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## **Governor's Mansion**

The beautifully restored Governor's Mansion, constructed in 1871 as the official residence of Missouri's first family, is perched on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, two blocks from the Capitol.

The Governor's Mansion is an outstanding example of Renaissance Revival architecture with Italianate and French influences. The residence was completed in eight months, for a total cost of \$74,960, which included some furnishings.

The first floor is authentically restored in the Renaissance Revival period. It includes a great hall, library, double parlor, dining room and an enclosed porch. Portraits of Missouri First Ladies highlight the first floor rooms. The second and third floors are used as the First Family's living quarters.

From March-May, guided tours of the first floor are conducted every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In January and February, and from June-November, tours are Tuesdays and Thursdays (same times apply). Reservations, which must be made at least 24 hours in advance, are available on the mansion's Web site: <u>Mansion.mo.gov</u>. Admission is free. The mansion is accessible to persons with disabilities.

There are no weekday tours in August and December. However, in December the Mansion opens for Candlelight Tours, an event which showcases the mansion in full holiday decor.

Packages (including backpacks), food, beverages (including water bottles), and chewing gum are not allowed on the grounds or inside the mansion. Cameras are allowed.