



# explore St. Louis

## STUDENT YOUTH

With so many student-friendly attractions, St. Louis is the perfect destination for your youth group. No matter what age, St. Louis has activities to suit every size, shape and type of group. From a host of fun, free and educational attractions to group-friendly places to eat and stay, St. Louis can guarantee a good time for your group.

### ATTRACTIONS

#### Adventure Valley

[www.adventurevalley.com](http://www.adventurevalley.com)

Ten-zipline canopy tour and paintball park. More than 1.5 miles of ziplines, an 1,100 ft. long 50 mph "super-zip" and a ride in a six-seater dune buggy. WBE owned.

#### Amp Up Action Park

[www.ampupactionpark.com](http://www.ampupactionpark.com)

High-performance karting, axe throwing, elevated ninja ropes course challenge, three-level laser tag, virtual reality co-play, massive arcade gaming and patio games like bocce ball and soccer pool.

#### The Butterfly House

[www.butterflyhouse.org](http://www.butterflyhouse.org)

Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is a breath-taking sanctuary for butterflies. The three-story crystal palace is filled with tropical foliage housing up to 2,000 butterflies in free flight.

#### Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

[www.cahokiamounds.org](http://www.cahokiamounds.org)

This UNESCO World Heritage Site was the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico. Visit the interpretive center, learn about the Woodhenge solar calendar, hike the trails or attend special events.

#### Cathedral Basilica

[www.cathedralstl.org](http://www.cathedralstl.org)

Also known as the "New Cathedral," it's the crown jewel of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis. Contains the largest mosaic collection in the western hemisphere. The artwork was created

by 20 different artists, covers 83,000 square feet, and contains 41.5 million pieces of mosaic experience.

#### Challenger Learning Center

[www.challengerstl.org](http://www.challengerstl.org)

Your group can blast off for fun and education in this authentically designed mission control center for a hands-on space simulation experience.

#### Citygarden

[www.citygardenstl.org](http://www.citygardenstl.org)

Vibrant and serene blending of lush plantings and internationally-renowned sculpture with delights of water, stone, architecture and design. Open and accessible year-round. Located within walking distance of the Gateway Arch.

#### City Foundry

[www.cityfoundrystl.com](http://www.cityfoundrystl.com)

The iconic and historically significant foundry building has been transformed into a dynamic hub of innovation complete with St. Louis' first true food hall, a curated retail experience, and creative offices infused with historic industrial architecture.

#### City Museum

[www.citymuseum.org](http://www.citymuseum.org)

This exciting, one-of-a-kind space combines art, science, history and fun. Climb through man-made caves, ride a miniature train, climb into the Monstro-City playground and visit the architecture museum and rooftop ferris wheel.

#### Ted Drewes Frozen Custard

[www.teddrewes.com](http://www.teddrewes.com)

One of the top stops on Old Route 66, this stand has been serving concretes – milkshakes so thick they're served upside down – since the 1920s.



Gateway Arch



Challenger Learning Center



City Museum



Laumeier Sculpture Park

### Endangered Wolf Center

[www.endangeredwolfcenter.org](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org)

Founded by Marlin Perkins in 1971, internationally recognized captive breeding facility raises endangered wolves and releases them back into the wild.

### Gateway Arch National Park

[www.gatewayarch.com](http://www.gatewayarch.com)

No trip to St. Louis is complete without a ride to the top of the nation's tallest man-made monument. Enter through the new west entrance and visit the new museum that covers over 200 years of history.

### Gateway Arch Riverboats

[www.gatewayarch.com](http://www.gatewayarch.com)

Take a narrated cruise through the Port of St. Louis on a paddlewheel riverboat. Dinner cruises and private charters available.

### Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven)

[www.nps.gov/ulsg](http://www.nps.gov/ulsg)

The National Park Service interprets the life and family of Ulysses S. Grant at this 10-acre site, located next to Grant's Farm. Tours of the home are available.

### Grant's Farm

[www.grantsfarm.com](http://www.grantsfarm.com)

The ancestral home of the Busch brewing family, Grant's Farm offers trackless train tours through the Deer Park wildlife preserve plus animal behavior shows and much more.

### Scott Joplin House State Historic Site

[www.mostateparks.com/scott-joplin](http://www.mostateparks.com/scott-joplin)

Visit the turn of the century Scott Joplin House to see how the artist, known as the Father of Ragtime, lived and view memorabilia from his musical career.

### Laumeier Sculpture Park

[www.laumeiersculpturepark.org](http://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org)

See more than 80 works of contemporary sculpture within a 105-acre natural landscape that is free and open to the public year round.

### Lewis & Clark State Historic Site

[www.campdubois.com](http://www.campdubois.com)

Exhibits highlight how the Corps members were recruited, trained and prepared for the trip and showpieces include a 55-foot replica of the Corps' main vessel and log cabins.

### The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

[www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org)

The Magic House offers more than 80 hands-on activities, plus special touring exhibits.

### Magic Mini Golf

[www.magicminigolf.com](http://www.magicminigolf.com)

Unique and one-of-a-kind, 18 holes of indoor miniature golf. Two full-size indoor shuffleboard courts, a fun 5-car Ferris wheel, pinball and basketball arcade games.

### Main Event

[www.mainevent.com](http://www.mainevent.com)

The innovative professional-level bowling alley is the perfect place for bowlers of all ages to test their skill. After bowling, you can enjoy the multi-story laser tag arena or the expansive arcade with over 100 games to choose from, both modern and classic.

### Meramec Caverns

[www.americascave.com](http://www.americascave.com)

The oldest tourist attraction on Route 66 offers guided cave tours, riverboat rides, Caveman Zipline and a performance venue.

### Missouri Botanical Garden

[www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org)

Tour the Climatron® geodesic greenhouse, the nation's largest Japanese Garden, the George Washington Carver Garden and the Children's Garden.

### Museum of Illusions

[www.moistlouis.com](http://www.moistlouis.com)

Discover a brilliant collection of perspective-changing rooms, enthralling installations, and spellbinding images. The exhibits will teach you that nothing is ever quite as it seems. Located at City Foundry.

### Old Courthouse

[www.nps.gov/jeff](http://www.nps.gov/jeff)

The historic Old Courthouse was the site of the landmark Dred Scott slavery trials. Groups can take part in trial recreations and tour St. Louis history galleries. (Reopening spring 2025)

### Purina Farms

[www.purinafarms.com](http://www.purinafarms.com)

Visitors can learn about pets, nutrition and view cats and dogs at the Pet Center. Animal shows are presented throughout the day.

### Puttshack

[www.puttshack.com](http://www.puttshack.com)

Get your game face ready! Bringing good vibes as you play the fun, tech-infused mini golf perfect for groups in unique event spaces. Located at City Foundry.

### Raging Rivers WaterPark

[www.ragingrivers.com](http://www.ragingrivers.com)

It's cool when it's hot! From its zoomin' Cascade Body Flumes to the lazy Endless River – there is something for everyone.

### Rawlings Experience

[www.rawlings.com/rawlings-experience-st-louis](http://www.rawlings.com/rawlings-experience-st-louis)

Batter up! The 14,000-square-foot Rawlings Experience, at Westport Plaza, provides visitors the opportunity to swing the latest Rawlings bats, design their own custom glove, or explore priceless artifacts highlighting the game's greatest moments and careers.

### RYZE Adventure Park

[www.ryzeadventure.com](http://www.ryzeadventure.com)

The ultimate outdoor urban adventure for all ages, anchored by a 4-story, 100+ obstacle aerial adventure tower and a challenging 18-hole minigolf course.

### St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station

[www.stlouisaquarium.com](http://www.stlouisaquarium.com)

The 75,000-square-foot St. Louis Aquarium, features one-of-a-kind exhibits and tanks with one million gallons of water housing thousands of aquatic species.

### Saint Louis Science Center

[www.slsc.org](http://www.slsc.org)

Your group can enjoy hundreds of ways to have hands-on fun, like activating the Energizer machine, learning about flight, blasting off at the Boeing Space Station or seeing stars in the McDonnell Planetarium.

### St. Louis Union Station

[www.stlouisunionstation.com](http://www.stlouisunionstation.com)

Ascend 200' in the St. Louis Wheel where guests enjoy a bird's-eye view of the historic train shed. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fire and Light Show on the Lake set to themed music. Take your day to new heights on the 3-story ropes course, head into the Mirror Maze for a maze of a good time or try your swing at the 18-hole miniature golf course. And so much more!

### Saint Louis Zoo

[www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org)

See Sea Lion Sound, visit the elephants or take a spin on the Conservation Carousel. Zooline Railroad circles the Zoo's habitats with stops at The Living World, Big Cat County and Jungle of the Apes.

### Six Flags St. Louis

[www.sixflags.com/stlouis](http://www.sixflags.com/stlouis)

Missouri's biggest, most popular family attraction featuring dozens of thrill rides, shows, and attractions! Make sure to visit Hurricane Harbor, the 12-acre water park, which is free with theme park admission.

### Third Degree Glass Factory

[www.thirddegreeglassfactory.com](http://www.thirddegreeglassfactory.com)

Explore the ancient art of glass-blowing. This attraction offers tours and demonstrations of glassblowing techniques.

### Top Golf

[www.topgolf.com](http://www.topgolf.com)

Enjoy climate-controlled hitting bays for year-round comfort. Using our complimentary clubs or your own, take aim at the giant outfield targets and our high-tech balls will score themselves.

### World Bird Sanctuary

[www.worldbirdsanctuary.org](http://www.worldbirdsanctuary.org)

Live eagles, owls, hawks and more exhibited in a convenient 305-acre park setting. Hiking trails, bird watching, picnic areas and knowledgeable naturalists offer unique environmental entertainment.

### World Chess Hall of Fame

[www.worldchesshof.org](http://www.worldchesshof.org)

A nonprofit, institution – the only one of its kind – with a dynamic relationship between art and chess.

Museum of Illusions



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RYZE Adventure Park



## THEATRE

### **ZACK**

[www.kranzbergartsfoundation.org/zack/](http://www.kranzbergartsfoundation.org/zack/)

Located in the Grand Center Arts District, the Theatre is a comfortable 202-seat venue to experience a wide variety of productions. The Theatre has hosted plays, musicals, film screenings, concerts, and more.

### **The Black Rep**

[www.theblackrep.org](http://www.theblackrep.org)

Founded in 1976, the theatre is committed to producing, reimagining and commissioning work written by Black playwrights, creating opportunities for new voices.

### **DANCE St. Louis**

[www.dancestlouis.org](http://www.dancestlouis.org)

Bringing the great dance of the world to St. Louis for 50 years. Check website for show schedule.

### **The Fabulous Fox Theatre**

[www.fabulousfox.com](http://www.fabulousfox.com)

The ornate 1929 theatre is home to touring Broadway productions throughout the year. Student prices are available for tours of the building as well as many of the performances.

### **Grand Center Arts District**

[www.grandcenter.org](http://www.grandcenter.org)

Located at the "intersection of art and life," and just minutes from downtown St. Louis, Grand Center is home to many of St. Louis' top performing arts organizations and venues.

### **Jazz St. Louis**

[www.jazzstl.org](http://www.jazzstl.org)

Live jazz in a newly renovated, intimate 200-seat listening room with reserved tables, clear sound and sight lines, optional dinner.

### **The Muny**

[www.muny.com](http://www.muny.com)

The Muny is a regional and national destination for the best of Broadway under the stars, right here in St. Louis. America's oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre presents seven summertime shows, each created from the ground up for St. Louis audiences.

### **Opera Theatre of Saint Louis**

[www.opera-stl.org](http://www.opera-stl.org)

One of the nation's premiere festival opera companies, producing a spring festival season (May-June), sung in English with projected super titles. Complete the experience with pre-show garden picnics and post-show drinks with the singers.

### **Repertory Theatre of St. Louis**

[www.repstl.org](http://www.repstl.org)

St. Louis' premiere live professional theatre. Produces a wide variety of plays on three stages. The Imaginary Theatre Company tours the region presenting theatre to children and returns home twice a year to present shows on the Rep's mainstage. (September-April)



Missouri History Museum

### **STAGES St. Louis**

[www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org)

One of the fastest growing professional theatre companies of classic American musicals in the country. (May-October)

### **St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**

[www.slso.org](http://www.slso.org)

The world-renowned St. Louis Symphony Orchestra hosts more than 100 performances a year, striving for artistic excellence, educational impact and community connection. The orchestra is one of the best destinations for live music in town, and you're sure to find a concert on the calendar that will properly serenade your soul.

### **Shakespeare Festival**

[www.stlshakes.org](http://www.stlshakes.org)

Grab a picnic and join Shakespeare Festival St. Louis in Forest Park. As St. Louis' only outdoor professional theater, attendees can also experience exciting pre-show events, performers and much more.

### **Stifel Theatre**

[www.stifeltheatre.com](http://www.stifeltheatre.com)

This St. Louis institution formerly known as Kiel Opera House, hosts an array of entertainment, special events and behind the scenes tours.

## MUSEUMS

### **Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis**

[www.camstl.org](http://www.camstl.org)

This nationally recognized museum features changing exhibitions of contemporary visual art.

### **The Griot Museum of Black History**

[www.thegriotmuseum.com](http://www.thegriotmuseum.com)

Life-sized likenesses of famous African-American Missourians, including George Washington Carver, Dred and Harriet Scott and Josephine Baker.

### **Inside the Economy Museum at the Federal Reserve**

[www.museum.stlouisfed.org](http://www.museum.stlouisfed.org)

An award-winning museum that explains the economy through nearly 100 modern, interactive exhibits.

### **Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum**

[www.jbtelmuseum.org](http://www.jbtelmuseum.org)

Housed in a beautifully restored 1896 building, this museum offers an extensive collection of telephones manufactured from the 1900s through the 2000s. Displays were created to inspire an interest in engineering and history.

### **Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum**

[www.kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu](http://www.kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu)

The fine art collection at Washington University includes significant holdings of 19th and 20th century American and European paintings, sculptures and prints and contemporary works.

### **Missouri History Museum**

[www.mohistory.org](http://www.mohistory.org)

The Missouri History Museum and Soldiers Memorial Military Museum love student groups and can customize programs to fit your needs. They invite students to make personal connections to history through intriguing questions, participatory activities and grade appropriate conversations. Plus, guided bus or walking tours outside the Museums in and around St. Louis.

### **Moto Museum**

[www.themotomuseum.com](http://www.themotomuseum.com)

A collection of motorcycles from more than 20 countries around the globe and dating back nearly 100 years.

### **National Blues Museum**

[www.nationalbluesmuseum.org](http://www.nationalbluesmuseum.org)

Exploring the Blues and celebrating the genre as the foundation of modern American music with technology-driven experiences and exhibits.

### **The National Museum of Transportation**

[www.tnmot.org](http://www.tnmot.org)

All aboard this fascinating home to steam, diesel and electric locomotives, streetcars, buses and aircraft. A special display of Route 66 and rides on miniature trains.

### **Pulitzer Arts Foundation**

[www.pulitzerarts.org](http://www.pulitzerarts.org)

The Pulitzer seeks to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of art in the context of architecture.

### **Saint Louis Art Museum**

[www.slam.org](http://www.slam.org)

Collections include exceptional art from virtually every culture and time period housed in a building built as the Fine Arts Palace for the 1904 World Fair.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra



National Blues Museum



**St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum**

[www.stlholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.stlholocaustmuseum.org)

The newly renovated world-class institution features a brand-new permanent Holocaust exhibition, 224 seat auditorium, special exhibit gallery, archives and reading room. Also included is a one-of-a-kind Impact Lab, a unique experience where visitors will have the opportunity to consider contemporary events and issues through the lens of the Holocaust.

**Saint Louis University Museum of Art**

[www.slu.edu/sluma](http://www.slu.edu/sluma)

Local, national and internationally acclaimed artists are represented. Exceptional glasswork and one of the largest private collections of Asian art in the Midwest.

**Soldiers Memorial Military Museum**

[www.mohistory.org/memorial](http://www.mohistory.org/memorial)

A state-of-the-art museum that honors military service, veterans and their families. Soldiers Memorial shares American military history through the lens of St. Louis.

**SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Ballpark Village**

[www.stlballparkvillage.com](http://www.stlballparkvillage.com)

Located in the heart of the central business district and adjacent to Busch Stadium. Retail and entertainment, including flagship anchors Cardinals Hall of Fame & Museum, Cardinals Nation Restaurant, Bally Sports Live! and Sports & Social.

**Gateway Grizzlies**

[www.gatewaygrizzlies.com](http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com)

A professional baseball team, located just 10 minutes from downtown St. Louis, offering baseball fans entertainment the likes of which are difficult to find – affordable, family fun in a comfortable ballpark with a great view of the St. Louis skyline.

**St. Louis Ambush**

[www.stlambush.com](http://www.stlambush.com)

A member of the Major Arena Soccer League, the team that plays from November through April at the Family Arena in St. Charles, MO. The wall-to-wall action and high scoring games provide a fun, family friendly environment.

**St. Louis Battlehawks**

[www.ufl.com/team/st-louis](http://www.ufl.com/team/st-louis)

The team competes in the United Football League (UFL) as a founding member of the XFL Conference. The Battlehawks play their home games at The Dome at America's Center.

**St. Louis Blues**

[www.stlouisblues.com](http://www.stlouisblues.com)

A member of the Central Division in the Western Conference of the National Hockey League, the St. Louis Blues play home games October through April at Enterprise Center.

**St. Louis Cardinals**

[www.cardinals.com](http://www.cardinals.com)

Catch exciting Major League Baseball action at Busch Stadium and cheer for the 11-time World Series Champion and 19-time NL pennant winning St. Louis Cardinals. With more than 100 years of tradition the storied franchise takes to the field at Busch Stadium for 81 games each April-October.

**St. Louis CITY SC**

[www.stlouiscitysc.com](http://www.stlouiscitysc.com)

St. Louis' newest professional MLS team. Soccer matches in St. Louis come with great fanfare. Along with the action on the pitch, fans enjoy robust chants, rousing playlists and scrumptious stadium eats at CITYPARK.

**St. Louis Surge**

[www.stlsurgebasketball.com](http://www.stlsurgebasketball.com)

Professional women's basketball team playing home games at Fontbonne University's Mabee Gymnasium. The Surge competes in the Global Women's Basketball Association (GWBA) and are 5-Time Regional Champions and 2-Time National Champions.

**Victory Raceway**

[www.victoryraceway.com](http://www.victoryraceway.com)

Drive the 45 mph electric powered go-karts on the 1/4 mile road course inside a 56,000 sq. ft. air conditioned facility. Great for groups and large parties. Karts and helmets provided, must be 50" to drive and have closed-toe shoes.

**World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway**

[www.wwtraceway.com](http://www.wwtraceway.com)

A major league complex with a drag strip, oval, road course and karting. With racing, driving schools, corporate events and car shows, there is something for everyone.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For a complete list of attractions, restaurants, hotels, special events or a sample itinerary, visit [explorestlouis.com/groups-reunions](http://explorestlouis.com/groups-reunions) or call 1.800.325.7962 and ask for the Leisure Travel Sales Department.