

### **Forest Park – “Meet Me in St. Louis” Tour**

Tour #1: Thursday, August 21, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tour #4: Friday, August 22, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*Includes Forest Park overview with short stops at the History Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, Art Museum and the Science Center. Pre-selected lunch at the Zoo and dessert at Ted Drewes.*

“Meet Me In St. Louis” at Forest Park - the site of the 1904 World’s Fair and the third largest city park in the country. Today, Forest Park houses the world renowned Saint Louis Zoo, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the History Museum, the St. Louis Science Center and the Muny, the largest outdoor theater in the country, among other attractions.

Enjoy a visit to the History Museum at the Jefferson Memorial. Here you can explore the history of St. Louis from 1764 to the present, including the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the early days of aviation with Charles Lindbergh’s historic transatlantic flight. Next, explore the 90-acre Saint Louis Zoo. Begin at *The Living World*, an interactive visitor and education center. Then visit the more than 3,500 residents living in their natural habitats. Take time to enjoy a pre-selected lunch at one of the snack bars located within the Zoo.

Visit the Saint Louis Art Museum where there is something for everyone from modern art to the Renaissance. Considered one of the top ten art museums in the country, there truly is something exciting around every turn. Finally, at the St. Louis Science Center adults and children alike learn of the wonders of science and technology through hands-on exhibits. You will have a chance to visit the Science Shop for unique “scientific” merchandise.

After leaving Forest Park, you’re in for one last treat. Before returning to the hotel, enjoy a cool finish as you stop at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a St. Louis tradition since 1929. Here you may enjoy a specialty “concrete” shake that is so thick it can be turned upside down.

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Cost: \$48.00 per person based on a minimum of 40 participants per motorcoach. Includes Destination St. Louis guide, sandwich style lunch, medium-sized concrete, cooler of chilled bottled water, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

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## Our Military Heritage

Tour #2: Thursday, August 21, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tour #5: Friday, August 22, 2008, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*Includes the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, box lunch at Jefferson Barracks Historic Park and a guided tour at Jefferson Barracks Museum.*

Your first stop is the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, dedicated by President Roosevelt in 1936 to the 1,075 St. Louisans who died in action in World War I. The museum contains photographs and memorabilia pertaining to St. Louisans' military involvement since the Civil War. You will also see the colorful mosaic ceiling of the loggia, dedicated to the mothers of St. Louisans who died in wars, as well as four massive Bedford Stone sculptures depicting Courage, Sacrifice, Vision and Loyalty, which guard the entrances of the Memorial.

Enjoy a box lunch enroute to Jefferson Barracks Historic Park. Established in 1826 and stretching over 1,702 acres this Military Post, overlooking the Mississippi River was once the largest in America. Its strategic location helped open the West and protected American interests in the newly-acquired land.

You will enjoy a private, guided tour at the parks museum. Take a walk back in history through the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II. The last stop is the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest cemetery in the nation. More than 100,000 veterans or their dependents, including Union and Confederate soldiers, are buried here. Take part in a moving ceremony that links us to our past and recommits us to strive for peace among men.

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Cost: \$46.00 per person based on a minimum of 40 participants per motorcoach. Includes all admissions, donation at Soldiers Memorial, box lunch, Destination St. Louis tour guide, cooler of chilled bottled water, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

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### **The Anheuser-Busch Connection**

Tour #3: Friday, August 22, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tour #6: Saturday, August 23, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*Includes a tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, lunch at Bevo Mill and a tram tour of Grant's Farm.*

Your Destination St. Louis tour guide will familiarize you with the rich history of the colorful Busch family en route to Grant's Farm, the 281-acre estate of the late August A. Busch, Jr., which is owned and operated by Anheuser-Busch Companies. Your adventure begins at Grant Station where you will board a tram for a tour of the grounds. The tram winds through Deer Park - a game preserve where you may see antelope, buffalo and other animals in a natural 160-acre habitat. Pass Grant's Cabin, the log home built by Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States.

After the tram tour, visit the Tier Garten, site of the elephant and bird shows, and enjoy a stroll to the historic Bauernhof, which was built just after the turn of the century. Here you may have a refreshment and see elegant stables and one of the largest carriage collections. A visit to the Clydesdale stallion barn will complete your visit.

Lunch is included at Bevo Mill, a historic German restaurant located in South St. Louis. The building was completed in 1916 and was designed by August Busch Sr. He selected its location because it was approximately half way between the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and his home at Grant's Farm. Featuring several unique and interesting points of interests, Bevo is a favorite of St. Louisans.

The Anheuser-Busch theme continues as you visit the King of Beers - the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Situated in a 100-acre complex with over 70 red brick structures, the brewery buildings are known for their unique architecture and several are National Historic Landmarks. During the tour, you will see the World Famous Clydesdales, the Fermentation Building, the Packaging and Bottling Plant, the Brew House and a film about the brewing process. No visit would be complete without a stop in the hospitality room to sample the family of Anheuser-Busch products.

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Cost: \$53.00 per person based on a minimum of 40 participants per motorcoach. Includes Destination St. Louis tour guide, seated lunch at Bevo Mill, cooler of chilled bottled water, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

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## The Grand Tour of St. Louis

Tour #7: Saturday, August 23, 2008

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*This tour includes Downtown narrated tour with views of Laclede's Landing, Mississippi Riverfront, Old Cathedral, Old Courthouse, and Market Street. Stops at Gateway Arch, Union Station for lunch and shopping on own.*

Trace the history of St. Louis beginning with the city's original settlement, Laclede's Landing. It is now a nine block historic district filled with renovated turn-of-the-century buildings housing shops, eateries and offices. Just east of the Landing, pass the Gateway Arch excursion riverboats. Next, visit the famous Gateway Arch, the Nation's tallest monument, which commemorates the gateway to the west for thousands of 19th century pioneers. Take a tram ride to the top of this 630' stainless steel architectural wonder. Those not wanting to ride the tram may enjoy *Monument to the Dream*, the film documenting the construction of the Arch. You may also visit the free Museum of Westward Expansion located beneath the Arch. The museum offers exhibits focusing on Native Americans, the early settlers in Missouri and the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails, which departed from St. Louis.

Next, pass the Old Cathedral, the oldest Cathedral west of the Mississippi. Across the street is the Old Courthouse, the setting of cases involving slavery, the fur trade and equal rights. The Dred Scott Case is the most notable. Continuing west on Market Street, you will pass several of St. Louis' civic buildings, plazas and a museum en route to historic St. Louis Union Station. Once the busiest rail terminal in the world, the Grand Hall and Train Shed have been magnificently renovated to house specialty stores and festive markets. After a brief walking tour of the Station, there will be time for lunch on your own and shopping.

En route to the St. Louis (New) Cathedral, tour through the historic Central West End, a fashionable area that reflects St. Louis' rich architectural history. At the New Cathedral you will see one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world - 84,000 square feet in 8,000 shades of color! The tiny pieces of stone and glass portray scenes from both Old and New Testaments, the life of Saint Louis IX, King of France and many men and women prominent in the history of St. Louis.

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Cost: \$47.00 per person based on a minimum of 40 participants per motorcoach. Includes Destination St. Louis tour guide, admissions to the Gateway Arch (tram or movie), donation to the New Cathedral, cooler of chilled bottled water, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

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## **Dining and Dancing on the Mississippi**

Tour #8: Saturday, August 23, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*Includes a private charter Gateway Riverboat dinner cruise.*

Experience the “Mighty” Mississippi first-hand during a Gateway Riverboat dinner cruise. You will depart the hotel via luxury motorcoach for the riverfront to board an authentic paddle wheeler. During the private two-and a half hour cruise view the dramatic St. Louis skyline, enjoy a delicious seated prime rib dinner and be entertained by one of St. Louis’ best Dixieland bands.

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Cost: \$68.00 per person based on a minimum of 125 participants. Includes Destination St. Louis tour guide, cruise ticket and seated dinner, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

Cash Bar service will be available.



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## **Meramec Caverns Tour**

Tour #9: Sunday, August 24, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Subject to Availability*



*Includes Meramec Caverns tour and seated lunch at the Cavern Restaurant.*

Did you know Missouri is also known as the Cave State? Beneath the fertile rolling hills of the Meramec Valley, lies a complex of mineral formations and color as rare and unique as they are beautiful. These jewels of nature which took thousands of years to grow are preserved in the spectacular sights of Meramec Caverns. A box lunch is included upon departure from the hotel to enjoy en route.

Now is your chance to visit the most popular of these underground wonders. Meramec Caverns is Missouri's number one show cave and is considered one of the best show caves in America. Once a hideout for Jesse James, the caverns now offer a wonderful opportunity to learn more about caves and the history of the lush Meramec River Valley. Your day begins with a one hour and twenty minute guided tour of the cavern.

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Cost: \$56.00 per person based on a minimum of 40 participants per motorcoach. Includes Destination St. Louis tour guide, admissions to Meramec Caverns, seated lunch, cooler of chilled bottled water, 47-passenger motorcoach transportation, guide and driver gratuities, on-line/mail/fax pre-registration services, and on-site coordination.

*Note: St. Louis to Meramec Caverns is approximately one hour and 15 minutes transfer time.*

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