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Missouri is set in the very center of the United States, in the heart of America. Cosmopolitan cities, a rich and diverse history, the start of the Wild West, live music and the great outdoors — you find what you are looking for in Missouri. It is an ideal choice for individual travelers, couples and families alike.



### Missouri's Wild West Adventures

Pack your saddlebag and head to Missouri for a Wild West adventure. Missouri offers a wagon-load of Old West attractions.

### Lose Your Blues in Missouri

There's no better place than Missouri to hear the entire spectrum of America's greatest music. Visitors can begin their soulful getaway at one of the many Missouri cities offering musical experiences for every taste.

### Missouri Offers Route 66 Kicks

Set your busy fast-lane life on cruise control with a getaway along Missouri's Route 66.

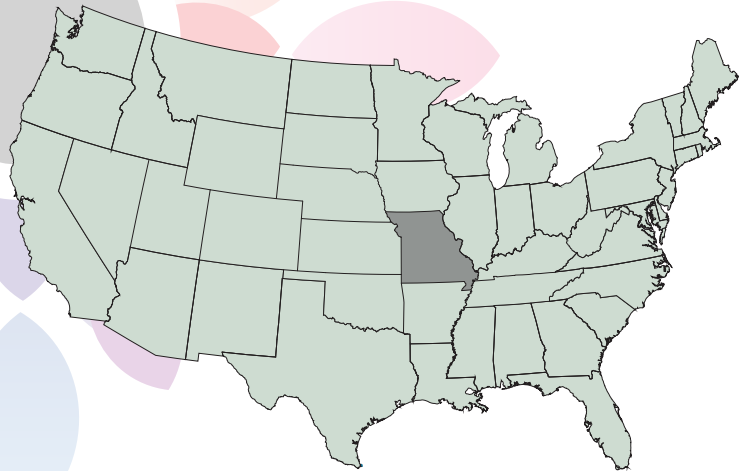
### Famous Faces

Discover famous Missourians like outlaw Jesse James, author Mark Twain, animator Walt Disney, musician Chuck Berry, composer Scott Joplin and President Harry S. Truman.

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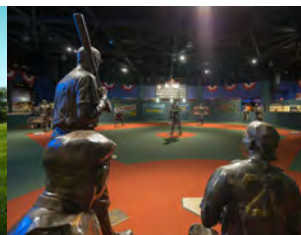
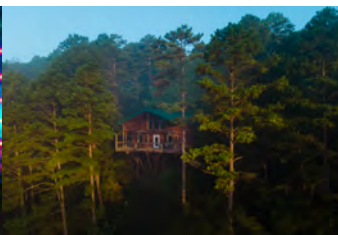
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# Missouri in the Spotlight

## Springfield

Metropolitan charisma blends with southern charm in a city filled with attractions, history, dining, nightlife, outdoor beauty and entertainment. Springfield, Missouri, is the birthplace of Route 66 and also the site of Wild Bill Hickok's famous first shootout. Fantastic Caverns is one of only a few ride-thru caves in the world. If you're hungry, try the city's signature dish, Springfield-style cashew chicken, along with nearly any other cuisine you crave.



## Branson

It's all smiles in Branson! You'll experience exciting performances at live shows. Explore the sights and sounds of one of the world's top 10 theme parks: Silver Dollar City. Discover the endless fun of three pristine lakes and the beauty of the Ozark Mountains. Relax at the spas and resorts. Find that perfect gift at hundreds of outlet stores, shops, galleries and boutiques.



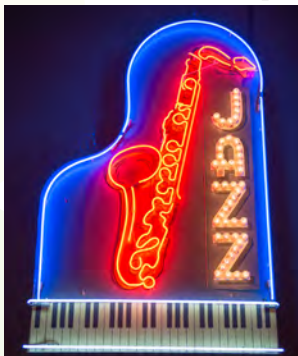
## St. Louis

St. Louis is a place where history and imagination collide, and the result is a destination like no other. 'The Gateway to the West' offers exceptional live blues music, arts and cultural options and renowned attractions such as the Gateway Arch, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis Science Center, the Missouri History Museum, Citygarden, Laumeier Sculpture Park and the Anheuser-Busch brewery tours.



## Kansas City

Known for jazz, barbecue and fountains, Kansas City is a creative community that prides itself on good times and friendly, fun-loving people. The city's cool cultural vibe is inspired by a thriving arts scene, one-of-a-kind museums and fantastic shopping. Pack your bags and discover something unique and unexpected in Kansas City.



## St. Joseph

Past meets present in St. Joseph. Experience the excitement of the Old West when you visit the home in which the notorious outlaw Jesse James was gunned down by a member of his own gang. Feel the adventure as you explore the Pony Express National Museum, dedicated to what was once the country's fastest transcontinental mail service. And with fine dining and shopping options, St. Joseph is the perfect place to enjoy yesterday and today.



## Hannibal

Discover the fictional setting for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and other Mark Twain works when you visit Hannibal. Explore the environment that shaped Twain's imagination and the fictional characters he created, while visiting the very real sites (including the cave mentioned in five of his works) Twain explored in his youth. Set along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, Twain's home will become a favorite stop on your Missouri adventure.

