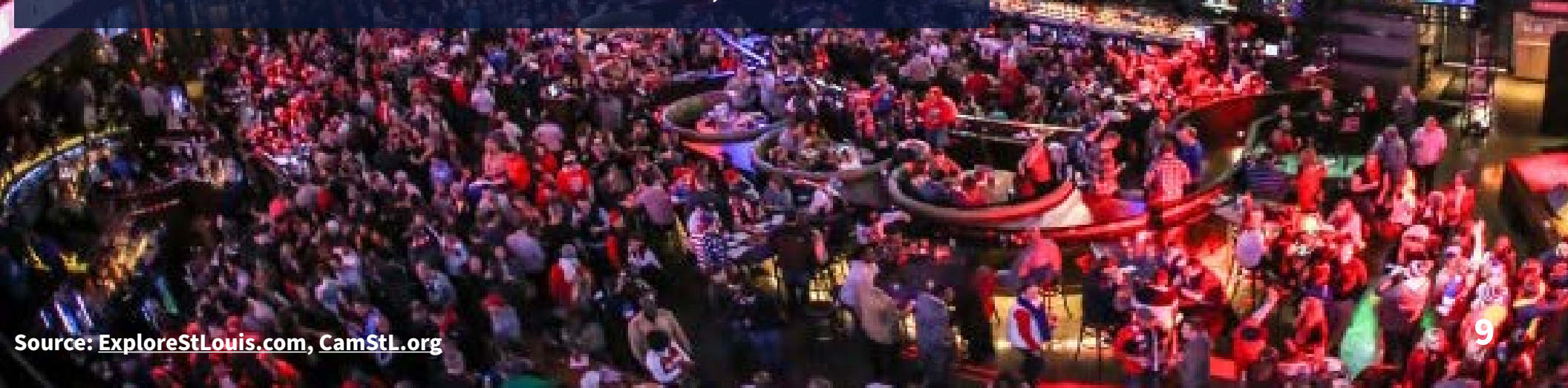
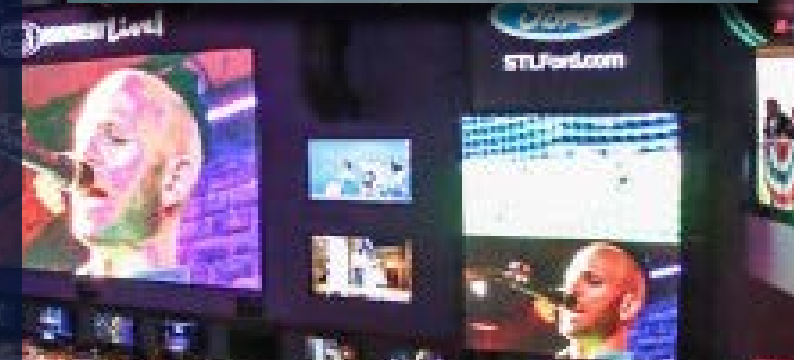
St. Louis is home to a vibrant music scene where artists of all genres with fan bases of all sizes take the stage. Busch Stadium is the city's premier outdoor venue, hosting major acts from Luke Bryan to U2 in warm-weather months. Headliners also visit the city's Enterprise Center in front of nearly 20,000 fans. Recent acts include Maroon 5, Elton John and The Jonas Brothers.

Another popular hot spot is Ballpark Village. Owned by the controlling investment group of the St. Louis Cardinals, the village is a downtown dining and entertainment district. Phase One was completed in 2014 for a price of \$100 million, with Phase Two under construction. The area will soon feature apartments, hotels and other mixed-use facilities while actively hosting concerts, street fairs and events.

Other popular music venues include the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center and the Event Center at River City Casino. Each venue hosts a wide range of musical talents year-round, from Sara Evans to Denise Thimes. The Performing Arts Center, meanwhile, hosts an array of comedians, dance performances and others acts to enjoy.

The Gateway to the West is also home to a variety of museums and cultural history for mainstays and visitors alike. Stop by the Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis. Often referred to as CAM St. Louis, the venue features exhibitions by some of the world's top contemporary artists. History buffs will be right at home at the Missouri History Museum, which welcomes more than 415,000 visitors annually and houses 175,000 artifacts as well as innovative exhibits, a library and research center, and the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum. And we'd be remiss if we did not mention the Saint Louis Museum or the famous Gateway Arch as other must-sees!

Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis



ST. LOUIS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Outdoor lovers, rejoice: The Gateway to the West has activities aplenty!

Ranked tops by TripAdvisor is the [Trikke STL Guided Tour](#), a unique way to see the best Downtown St. Louis has to offer: the [Gateway Arch](#), [Forest Park](#), [Souard/Lafayette Square](#) and more, all while riding a three-wheel Elektrik Trikke vehicle.

The [Saint Louis Zoo](#) is another highly rated outdoor option receiving nearly three million visitors annually. The zoological park houses more than 17,000 animals, many of them rare and endangered. The best part? It's free!

Next up is [Go Ape Treetop Adventure Course](#), a go-to for those adventure buffs out there. Zip lines and high-ropes courses enable you to experience breathtaking views while testing your critical thinking, skills, stability and perseverance.

While you'll probably see – intentionally or not – the Gateway Arch more times than you can count as a resident, you may want to consider a unique experience. Riverboat cruises are perfect for a variety of occasions, whether it's a date night, a daytime activity or a party equipped with music and dancing to entertain all.

Saint Louis Zoo



ST. LOUIS SPORTS

St. Louis holds a rich sports history highlighted by the 11-time World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals. The Cards play their home games at Busch Stadium before more than 42,000 strong. St. Louis has won two championships since the turn of the century and has collected four National League pennants along the way.

The National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues captured their first Stanley Cup in 2019, defeating the Boston Bruins. The franchise has called St. Louis home since its inception in 1967 and plays its home contests in the 18,400-seat downtown Enterprise Center.

Other pro organizations include United Soccer League Championship contender Saint Louis FC. The city is also set to host a new football franchise, currently dubbed XFL St. Louis, which will debut in 2020 alongside the revived XFL league owned by Vince McMahon. The team will play its home games at The Dome at America's Center, the former home field of the NFL's St. Louis Rams.

There are also numerous semipro and collegiate athletic events to check out throughout the year. Saint Louis University is a member of the NCAA Division I Atlantic 10 Conference, where its teams compete in 18 varsity sports. Lindenwood University, University of Missouri-St. Louis and Washington University all have active programs compete in the NCAA's Division II and Division III ranks.



ST. LOUIS MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

BJC Healthcare
Washington University in St. Louis
Boeing
SSM Health care
McDonald's Corporate
AT&T Communications
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
General Motors (GM)
Amazon
Edward Jones

HIGHER EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis
Saint Louis University
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Harris Stowe State University
St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Stevens Institute of Business & Arts
Fontbonne University
Kenrick Glennon Seminary
Webster University
Missouri Baptist University

ST. LOUIS TRAVEL

Never fear: St. Louis has all the necessary travel options to get you anywhere you want to go, whether it's to the office, a weekend getaway or just around the city.

The MetroLink & MetroBus: The St. Louis MetroLink system has been called one of the best mass transit systems in the United States. There are multiple lines and stops throughout St. Louis County and City and the Metro East stops at most downtown attractions including Busch Stadium, America's Center, Union Station, Forest Park and the Gateway Arch. MetroBus, which runs more than 70 routes in Missouri and Illinois alike, is another excellent option for travel in the area.

Downtown Trolley & Forest Park Explorer: Colorful Metro-buses-turned-trolleys fill the streets of St. Louis and are a great, economical travel option. They also stop at popular destinations including restaurants and hotels. The Forest Park Explorer runs through Forest Park in the warmer months, making it easy to get to and from its attractions.

Ride Share: As with most other locations throughout the States and beyond, Lyft and Uber operate in the St. Louis area. Be sure to download the apps on your smartphone!

St. Louis Lambert International Airport: The city's major airport is just 14 miles northwest of center city and is the largest and busiest airport in the state with more than 250 peak daily departures to 74 nonstop domestic and international locations.

For more on travel in The Lou, head to ExploreStLouis.com.



GETAWAY INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis makes for less than four hours of drive time from St. Louis. Indy is the perfect weekend getaway, thanks to activities for adults and children alike.

The city is rich in history and offers a range of museums and memorials sure to pique your interest. Newfields (formerly the Indianapolis Museum of Art) is spread across 152 acres with 54,000 works of art spanning more than 5,000 years of history. Stop by the 472,000 square foot Children's Museum of Indianapolis to see one of 11 major galleries ranging from planetariums to the National Geographic Treasures of the Earth exhibit and beyond. And be sure to visit the Indiana War Memorial, comprised of two museums, three parks and roughly two dozen acres of monuments and statues dedicated to veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the American Civil War, the Frontier Wars and the Spanish-American War.

Outdoor lovers enjoy exploring the Indiana Zoo, where more than 1,600 animals and 23,000 plant species do their thing. The 64-acre facility features five biodomes and zones of flora and fauna segmented by climate: Oceans, Deserts, Plains, Forests and Encounters. Explore the Central Canal, a 3-mile water loop that flows throughout downtown Indianapolis. Walk along the loop, book a Segway tour or hit the waterway in a kayak or even a gondolier.

Sports fans certainly enjoy catching the NFL's Colts on Sundays or watching America's pastime in action as MiLB's Indians, the Class AAA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, take the field. Basketball enthusiasts – and there are many in this state – should swing by Bankers Life Fieldhouse to see the NBA's Pacers, or make the short trip south to Bloomington to catch the Indiana University Hoosiers in action. And last but certainly not least, don't forget to hit the bricks ... of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, that is, home to the famed Indianapolis 500.



GETAWAY CHICAGO

The Second City lies less than five hours away from center-city Cincinnati. With a large selection of museums, lakefront beaches, attractions and pro sports teams, there's no shortage of activities in Chicago. Admire some of its tallest and most beautiful buildings to see why Travel + Leisure magazine recognized the city as having the best skyline in the United States.

Adventure farther into architectural masterpieces with landmarks such as the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, Cloud Gate, Jay Pritzker Pavilion and the Aqua. Looking for some fun on the water? Take the Chicago Architecture Foundation's River Cruise or lounge on one of the many lakefront beaches.

Immerse yourself in the Chicago lifestyle by attending one of Chi-Town's many professional sports teams' events. Spend an afternoon at Wrigley Field watching MLB's Cubs or at Guaranteed Rate Field cheering on the crosstown White Sox. Chicago is also home to the six-time NBA champion Bulls! With the basketball league's regular season running from October to April, it's the perfect winter activity.

You can't visit the Windy City without indulging in the famous deep-dish delight known as Chicago Pizza. Head over to Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, which has been perfecting this Chicago original for more than 40 years. If you're looking for a unique experience, The Original Gino's East of Chicago serves the popular dish with a twist: Its interior is graced with graffiti by guests.

For a more elegant evening, choose among Chicago's 22 Michelin-recommended restaurants. Oriole and Acadia are just a couple of the highly acclaimed establishments in Chicagoland. Famous chef Grant Achatz has crafted the Michelin three-star restaurant Alinea, with dramatic smoking dishes and three different seating options, giving you an experience that you and your tastebuds will never forget.



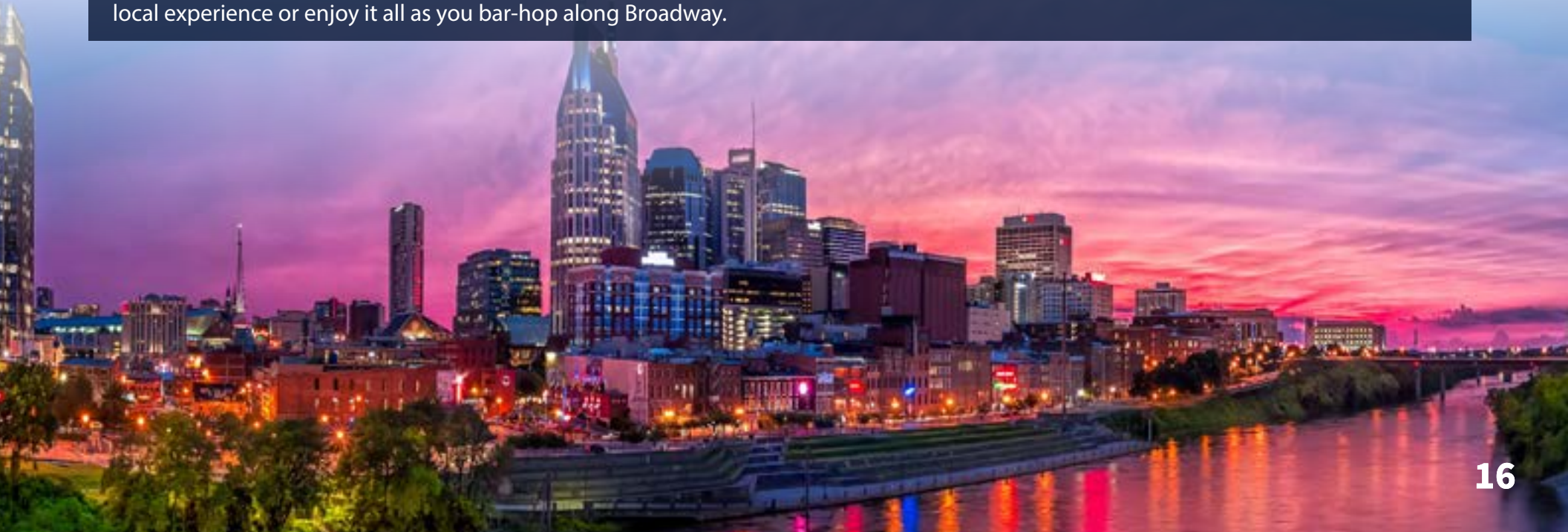
GETAWAY NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tennessee's capital and the home of country music, lies just over four and a half hours from St. Louis. The Music City is a prime destination that offers something for everyone. Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum and get an exclusive look at plaques dedicated to the genre's finest – from Patsy Cline to Garth Brooks. Walk among artifacts such as Elvis Presley's solid-gold limousine, and take in one of the world's most influential recording studios, Studio B.

Discover why Nashville is also nicknamed the Athens of the South. Home to a full-scale replica of the Parthenon in Greece, the city houses the beloved attraction filled with replica statues found in the original structure as well as a remarkable art collection. A visit to Opryland USA for a show at the Grand Ole Opry is a must! The historic venue and its corresponding radio show put Nashville on the map as the Country Music Capital of the World in the 1920s. The Opry routinely hosts top performers such as Brad Paisley, Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood. And don't forget to book a behind-the-scenes tour there ... it's an experience you don't want to miss.

Channel your inner sports fan by catching one of Nashville's many professional and college teams in action. Enjoy the clashes of the NFL's Titans at Nissan Stadium; watch the NHL's Predators at Bridgestone Arena; follow the United Soccer League's Nashville Soccer Club in anticipation of an MLS franchise kicking off in March 2020; and turn the town Black & Gold with Vanderbilt University athletics.

For a sampling of Nashville's famous fried fare, try Prince's Hot Chicken Shack, known as the Original Authentic Nashville Hot Chicken. For a trendier spot in East Nashville, experience The Treehouse Restaurant, popular for its Mushroom Noodles and Concord Grape Sorbet. And no trip to Nashville is complete without a drink in one of its many watering holes. Hunker down in the 3 Crows Bar for a fully local experience or enjoy it all as you bar-hop along Broadway.



GETAWAY THE OZARKS

While there are many attractive destinations within a day's trip of St. Louis, perhaps one of the finest is that of the Lake of the Ozarks. Located in the heart of Missouri nearly three hours from St. Louis, the lake is the Midwest's premier resort destination with offerings for boaters, golfers, fishermen and shoppers alike.

Created more than 80 years ago, the lake spans 54,000 acres and more than 92 miles. The area is divided into four major sections: Lake North, Lake West, Lake South and Lake East. Each plays host to a variety of attractions.

Lake North is where the story begins. Home of Bagnell Dam and Willmore Lodge, a handful of this region's attractions were constructed in Oregon and delivered to the Ozarks by rail. Hit the links, race go-karts and parasail on the north side while making sure to leave time to visit many of the area's mom-and-pop shops and restaurants.

Lake West is known as the "quiet side", making it the perfect getaway destination. Lake South, meanwhile, is home to Ha Ha Tonka State Park, a 3,600-plus acre featuring the ruins of an early 20th century castle. It's also home to the Camden County museum. Finally, Lake East features the popular City of Osage Beach and Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The east side is the most popular destination along the lake, featuring hundreds of attractions, lodging and culinary options for the entire family.

Over the course of each year, the lake hosts an abundance of concerts, festivals and events for residents and visitors alike. Whether you're seeking a weekend getaway or your family's next vacation, look no farther than the Lake of the Ozarks.



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