



Missouri East to West

St. Louis, St. Charles, Kansas City

Day 1 – Arrive in St. Louis via air or motorcoach

Arrive mid-afternoon in St Louis, Mo., and check into one of the many hotels this Gateway City has to offer. This evening, sit back and relax with an elegant dinner and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Mississippi River as you cruise aboard one of the **Gateway Arch Riverboats**.

www.gatewayarch.com

Overnight in St Louis. www.explorestlouis.com

Day 2 – St. Louis

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for the **Gateway Arch National Park** where you will take a trip to the top of the arch for a magnificent view of St. Louis. While at the Arch, take time to peruse the **Museum at the Gateway Arch** which explains westward expansion from the perspectives of the various cultures involved. www.gatewayarch.com

See one of the largest mosaic collections in the world as you tour the **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis**. www.cathedralstl.org

Enjoy lunch at the **Missouri Botanical Garden** before you board the garden's tram for a narrated tour through the beautiful gardens. Founded in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden contains 79 acres of scenic landscaping and sculptures. Highlights include: the Climatron® tropical rain forest; Linnean House, Japanese Garden, and the Grigg Nanjing Friendship Chinese Garden. www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

Next, tour the World Headquarters of **Anheuser-Busch**. Visit the historic stable, home to the Budweiser Clydesdales, and see first-hand how the world's greatest beer is crafted in the Brew House and packaged in the Bevo Packaging Plant. After the tour, sample the different brews and relax in the Hospitality Room or browse the gift shop. www.budweisertours.com

Select one of St. Louis' great restaurants for dinner before returning to the hotel for the evening.

Overnight in St. Louis.

Day 3 – St. Charles, Kansas City

After breakfast at the hotel depart for **Saint Charles**, Missouri's first state capital between 1821 and 1826. A guide in period dress will take you on a city tour of this historic town located on the banks of the Missouri River. It was here in 1804 where Lewis and Clark met to begin their westward expedition. www.discoverstcharles.com

Take time to stop at the **Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center** which houses several full-scale replicas of the boats used by Lewis & Clark. The museum above the boats includes a diorama illustrating the highlights of the expedition along with Native American displays.

www.lewisandclarkcenter.org

After your tour enjoy some free time shopping for antiques, decorating accents, stained glass, pottery, and framed art, or visit the boutique shops available along St. Charles' 200 year old **Historic Main Street**.

Enjoy lunch downtown or at **Ameristar Casino**, which offers several dining areas along with the largest selection of gaming options in the region. www.ameristarstcharles.com

This afternoon, depart for Kansas City where you check into your hotel before enjoying dinner at one of Kansas City's restaurants.

Overnight in the Kansas City metro area. www.visitkc.com

Day 4 – Kansas City

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before you begin your day with a driving tour of Kansas City, also known as the "*City of Fountains*".

The **Arabia Steamboat Museum** tells the story of a group of men that uncovered the Arabia which had been lost over 100 years earlier when it sank in the Missouri River just north of Kansas City. As the river changed courses the steamboat was buried under a cornfield. The men were amazed when they found that the 200-tons of cargo had been preserved in a remarkable condition. Fine china, clothing, tools, canned food, buttons, cloth, and perfume were among the cargo that the Arabia had on board. www.1856.com

At the **Hallmark Visitors Center** you learn the Hallmark story, from J.C. Hall's humble beginning in 1910 to the creation of the world's largest greeting card company. Among the exhibits is the collection of 17 unique Christmas trees created and decorated by Hallmark employees. See a demonstration of hot-foil stamping and the process of die-cutting used in the manufacturing of Hallmark cards. www.crowncenter.com/listings/hallmark-visitors-center

Next, enjoy free time at **Crown Center** for lunch and shopping. www.crowncenter.com

This afternoon includes a tour of **The Roasterie**. The tour begins with an introductory film before you step onto the factory floor where a guide will walk you through the process of air-roasting coffee. A tasting will follow, along with the opportunity to shop their gift shop and purchase drinks from their on-site café. <https://theroasterie.com/tours/>

This evening enjoy a **live performance** at one of Kansas City's theaters, offering award-winning performances.

Overnight Kansas City metro area.