

Forest Park – “Meet Me in St. Louis”

Sunday, October 14, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



This itinerary begins with an overview of Forest Park. Your motorcoach will shuttle between the Saint Louis Science Center and Planetarium, the Missouri History Museum, the Saint Louis Zoo and the Saint Louis Art Museum. Although the shuttle will run between all four attractions, it is recommended guests select two attractions to visit in order to make the most of their experience. Lunch is available on own at each attraction. Guests will enjoy Ted Drewes Frozen Custard on the return to the hotel.

Start your day with a beautiful driving overview of Forest Park. Your Destination St. Louis tour guide will highlight the history of “Meet Me in St. Louis” at Forest Park - the site of the 1904 World’s Fair and one of the largest city parks in the United States. Today, Forest Park is home to the world-renowned Saint Louis Zoo, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Muny, the largest outdoor theater in the country, among other attractions.

Enjoy a visit to the Missouri 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 recreations of their natural habitats.

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. While at the Science Center, you will have a chance to explore three floors of exhibits on your own.

The motorcoach will shuttle between each attraction and tour guides will provide passengers a shuttle schedule. As you board the motorcoach to head back to your hotel you’re in for one last sweet treat from Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a St. Louis tradition since 1929. Enjoy a specialty “concrete” that is so thick you can turn it upside down. In 2016, with 30,000 votes cast, Ted Drewes was voted as the “World’s Best Ice Cream” in the SoolNua’s World Ice Cream Index 2nd annual competition.



Cost: \$47.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Cost includes Destination St. Louis certified tour guide, concrete from Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, cooler of chilled bottled water, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.

Slots & Shops in St. Charles Tour

Sunday, October 14, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



This itinerary includes an overview of St. Charles with the option to individually visit the Ameristar Casino, Missouri's First State Capitol, Lewis & Clark Nature Center or shop on Main Street. Lunch is available on own at the casino or on Main Street.

Visit St. Charles, the oldest town on the Missouri River. Founded as *Les Petites Cotes* (The Little Hills) by French Canadians, St. Charles has carefully preserved its heritage as a river town that has been welcoming visitors since 1769. Thousands of pioneers replenished supplies here on the awesome journey west.

St. Charles is a source of multiple historical encounters: the Lewis and Clark Rendezvous, Missouri's First State Capitol and the origin of the Boone's Lick Trail. Enjoy a driving tour of Main Street; a nine-block historic district filled with 80 restored buildings dating from 1790 to 1900. This cobblestone street is known for its array of gift, antique and craft shops.

You may visit Missouri's First State Capitol or the Lewis & Clark Nature Center on your own. The Capitol has been completely restored and furnished as it appeared during the period of 1821-1826 when the Missouri State Legislature met in St. Charles. The lower level of the Nature Center houses replicas of the three boats of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition. Upstairs, the Nature Center is a "hands-on" museum following the adventures of Lewis and Clark into the wilderness of the West. Enjoy various displays of Native American tribes, the men of the expedition with their equipment and artifacts and a walk through the forest as it was during Lewis and Clark's expedition.

The gamblers in the group may try their luck at the Ameristar Casino, which offers 45,000 square feet of Las Vegas-style gaming on two dockside levels including 3,300 slot machines and 95 gaming tables. Your Destination St. Louis certified tour guide will provide you with a pick-up location and time for departure back to downtown St. Louis.



Cost: \$40.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Cost includes Destination St. Louis certified tour guide, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, cooler of chilled bottled water, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.

2018 Admission costs for on own activities in St. Charles:

First Missouri State Capital State Historic Site Tour - \$4.50 per person

Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center - \$5.00 per person

Sights of St. Louis Tour
 Monday, October 15, 2018
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



This itinerary includes a driving overview of Laclede’s Landing, the Old Cathedral, the Old Courthouse, Busch Stadium, Citygarden, a tram ride at the Gateway Arch and reserved tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery. A boxed lunch is included to enjoy while touring on the motorcoach.

Your Destination St. Louis certified tour guide traces 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. 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 and get a unique bird’s-eye view of St. Louis. Those not wanting to ride the tram may enjoy *Monument to the Dream*, the film documenting the construction of the Arch.

Enjoy a view of the Old Cathedral, the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi. Across the street is the Old Courthouse, the setting for cases involving slavery, the fur trade and equal rights. Of these cases, the Dred Scott Freedom Trial is the most notable. You will pass Busch Stadium, home of the 2011 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Continuing west on Market Street, you will pass several of St. Louis’ civic buildings and plazas, as well as Citygarden, a unique urban oasis blending art, architecture and landscape, and St. Louis Union Station, once the busiest rail terminal in the world. Today, Union Station has undergone a magnificent renovation and is home to a luxury hotel and restaurants.

Your Destination St. Louis certified tour guide will familiarize you with the rich history of the colorful Busch family en route to 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 45-minute walking tour you will see the World-Famous Clydesdales, the Beechwood Aging Cellar, and the Brew House. No visit would be complete without sampling the family of Anheuser-Busch products during the tour!



Cost: \$78.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Cost includes Destination St. Louis certified tour guide, tram ride at Gateway Arch, reserved tour at Anheuser-Busch Brewery, cooler of chilled bottled water, a boxed lunch, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.

Majestic St. Louis
 Monday, October 15, 2018
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



This itinerary includes a tour of the Cupples House, a tour of the Fabulous Fox Theatre and a tour of the New Cathedral. A seated lunch is included.

Experience the majestic side of St. Louis through two of its most influential neighborhoods, Midtown and the Central West End. En route to the Midtown theatre district, which is anchored by the Fabulous Fox Theatre, you will pass Saint Louis University (SLU). Founded in 1818, SLU is the oldest university west of the Mississippi, and the second-oldest Jesuit University in the nation.

Your first stop is the Cupples House on the grounds of Saint Louis University. Cupples House is a forty-two-room mansion built in 1889 by Samuel Cupples, a successful wood merchant. With a construction cost of \$500,000, Cupples spared no expense in creating this visible example of his affluence. A docent will lead you through a tour of the lavish interior, which includes intricately carved paneling of imported woods, parquet floors and fine examples of stained glass.

Next, experience the Fabulous Fox Theatre. Built in 1929 as a movie theatre at a cost of \$6 million, the Fox Theatre is a magnificent example of the “Siamese Byzantine” design. Built by William Fox, of 20th Century Fox fame, the theatre was designed after a Hindu mosque. During the 1930s, Fox had a theatre empire of over 800 theatres. After a period of decline, the Fabulous Fox Theatre was restored and reopened in 1982, and now hosts concerts and Broadway musicals. A tour of the theatre, complete with backstage access (*subject to shows in house*), will complete your visit.

Enjoy a seated lunch at one of St. Louis’ fine restaurants location TBD.

Following lunch, visit the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, known to St. Louisans as the New Cathedral. Be amazed by one of the largest collection of mosaics in the world – more than 84,000 square feet in 8,000 shades of color! The tiny pieces of tessere and glass portray scenes from both the 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.



Cost: \$93.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Includes Destination St. Louis certified tour guide, admission to the Cupples House, a tour at the Fox Theatre, a donation to the New Cathedral, seated lunch, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, cooler of chilled bottled water, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.

Rivertown St. Louis!
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



This itinerary includes a one-hour sightseeing cruise on the Mississippi River and a tram ride at the Gateway Arch.

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Finally, experience the "Mighty" Mississippi first hand during a Gateway Riverboat cruise. You will board an authentic paddle wheeler for a one-hour sightseeing cruise and take in the views of the dramatic St. Louis skyline. Lunch is available for purchase on own from the snack stand on the riverboat.

Cost: \$78.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Cost includes Destination St. Louis tour guide, admission to the Gateway Riverboats, tram ride at the Gateway Arch, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.

Beautiful Blooms & Historic Homes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



This itinerary includes a stop at the Missouri Botanical Garden with a private tram ride, a lunch voucher for Sassafras, the Garden Café, as well as a driving overview through Compton Heights, Soulard, the Brewery Complex and Lafayette Square.

You will begin the day at the oldest botanical garden in the country and a National Historic Landmark, the Missouri Botanical Garden, who has been internationally recognized for horticulture, education and scientific research since its founding in 1859. It is truly a St. Louis treasure!

A guided private tram tour will wind its way through the 79 acres of flora from a variety of diverse climates. Visit the Climatron, the first geodesic dome greenhouse based on Buckminster Fuller’s futuristic design. Included is a visit to the 14-acre Japanese Garden, considered one of the finest outside Japan. There will also be time to explore your favorite areas on your own. A voucher for lunch at Sassafras, the Garden café is included.

Next, you will explore the real character of St. Louis through three of its most historic neighborhoods. The first neighborhood, *Compton Heights*, was developed in the late nineteenth century by the newly wealthy German beer barons. *Lafayette Square* features renovated Victorian mansions and row houses which surround Lafayette Park, the oldest public park west of the Mississippi River. *Soulard* is a delightful, old working-class neighborhood, which boasts the oldest continuous farmer’s market west of the Mississippi River. You will also see the 100-acre Anheuser-Busch Brewery Complex with over 70 red brick buildings, several of which are listed on the National Historic Registry.

Cost: \$78.00 per person based on a minimum of 35 participants per motorcoach. Cost includes Destination St. Louis certified tour guide, admission to the Missouri Botanical Garden with guided private tram tour, 44-passenger motorcoach transportation, cooler of chilled bottled water, driver and guide gratuities, on-line/email/fax pre-registration tour services and on-site coordination.