

Historic Gems of St. Louis Challenge

St. Louis is filled with civic treasures and historic sites that showcase the city's French founding in colonial times, to westward exploration in the 1800s, leading to a developing and modern American metropolis sparked by industry and innovation. St. Louis has its share of interesting stories to tell!

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Historic Gems of St. Louis Challenge ... Visit at least 10 sites, including one of the Drury historic restorations. Remember: Missouri Explorers must be registered in the program, and they are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites. Upload your verification photographs using the online submission form at <https://missouri2021.org/missouri-explorers/> to receive your merit badge button.

Remember, Missouri Explorers, you are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites before arriving.

Also remember, in St. Louis, masks and social distancing are required.

Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch

2 South 4th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-231-3003

Literally saved from the wrecking ball in 1997 by Charles Drury, Drury Hotels preserved three buildings: International Fur Exchange Building, the Thomas Jefferson Building, and the American Zinc Building. The International Fur Exchange Building was the world's largest fur trading auction house in the 1920's and 30's. Its large windows allowed natural light to inspect furs. The modernist American Zinc Building is a four-story stainless steel and glass structure constructed in the same period as the Gateway Arch. Snap your photograph at the corner of 4th and Market with the Gateway Arch in the background.

<https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/st-louis-mo/drury-plaza-hotel-st-louis-at-the-arch>

Drury Inn St. Louis at Union Station

201 South 20th Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-231-3900

Located across the street from Union Station, the hotel was once a plush clubhouse and hotel for the St. Louis Railroad Young Men's Christian Association. During renovation, the original lobby emerged with terrazzo flooring in perfect condition, a grand marble staircase, and the original 1920's buzzer board. Snap your photograph on the steps at front entrance, which faces Union Station.

<https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/st-louis-mo/drury-inn-st-louis-at-union-station>

Anheuser Busch Brewery

12th and Lynch Street
St. Louis, MO 63118
314-577-2626

Tour Center, Gift Shop and Biergarten temporarily closed due to pandemic.

Nestled in the historic Soulard neighborhood of St. Louis, Anheuser Busch Brewery's largest and oldest brewery site was selected based on its access to the Mississippi River, the large presence of German immigrants in the 1800's, and the natural cave formations that were used to store beer prior to artificial refrigeration. From the history-rich architecture – including three National Historic Landmarks – to cutting-edge brewing technology, you will witness first-hand the heritage and timeless tradition Anheuser-Busch employs to brew beer. Snap your photograph of the eye-catching Budweiser sign on top of the Bevo Packaging Plant on Broadway.

<https://www.budweisertours.com/locations/st-louis-missouri.html>

Campbell House Museum \$

1508 Locust Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-421-0325

Built in 1851 in the Greek revival style in the elegant Lucas Place neighborhood, the Campbell House was the home of renowned fur trader and entrepreneur Robert Campbell and his family from 1854 until 1938. The museum contains hundreds of original Campbell possessions, including furniture, paintings, clothing, letters, carriages and a unique set of interior photographs taken in the mid-1880s. Snap your photograph with the Campbell House in the background.

<http://www.campbellhousemuseum.org>

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (New Cathedral)

4431 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-373-8200

The life of Saint Louis IX, crusader King of France (1214-1270) and the city's namesake and patron saint, is vividly portrayed in the vestibule of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Built in 1907, this incredible structure combines Byzantine and Romanesque architecture styles with one of the largest collection of mosaics in

the world. Pope Paul VI called the church "the outstanding cathedral of the Americas." More than 41 million pieces of tile in 8,000 colors fill the cathedral. Snap your photograph in front of one of these amazing mosaics.

<https://cathedralstl.org/>

Central Library

1301 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-241-2288

Temporarily closed due to the pandemic.

Central Library boasts some of the finest examples of Beaux-Arts and Neo-Classical Architecture in the United States. Designed by renowned architect Cass Gilbert and completed in 1912, the structure, which occupies a full city block, is a historic treasure. An extensive seventy-million-dollar award-winning renovation of Central Library was completed in 2012, showcasing a masterful blend of classical and modern architectural styles while preserving Central Library's unparalleled beauty. Snap your photograph at one of the decorative fountains located on the 13th and 14th Street sides of the building.

<https://www.slpl.org/locations/CENTRAL/>

Cherokee Antique Row

1900-2300 Cherokee Street
St. Louis, MO 63118
314-772-1436

Anchored by historic Antique Row and the world-famous Lemp Brewery, this unique corridor hosts an eclectic array of retail shops, restaurants, specialty boutiques, art galleries and more. Every shop and restaurant on Antique Row is someone's passion project, and you're very likely to meet the owners when you visit. You will find antiques, fashion, local art, and delightful gifts dotted along this historic street. Stroll the shady sidewalks, do a little shopping and find something special to bring home. Snap your photograph in front of one of the many shops along the row.

<https://www.cherokeeantiquerow.com/>

City Hall

1200 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-622-4800

Outgrowing the old "City Barn," efforts to build, what would become the current City Hall got underway in May 1888 when the City Hall Commission was formed. The Commission chose the design of George Richard Mann of the firm Eckel and Mann of St. Joseph from the 37 national entries. A French-style plan, it is inspired by the Hotel de Ville, or City Hall of Paris, with ornamental dormer windows and former towers. Today the building continues to house the St. Louis City Government. Snap your photograph with President Grant's statue at the corner of Market and Tucker or with St. Louis founder Pierre Laclède on the northwest corner of the grounds.

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/about/history-of-city-hall.cfm>

Field House Museum \$

634 South Broadway
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-421-4689

Opened in 1936 as the first historic house museum in St. Louis, the Museum highlights the lives of Eugene Field, the famous "children's poet," and his father, Roswell Field, attorney for Dred Scott. Learn about life in 19th century St. Louis and explore the rotating exhibit space and library. Snap your photograph at the Field House front entry.

<https://fieldhousemuseum.org/>

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven)

7400 Grant Road
St. Louis, MO 63123
314-842-1867

The Victorian home of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 18th President of the United

States, is open for interpretation by National Park Rangers. White Haven, one of the oldest homes in the St. Louis area, was the family residence of Julia Dent Grant, Grant's wife. The Grants lived at White Haven from 1854 to 1859 and had a 40-year association with the home and property. Only 10 acres remain of the original 850-acre plantation, but the National Park Service has preserved the site and has restored the remaining structures to their 1875 appearance. Snap a photograph at White Haven, easy to spot in its Victorian era "Paris Green" paint.

<https://www.nps.gov/ulsg/index.htm>

Jefferson Barracks Park

345 North Road
Saint Louis, MO 63125

Selected for its strategic geographic location, the military post opened in 1826 and became the army's first permanent base west of the Mississippi River. By the 1840s, it was the largest military establishment in the United States. During the Civil War, Jefferson Barracks served as a training post for the Union Army. The museum buildings were part of the ordnance section built in the 1850s. The history of Jefferson Barracks is displayed at the Powder Magazine Museum. (The Museum is currently closed). Additional museums include the Missouri Civil War Museum and the Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum. While here, stop by Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 2900 Sheridan Road. Soldiers from American wars, including thousands from the Civil War, are buried here. The cemetery is still in use today. Snap your photograph in front of one of the original Barracks buildings.

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/parks/places/jefferson-barracks-park/>

Scott Joplin House

2658 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63103-1404
314-340-5790

Temporarily closed due to the pandemic.

Known as the Father of Ragtime, Scott Joplin spent some of his most productive years in St. Louis at the turn of the 20th century. The National Historic Landmark home is where the young pianist lived from 1900-1903. You will hear some of his famous melodies as you walk through the modest flat on Delmar Boulevard. It is furnished and lit by gaslight as if it were 1902 when Joplin spent time there composing some of his famous songs. Snap your photograph outside this historic home.

<https://mostateparks.com/park/scott-joplin-house-state-historic-site>

Laclede's Landing

710 North 2nd St., Suite 410-N
St Louis, MO 63102

Named for Pierre Laclede, St. Louis' French founder, The Landing, as locals call it, is a nine square block area of restored warehouses on the Mississippi River where Lewis and Clark departed to explore the Louisiana Purchase territory and steamboats once transported their cargoes of cotton, tobacco, and trade goods. Located just north of the Gateway Arch and the historic Eads Bridge, it is home to Lumiere Place Casino, the elegant Four Seasons Hotel, and warehouses converted into restaurants, clubs, bars, and offices. Snap your photograph at the Eads Bridge, the world's first steel-truss bridge and an engineering marvel when it was completed in 1874.

<https://www.lacledeslanding.com/>

Lafayette Square

Located just southwest of downtown St. Louis: bordered by Jefferson Avenue, Choteau Avenue, Truman Parkway, and I-44

The Marquis de Lafayette, France's leadership contribution to the American Revolutionary War effort, visited St. Louis in 1825. He made such an impression on the citizens that they named the city's first designated park in his honor. Lafayette Park in St. Louis, founded in 1836, is the oldest public park west of the Mississippi River. The elegant neighborhood surrounding

the "squared park" is known as Lafayette Square. The "painted ladies," circa. 1870 – 1880, have been called the finest and largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the country. Snap your photograph of a colorful "painted lady."

<https://lafayettesquare.org/>

The Lemp Mansion

3322 DeMenil Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63118
314-664-8024

The Lemp Mansion was built in the early 1860's and was subsequently purchased by William J. Lemp as a residence and auxiliary brewery office. William Lemp succeeded his father as the head of the Lemp Brewery, and he soon built it into an industrial giant. In 1870, Lemp was by far the largest brewery in St. Louis and the Lemp family symbolized the city's wealth and power. The Lemp Mansion has a ghostly reputation and is the site of many paranormal investigations. The mansion restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and hosts a popular bed and breakfast as well. Snap your photograph in front of this Victorian showplace.

<https://www.lempmansion.com/>

Missouri Botanical Garden \$

4344 Shaw Boulevard
St. Louis MO 63110
314-577-5100

Founded in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden, locally known as Shaw's Garden, is the nation's oldest botanical garden in continuous operation and a National Historic Landmark. The Garden is a center for botanical research and science education, as well as an oasis in the City of St. Louis. The Garden offers 79 acres of beautiful horticultural displays, including a 14-acre Japanese strolling garden, Henry Shaw's original 1850 estate home, and one of the world's largest collections of rare and endangered orchids. Snap your photo at the Climatron, the first geodesic dome to be used as a conservatory.

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Old Cathedral

209 Walnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-373-8200

Count your blessings at the church known to St. Louisans as the Old Cathedral. When the city was founded by Pierre Laclede in 1764, the land on which the Old Cathedral sits was reserved for Roman Catholic worship and a log church was built. A larger log church replaced the original on the same site in 1776. This was the only church of any denomination for St. Louisans until about 1816. The 1834 Greek Revival structure that stands today was the first Cathedral west of the Mississippi River and the fourth Catholic church to grace the site. Masses are held daily. Snap your photograph in front of the church's beautiful exterior.

<https://oldcathedralstl.org/>

Old Courthouse

11 North 4th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-655-1600

Temporarily closed for renovation.

The Old Courthouse was the site of hundreds of suits for freedom, but one gained notoriety. In 1847, Dred Scott, with his wife Harriet sued for and were granted their freedom. The ruling was appealed and finally decided upon by the United States Supreme Court. The decision stated that slaves were property, and as such, had no right to sue. The Dred Scott Decision hastened the start of the Civil War. Prior to the Civil War, slaves were auctioned from the steps of the Courthouse in estate settlements. It was also where Virginia Minor's case for a woman's right to vote came to trial in the 1870s. Snap your photograph with the Dred and Harriet Scott statue located on Fourth Street outside the Old Courthouse.

<https://www.nps.gov/jeff/planyourvisit/och.htm>

Saint Louis Art Museum

One Fine Arts Drive
Forest Park
St. Louis, Missouri 63110
314-721-0072

The Saint Louis Art Museum was founded in 1879 and opened in Forest Park in the only permanent exhibition facility built for the 1904 "Meet Me in St. Louis" World's Fair. As it did in 1904, the Museum houses masterpieces and ancient artifacts reflecting thousands of years of human culture from around the world, a great and varied collection of original works of art spanning five millennia and six continents. Snap your photograph outdoors in the Grace Taylor Broughton Sculpture Garden.

<https://www.slam.org/>

St. Louis Union Station

1820 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
314-621-5262

Built in 1894, Union Station was once one of the largest and busiest passenger rail terminals in the world. The stylish and sophisticated Grand Hall features elegant historic touches like the original terrazzo floor, green glazed terracotta bricks, and stained-glass windows. Don't miss the whispering arch when you enter from Market Street. In the evening, enjoy an innovative and breathtaking 3D light show set to music that projects across the Grand Hall's entire 65-foot vaulted ceiling. Take in the light show from the Grand Hall's fabulous lobby and full lounge bar, where you can enjoy a cocktail or linger over a delicious meal. Snap a photograph with your favorite Grand Hall view.

<https://www.stlouisunionstation.com/>

St. Louis Walk of Fame

6100-6600 blocks of Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63130
314-727-4444

Get acquainted with some of St. Louis' most favored sons and daughters. The St. Louis Walk of Fame honors notable people from St. Louis,

Missouri, who made contributions to the culture of the United States. All inductees were either born in the Greater St. Louis area or spent their formative or creative years there. The more than 150 stars are located along 6 blocks of the Delmar Loop – designated “One of the 10 Great Streets in America” by the American Planning Association. Snap your photograph with your favorite Star along the Walk of Fame.

<http://stlouiswalkoffame.org/>

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum

1315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-818-6780

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum is both museum and memorial. The recently renovated, state-of-the-art Museum is home to exhibits that tell the story of American military history through the lens of St. Louis. The outdoor Court of Honor memorializes St. Louisans who have made the supreme sacrifice for our nation. Soldiers Memorial honors local military service members, veterans, and their families. Snap your photograph with the bell from the USS St. Louis on display in the East Gallery.

<https://mohistory.org/memorial>

Soulard Market

730 Carroll Street
St. Louis, MO 63104
314-622-4180

Soulard, St. Louis’ oldest neighborhood, showcases brick row houses, blues music clubs, corner taverns, and one of the oldest operating farmers markets in America. Stop and shop any Wednesday through Saturday where St. Louisans have shopped since 1779: Soulard Farmers Market. Snap your photograph in front of a food stall.

<http://soulardmarket.com/>

Wainwright Building

709 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO, 63102

Not open to the public.

Among the first skyscrapers built in the world, the Wainwright Building by Louis Sullivan is regarded as an influential prototype of modern office architecture. The simple, elegant design consists of a strong base, a soaring vertical shaft and decorative capital. Terra cotta panels of ornate foliage decorate each floor. The building is owned by the State of Missouri and houses state offices. Snap your photograph in front of this iconic building.

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/cultural-resources/city-landmarks/wainwright-building.cfm>