

MISSOURI

enjoy the show

Missouri is also called the Cave State and is known for the 192-foot Gateway Arch in St. Louis. The state capital is Jefferson City. Missouri is known for the blues and America's oldest and largest brewery, the Anheuser Busch Brewery. And of course the well-known Route 66, which runs through the state for more than 480 kilometers.

Discover it all through this course and win a richly filled goodie bag from this state!

- WELCOME TO MISSOURI -





VIDEO

We start with a video that gives you a good idea of the (adventurous) possibilities of this state. Are you traveling with us?





LOCATION: THE GATE TO THE SOUTH OF AMERICA!

Missouri is located in the central part of the US and borders eight different states: the states of Iowa and Nebraska to the north, Kansas to the west, Illinois and Kentucky to the east, and Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee to the south. Missouri is easily accessible. For example, with a stopover, you can fly to Kansas City International, Springfield-Branson, Joplin, Cape Girardeau, Columbia or Lambert-St. Louis.



THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSOURI

Located in the heart of the Midwestern United States, Missouri offers plenty of memorable attractions, including historic and iconic landmarks such as the various caves, such as Marvel Cave At Silver Dollar City and the Fantastic Caverns. In addition, the state has beautiful landscapes that can be seen at Lake of Ozarks or on the Katy Trail. There are also nice places, such as St. Robert and Waynesville, Carthage, Independence, St. Joseph, St. Charles, Hannibal, Cape Girardeau and Springfield. And vibrant music cities, such as Branson, St. Louis and Kansas City, where there is plenty of live music.



MANY MUSIC DESTINATIONS!

St. Louis is the great city of the blues and has more than 40 professional theater companies, as well as a symphony orchestra, an opera company and several touring Broadway shows. The National Blues Museum is a must for blues fans. The museum showcases every aspect of blues music and allows visitors to enjoy live music, interactive and visual exhibits, artifacts, lectures and much more.



In the summer, it's fun to visit America's largest open-air theater, The Muny, for an inspired musical. Kansas City is all about jazz! The city is home to the American Jazz Museum and the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District. Country music, rock and pop fans will need to travel to Branson, which is known for its live concerts and has the reputation of 'Live Music Show Capital'.



THE FAMOUS ROUTE 66



Missouri is also home to a large stretch of Route 66, one of the most famous roads in the US nicknamed 'The Mother Road'. Route 66 opened in 1926 as a route connecting rural communities to the larger cities across America. The quintessential American road trip was born! Route 66 is no longer an official highway, but many travelers have not forgotten this scenic road with countless opportunities for fun stops along the way. In 2026, Route 66 will celebrate its 100th anniversary, which will hopefully be celebrated in a big way!

Route 66 originates in Springfield and also runs through St. Louis in Missouri. Don't forget to stop along the way to discover the other charming towns close to the trail in Missouri.

HIGHWAY 36

Another destination for a leisurely road trip is Highway 36, located in northern Missouri. Popular stops along this route include the town of Hannibal, the Walt Disney Hometown Museum in Marceline, the Missouri Star Quilt Company - better known as Quilt Town USA - in Hamilton, and the Pony Express National Museum and Jesse James Home in St. Joseph.



NORTH EAST MISSOURI - HANNIBAL: MARK TWAIN BOYHOOD HOME & MUSEUM

He is perhaps the most famous writer in the United States: Mark Twain. The writer grew up in Hannibal's place. Visit the Twain Boyhood Home & Museum to learn all about the life and work of Mark Twain. Visit his childhood home and the National Historic Landmark. Here you will find several historic houses and a museum full of photos, writings and other artifacts. Did you also know that Hannibal is located on the Mississippi River and you will find beautiful viewpoints along the river? Or board the Mark Twain River Boat for a sightseeing cruise or enjoy a delicious dinner cruise.



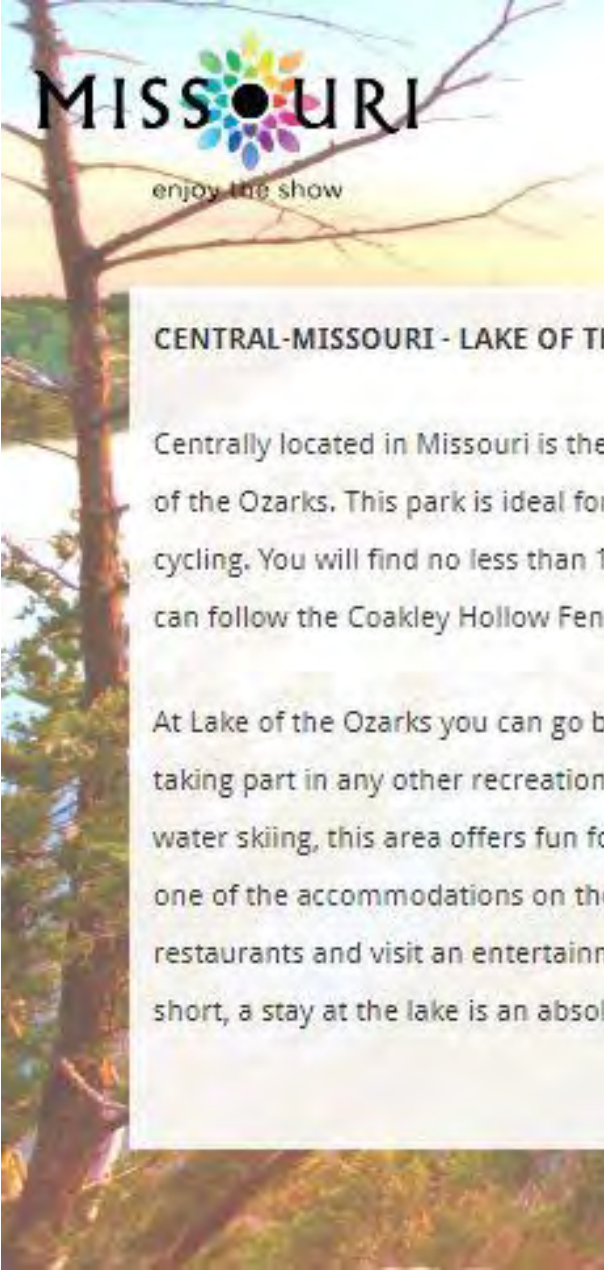


NORTH EAST MISSOURI - WHAT TO DISCOVER IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis is known for its many attractions, including the Forest Park, Union Station, The Old Courthouse, St. Louis Zoo, the National Blues Museum and the famous Gateway Arch. In addition, the city organizes special events and there is a real baseball culture by the fans of the Cardinals.

The Forest Park is full of historical museums, golf courses, tennis courts, playgrounds, restaurants and plenty of nature for walking, running or boating. You will also find the Jewel Box in the park. This is an Art Deco greenhouse with a 15 meter high ceiling made of glass. In short, there is plenty to do in the park for everyone!

It is also nice to visit the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, which opened in 1929 and served as the junction of Route 66 across the Mississippi. From the bridge, you can drive towards the Eads Bridge at Laclede's Landing, a historic riverside neighborhood with local shops and restaurants and a stone's throw from the famous Gateway Arch. It is recommended to go up and watch a beautiful panoramic view from the top!



CENTRAL-MISSOURI - LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Centrally located in Missouri is the state's largest State Park, Lake of the Ozarks. This park is ideal for fishing, swimming, walking and cycling. You will find no less than 1770 km of coastline, where you can follow the Coakley Hollow Fen Natural Area Trail.

At Lake of the Ozarks you can go boating, golfing, shopping or taking part in any other recreational activity. From paragliding to water skiing, this area offers fun for all the family. You can stay in one of the accommodations on the lake, dine in various restaurants and visit an entertainment venue in the evening. In short, a stay at the lake is an absolute must-do!





CENTRAL-MISSOURI - ST. ROBERT & WAYNESVILLE

The places St. Robert and Waynesville combine well with the Ozarks. They are located in the Pulaski County with beautiful scenery with many outdoor possibilities and a unique history, such as of course that of Route 66. On the way to St. Robert and Waynesville you will encounter several nice towns, such as Devils Elbow. Or visit the John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex in Fort Leonard Wood.



Divers around the world want to explore Roubidoux Springs and Underwater Cave, tucked under a cliff in Laughlin Park. Don't like diving? Then go fishing, floating or canoeing at Gasconade or Big Piney. These rivers are perfect for a day out with the whole family.



NORTHWEST MISSOURI - LIVELY KANSAS CITY

To the north you will find the city of Kansas City. This vibrant city is known for jazz, barbecue, fountains and has a creative community with friendly people. The city's cool and cultural vibe has been created by its thriving arts scene, unique museums, and fun shops and boutiques. Must-see attractions include the National WWI Museum and Memorial, Royals Kauffman Stadium, Chiefs Arrowhead Stadium, and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.



NORTHWEST MISSOURI - INDEPENDENCE HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

A must-see in Missouri is the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence town. This museum is dedicated to America's 33rd President, Harry S. Truman, who was born near Kansas City. In the museum you can learn everything about Truman's presidency from 1945 to 1953, which also included the Second World War. Do you want to know where Truman and his wife Bess lived? Then head to Truman Home, a National Historic Landmark.





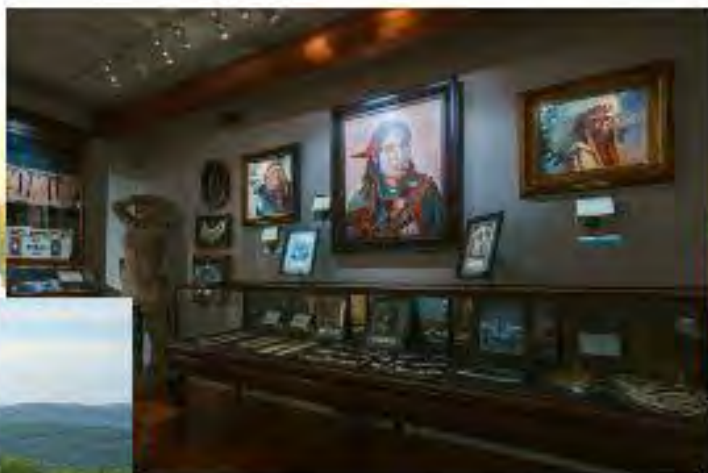
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI - BRANSON'S SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Located in the beautiful Ozark Mountains, Branson is one of the top destinations in central America. Branson offers something for everyone, including live entertainment, three pristine lakes, world-class golf courses and miles of hiking and biking trails.

Branson is best known for its many live (music) shows. In the dozens of theaters, performances take place in all American music genres such as Rock and Roll, country, gospel and bluegrass. Would you rather see something different? Then go to a comedy or music show. An absolute must is the show of The Haygoods, you will be amazed by this talented family.

Be sure to visit the Silver Dollar City theme park, which is one of the top 10 best theme parks in the world. In the park you will find roller coasters, water attractions, live shows and various crafts. You can also take a tour of Marvel Cave. The new attractions Aquarium at the Boardwalk, WonderWorks and Beyond the Lens are great options for all the family.

Do you like a nostalgic environment? Then go to downtown Branson! Here you will find the best deals and typical Branson merchandise.



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI: TOP OF THE ROCK

Near Branson, at the Top of the Rock Ozarks Heritage, you'll find a combination of nature trails, caves, world-class golf courses, restaurants and several historic buildings. Visit the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, where you will travel back in time and learn about the different animal species that lived in this area during the Ozarks.

You can also take a ride to the Top of the Rock Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail. This is a 1.5 mile (2.5 km) electric cart ride along the impressive rock formations. Along the way you will see beautiful views of Table Rock Lake and the waterfalls.



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

WHAT TO DISCOVER IN SPRINGFIELD



Springfield is recognized as the official birthplace of Route 66 and should not be missed on a visit to Missouri. Discover more about the Mother Road and visit the History Museum on the Square.

Shoppers should head to the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, where you should of course visit the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium. The museum opened in 2017 and was named the # 1 Best New Attraction in America. In this museum you will find 35,000 live fish, mammal reptiles, birds and other wild animals. The perfect getaway for the whole family!

Or go to the Fantastic Caverns, the only cave in North America big enough to drive through. During a 50-minute tour you will be in a tram, which is pulled by a jeep!

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI - CARTHAGE

Carthage is a unique city and has special architecture, history and art. Founded in 1842, the city was burned to the ground during the American Civil War and then rebuilt in the Victorian era. This has ensured that the city is now full of beautiful architecture.

In addition, the city is home to a stretch of Route 66. Near Route 66, Carthage has the following attractions: Kellogg Lake, Historic Carthage Square, Carthage Civil War Museum, Jasper County Courthouse, Precious Moments Chapel, Powers Museum, Red Oak II and the 66 Drive-In Theater.





SOUTHEAST MISSOURI - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Cape Girardeau is a vibrant town in southeastern Missouri on the Mississippi. It is the largest city between St. Louis and Memphis. In the city you will find more than 250 years of rich history and heritage. Near Cape Girardeau, you can hike part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail or hike one of Missouri's four remaining covered bridges. The historic downtown is full of unique vintage antique shops and inspiring murals.





SOUTHEAST MISSOURI - THE WINE REGION AT STE. GENEVIEVE

A gem that should not be forgotten is Ste. Genevieve in the southeast of the state. This charming town takes you back in the past through the French colonization and beautiful buildings. A visit to the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Park gives you all the information about the French settlers and local history.



In addition, the region is known for its vineyards and wineries on the Route Du Vin Wine Trail. Visit the Chaumette vineyard and taste the various wines that have won awards. A nice trip for people who love wine!



Missouri's most famous grape is Norton, and a whopping 21% of the grapes grown in this state belong to this grape variety. Annually, Missouri's 125 wineries produce more than 1.25 million wine, so sampling a glass of wine in this region is highly recommended!

ROUTE: KATY TRAIL STATE PARK

The Katy Trail is the perfect route through the diverse green landscapes of the state of Missouri. Outdoor enthusiasts pay attention, because this route is no less than 387 km long and very suitable for a hike or mountain bike tour. The trail follows part of the Lewis & Clark Trail, passing limestone cliffs, small towns and several traditional spots of America. Discover and experience the beauty of Missouri's diverse nature through the Katy Trail!





TRY THE REAL MISSOURI BARBECUE!

Slowly grill the meat over low heat, so that plenty of flavor remains. This is what Missouri cuisine is known for. Each part of the state has its own type of barbecue. Kansas City has more than 100 barbecue restaurants, where the spicy meat is served with a thick tomato-based sauce. Because sweet and spicy are mixed, you experience a true taste explosion. In St. Louis, for example, the barbecue is known for its slow-cooked pork ribs covered with a sweet and sour glaze. In any case, there is plenty to try!

In addition, the state is also home to many different breweries, the oldest of which is located in the city of St. Louis, Anheuser Busch Brewery, and can be visited for a tour and of course tasting. Or head to the Boulevard Brewing Company in Kansas City, the largest specialty brewery in the Midwestern United States. On Sundays they organize tours, tastings and Beer Hall Bingo.

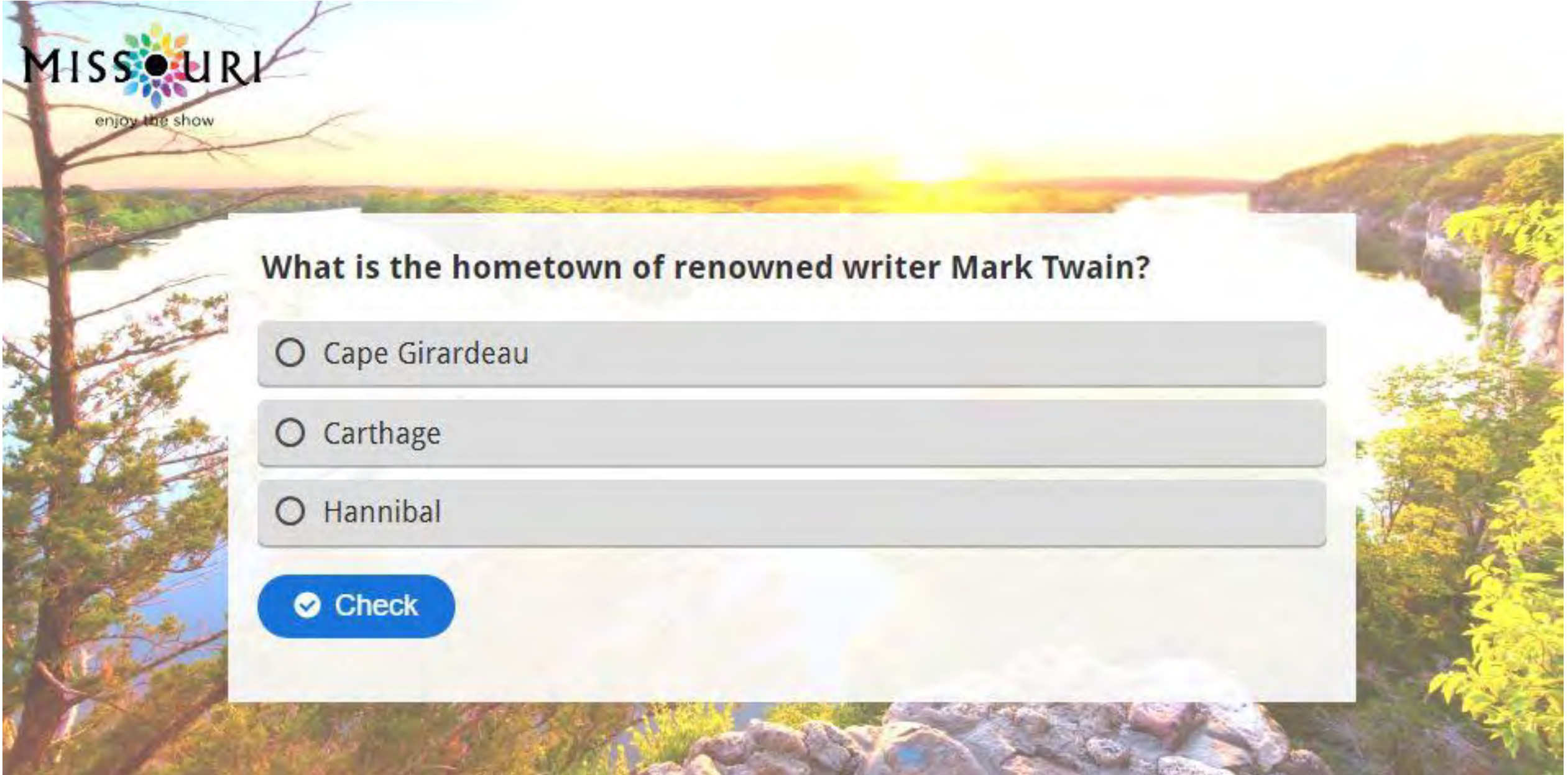


FINALLY...

By now you have gotten a good idea of Missouri, so it is time to test the knowledge you have gained through the following questions. Do your best, because every month you have the chance to win a richly filled goodie bag from this state!

We wish you the best of luck!





What is the hometown of renowned writer Mark Twain?

☐ Cape Girardeau

☐ Carthage

☐ Hannibal

☒ Check

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☐ Carthage



Correct!

Which place is considered the official birthplace of Route 66?

☐ Springfield

☐ Carthage

☐ St. Louis

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Correct!



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☐ Lewis & Clark Trail

☐ Mormon Trail

☐ Trail of Tears

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☐ St. Louis

☐ St. Robert and Waynesville

☐ Kansas City

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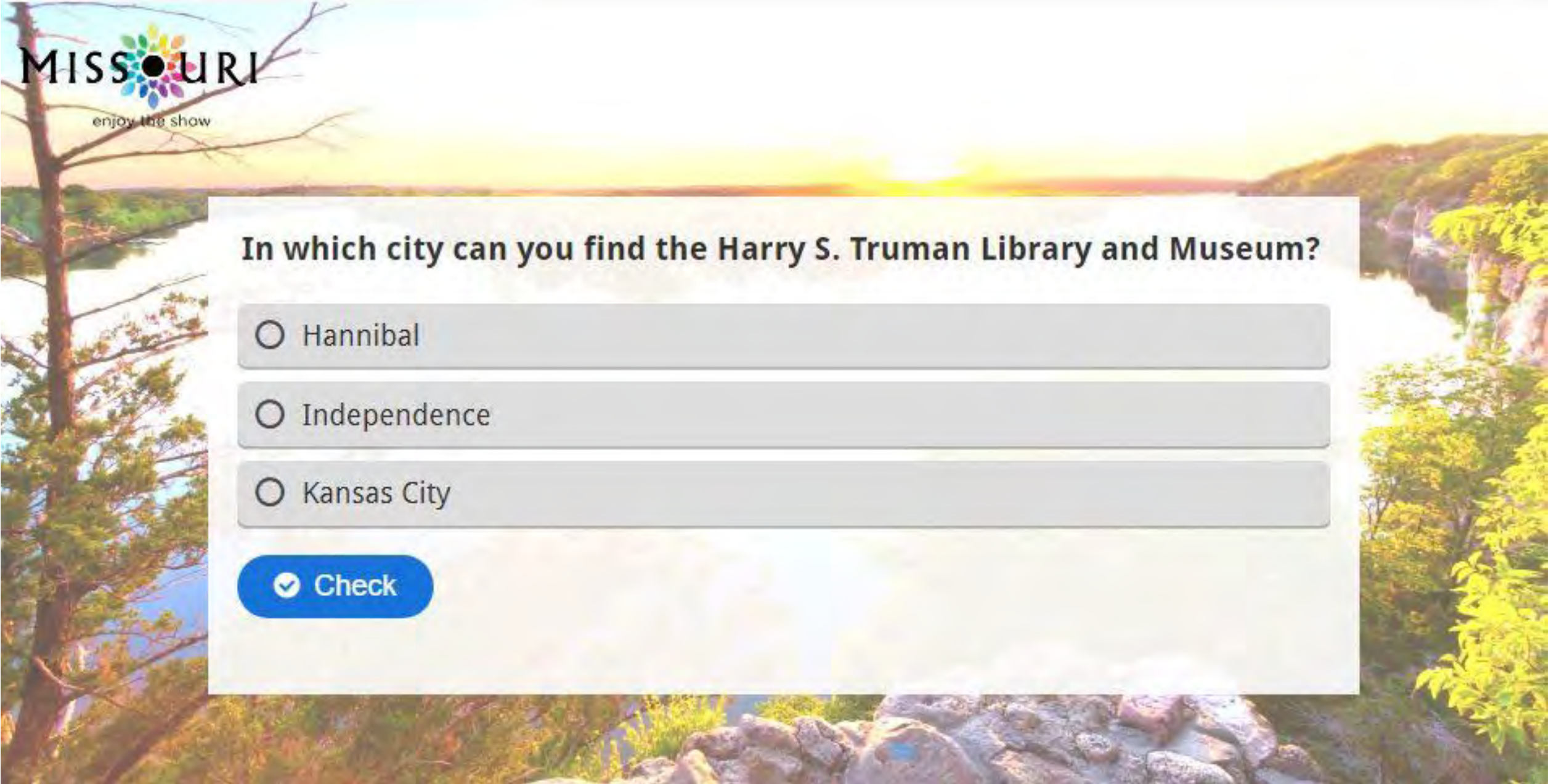
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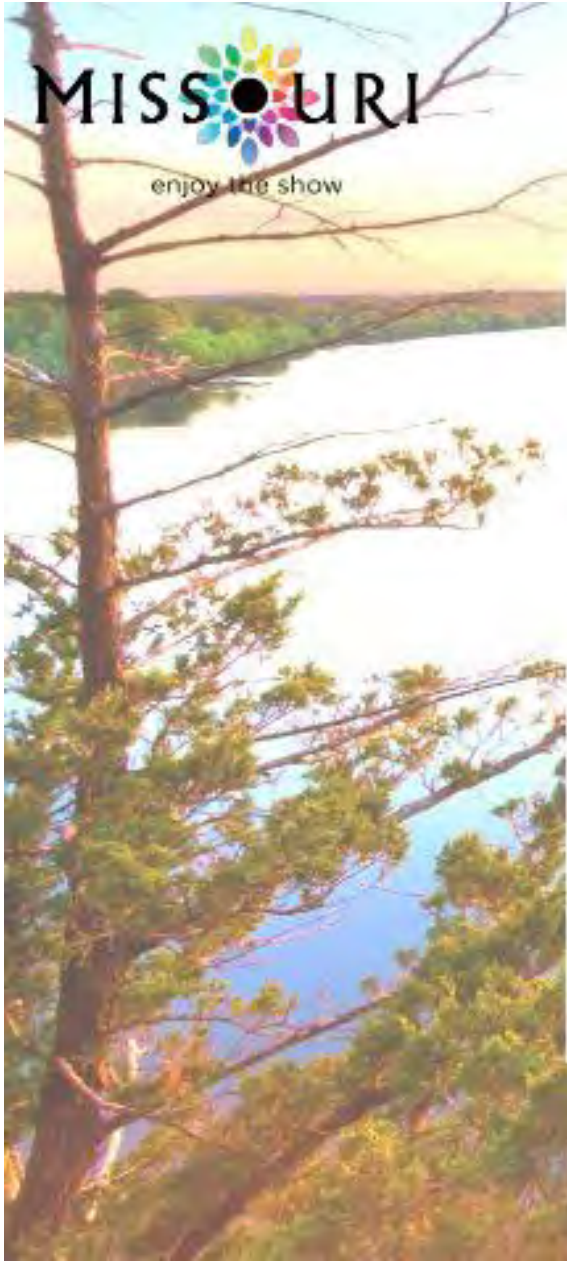
☒ Independence



☐ Kansas City



Correct!



What is Missouri cuisine known for?

☐ Barbecue

☐ Corn bread

☐ Wines

☒ Check



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What is the capital of Missouri?

☐ Jefferson City

☐ St. Louis

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How many wineries can you find in Missouri?

☐ 90

☐ 125

☐ 50

☒ Check



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How many years old will Route 66 be in 2026?

☐ 150 years

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☐ Branson City

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