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# EATS & TREATS

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LAMBERT'S CAFE

## LAMBERT'S CAFÉ

If the way to a man's heart truly is through his stomach, **Lambert's Café** in **Sikeston** may be the strongest love potion on the planet. The home-style eatery serves up southern-inspired meals fit for a king, and portions capable of feeding an army. And, as if your plate and table aren't full enough, Lambert's friendly staff continuously walks around dishing out ladlefuls of fried okra, black-eyed peas, macaroni and tomatoes, fried potatoes and other delicious sides. But that's not even the best part: Lambert's is known as “The only home of thrown rolls,” because, you guessed it, they actually toss rolls from across the restaurant to their customers.

## THE RUSTY JUG

Of all the things the Show-Me state is known for, we may be most proud of our award-winning barbecue. People from all over travel to Missouri every day in search of the very best a carnivore could ask for – and find it. One such destination is **Rusty Jug** in **El Dorado Springs**, where the welcoming Wild West ambiance is only outdone by its flavorful fare. Try the B.L.T, where the “B” stands for both bacon and brisket. Belly up to the root beer bar to try one of 80 different varieties, including their very own sudsy concoction. But, under no circumstances should you miss their signature deep-fried smoked ribs, which words simply cannot do justice.

### Did you know?

The name Rusty Jug comes from the “rusty juggers” of the area who would fill up metal jugs from local mineral-rich springs.



SHATTO MILK COMPANY

## THE BLUE OWL

Even the most insatiable sweet tooth is certain to meet its match at **The Blue Owl** in historic **Kimmswick**. Featured on “The Today Show,” The Food Network and in *Oprah Magazine* (to name a few), the quaint confectionary has been taking patrons to baked-goods bliss for more than a quarter-century. Come by for lunch or go straight to dessert with their world-famous array of homemade pies, cakes, cheesecakes, pastries and candies. Most notably, “The Caramel Pecan Levee High Apple Pie,” which, believe it or not, is even bigger (and more delectable) than its name proclaims. Go ahead and indulge - it's vacation.



THE BLUE OWL

## SHATTO MILK COMPANY

Ever had Root Beer Milk? Or tried Cajun Cheese Curds? These are just a few of the delightfully infused dairy concoctions waiting for you at **Shatto Milk Company** in **Osborn**. Family-owned and operated for three generations, this dairy farm does it all - and does it well. Drop by for a tour and visit the Country Store for everything from a quart of 2 percent to Honeysuckle Milk Soap.

## WINE COUNTRY

**Missouri wine country** has a history as rich and robust as the wines themselves. More than 150 years ago, immigrants chose the scenic, rolling hills of Missouri as the ideal location to perfect their craft. Today, the state produces the world's most enchanting wines with the same craftsmanship and pride it has for generations.

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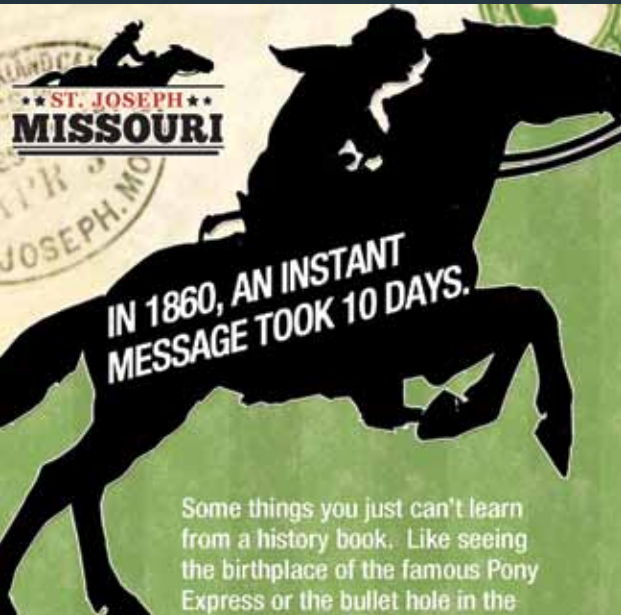
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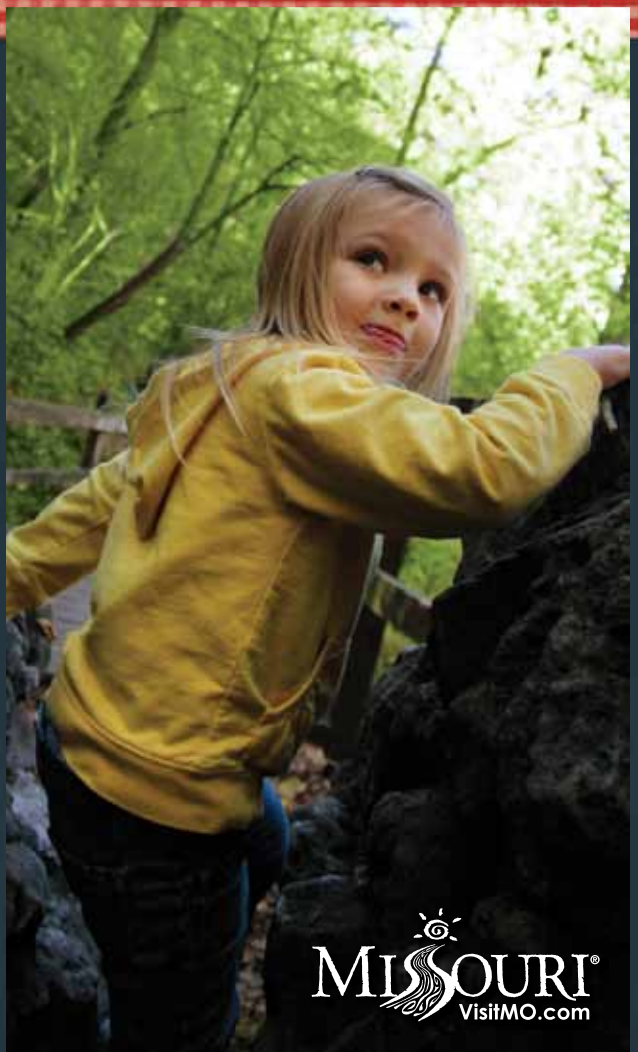
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# ANTIQUES & BOUTIQUES

This treasure map has plenty of Xs.

## ANTIQUES AND INTERIORS

If beautiful, one-of-a-kind antiques are your bag, venture no further than **Antiques and Interiors** in **Blackwater** to fill it up. Shop for unique jewelry, crystal and cut glass, china, silver, lamps, chandeliers, baby grand pianos, grandfather clocks, fine wood furniture and so much more at this gem hidden in Central Missouri. Also, proprietor Mary Watson offers an on-site interior design service featuring unusual fabrics, wall coverings and oriental rugs to spruce up your space.

## DICK'S 5 & 10

Walking into **Dick's 5 & 10** in **Branson** is like finding a direct portal to the good old days. The old-time dime store opened its doors 50 years ago, and still retains that classic nostalgic charm. Be sure to check out the autographed sports memorabilia, working Wurlitzer jukebox and more than 80 WWII aviation prints signed by the pilots themselves. With unique gifts and more than 50,000 items for sale and on display, your trip back in time certainly doesn't have to be a short one.

## ENCHANTED FROG ANTIQUES

Even the most novice antique hunters know the best pieces aren't found in malls and megastores. The best places have devoted their lives to collecting and preserving parts of our history. One such place is **Enchanted Frog Antiques** in **Lathrop**. Shop their expansive selection of fine furniture, glassware, dishes, toys, prints, frames, table items, Western and American Indian collectibles, and more. You'll be delighted to find almost their entire inventory predates the 1960s. Plus, the free popcorn offered daily doesn't hurt.

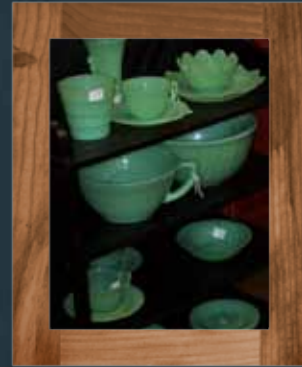


ANNIE LAURIE'S ANTIQUE SHOP



ANTIQUES AND INTERIORS

St. Charles was the last "civilized" stop for Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition.



ENCHANTED FROG ANTIQUES

## ANTIQUES & OAK

Nestled amongst the picturesque restaurants and boutiques of Main Street in **St. Charles** sits **Antiques & Oak**. Specializing in lamps, clocks, primitives, glassware and furniture, you never know what unique and obscure treasures this hometown favorite will have on hand. Enjoy choosing from more than 125 one-of-a-kind shops on your memorable stroll down the city's historic ten-block cobblestone street.

## ANNIE LAURIE'S ANTIQUE SHOP

Missouri has more great things you can't find anywhere else – than pretty much anywhere else. And thanks to **Annie Laurie's Antique Shop** in **Cape Girardeau**, you'll know exactly where to find them. Your wish list certainly will grow after exploring this 6,000 square-foot treasure trove of antiques and vintage items. Try on timeless dresses and accessories, or find your inner DIYer with the countless collection of retro frames, decorations and trinkets.

## Did you know?

Only steps from Annie Laurie's is the Mississippi River Tales Mural, containing 24 different panels on Cape Girardeau's 15-foot high downtown floodwall.





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TOW SAWYER DAYS

Mark Twain is a pen name, or pseudonym. The author's birth name was Samuel Clemens.



# GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN

Take a break from  
all that relaxation.

## MERAMEC CAVERNS

The story of **Meramec Caverns** in **Stanton** is rife with history. The formation occurred patiently over millions of years of limestone erosion.

First used as shelter for American Indians, it eventually became a saltpeter mine (to make gunpowder) for the Union army. But, the cave system's most illustrious inhabitant might just be the outlaw Jesse James, who is reported to have used the 4.6 miles of passages as a hideout. Along with guided tours of the breathtaking natural wonder, the caverns also offer a zip-lining adventure, canoe rentals and even the opportunity to pan for gold.



MERAMEC CAVERNS

## TOM SAWYER DAYS (JULY 4-7, 2012)

Even if you haven't read the book, you've heard of him and his famous fictional escapades. Take a journey to a simpler, albeit just as exciting, place and time for **Tom Sawyer Days** in **Hannibal**. Now in its 57th year, Mark Twain's hometown hosts this incredible annual festival that includes everything from great food and live entertainment to frog-jumping contests and sack races. And, of course, don't miss the main event, The National Fence Painting Contest. Cheer on whitewashers as they attempt to cover a portion of fence in record time. (Note: It's even more fun - and hilarious - to watch when one of the men in your life is competing.)

## 66 DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Few leisurely activities carry with them the nostalgia and sentiment of the American drive-in. At **66 Drive-In Theatre** in **Carthage**, you will certainly find out why. Fall back in love with the outdoor cinema experience by catching a double feature from your car or lawn chair. Enjoy the classic intermission trailer between films, or head to the concession stand for some traditional refreshments. Add in the fact that it is located off historic Route 66, and you have Americana at its finest.

## PATEE HOUSE MUSEUM

Walking through the **Patee House Museum** in **St. Joseph** is like walking through a real-life history book. Built in 1858 as a luxury hotel, the structure was The Pony Express Headquarters from 1860 to 1861. Today, it is home to two full floors of exhibits, such as a 19th century train, stagecoach, real gallows and even a reproduction of the streets of old-time St. Jo. There are also shops, toys, models, and a vintage carousel inside that visitors are encouraged to ride.

## WARM SPRINGS RANCH

The iconic Budweiser Clydesdales have been a charming part of our culture since 1933, when they were introduced to celebrate the repeal of prohibition. Today, they travel to hundreds of live appearances each year to bring a smile to every face in the crowd. But, did you know you could also visit them? **Warm Springs Ranch** near **Boonville** is home to more than 100 of the majestic creatures, and offers tours (reservations required). Stop by for a tour of this facility, which covers 300 acres, features a 25,000-square-foot breeding facility, is home to a 1903 Studebaker-built beer wagon, and luxury transport tractor-trailers. And, of course, enjoy the opportunity for an up-close-and-personal visit with the Clydesdales themselves.



WARM SPRINGS RANCH

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# WHERE TO STAY ALONG THE WAY

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OVERLOOK FARM

## RIVER OF LIFE FARM

As if your travels through Missouri aren't magical enough by day, they only get more amazing at night. Like catching some Z's in a Tree House Cabin at **River of Life Farm** in **Dora**, for instance. Staying the night here is like sleeping in a work of art. The handcrafted staircase alone is composed of a ton of eastern red cedar. Take in the beautiful view of the White River, go for a hike, or try your hand at fly-fishing at this beautiful Ozark resort.

## SCHOOL HOUSE

There's a lot to a name, and sometimes, it can tell you everything you need to know. As is the case with **School House Bed & Breakfast** in **Rocheport**. Well, maybe it doesn't tell you everything; for instance, it doesn't inform us that the beautiful three-story school was built in 1914. Or that each of its 10 guest rooms has its own unique style and is outfitted with antiques. Or, that the award-winning B&B is located very close to The Katy Trail and Les Bourgeois Winery. Come to think of it, the name only tells you it was a school.

## SOUTHERN HOTEL

When it comes to the measure of a bed and breakfast's appeal, many times it's the little things that have a huge impact. And **Southern Hotel** in **Ste. Genevieve** is a shining example of this truth. From the antique claw-foot bathtubs to the gourmet French breakfasts served each morning, the circa-1790 three-story



SOUTHERN HOTEL

### Did you know?

Southern Hotel is believed to be the oldest operating hotel west of the Mississippi River.

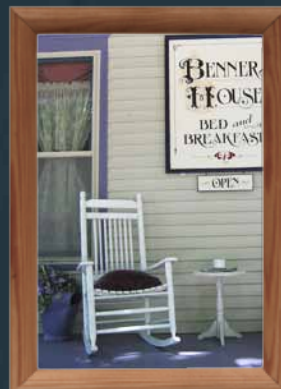
redbrick structure is the epitome of fastidiousness. And don't miss the enchanting garden out back, complete with a large cedar swing and outfitted with thousands of tiny white lights that turn it into a romantic fantasyland at night.

## OVERLOOK FARM

While life can be complicated, **Overlook Farm** in **Clarks-ville** stands as a steadfast reminder that it doesn't have to be. The 200-acres of lush countryside offer some of the most beautiful and relaxing views in the state. The resort boasts two separate historic inns that evoke country warmth, present luxurious amenities, and provide serene landscapes. In short, if you need to relax, this is your place.

## BENNER HOUSE

The beautiful **Benner House Bed & Breakfast** in **Weston**, graced with two stories of wrap-around porches, a serene perennial and water garden, and a terraced backyard with an in-ground pool, is the embodiment of elegance. The Queen Anne-style home was built in 1898 and



BENNER HOUSE

has been fully restored, down to its original hand-carved oak and beveled glass entrance. Look into their special "Romance Packages," containing flowers, chocolates and fresh fruits to add a touch of amorous sentiment to your stay.

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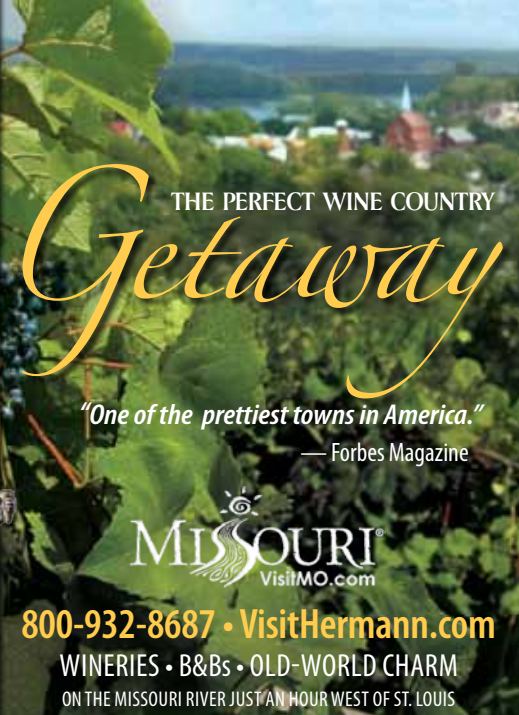


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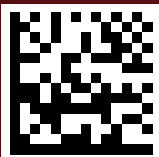
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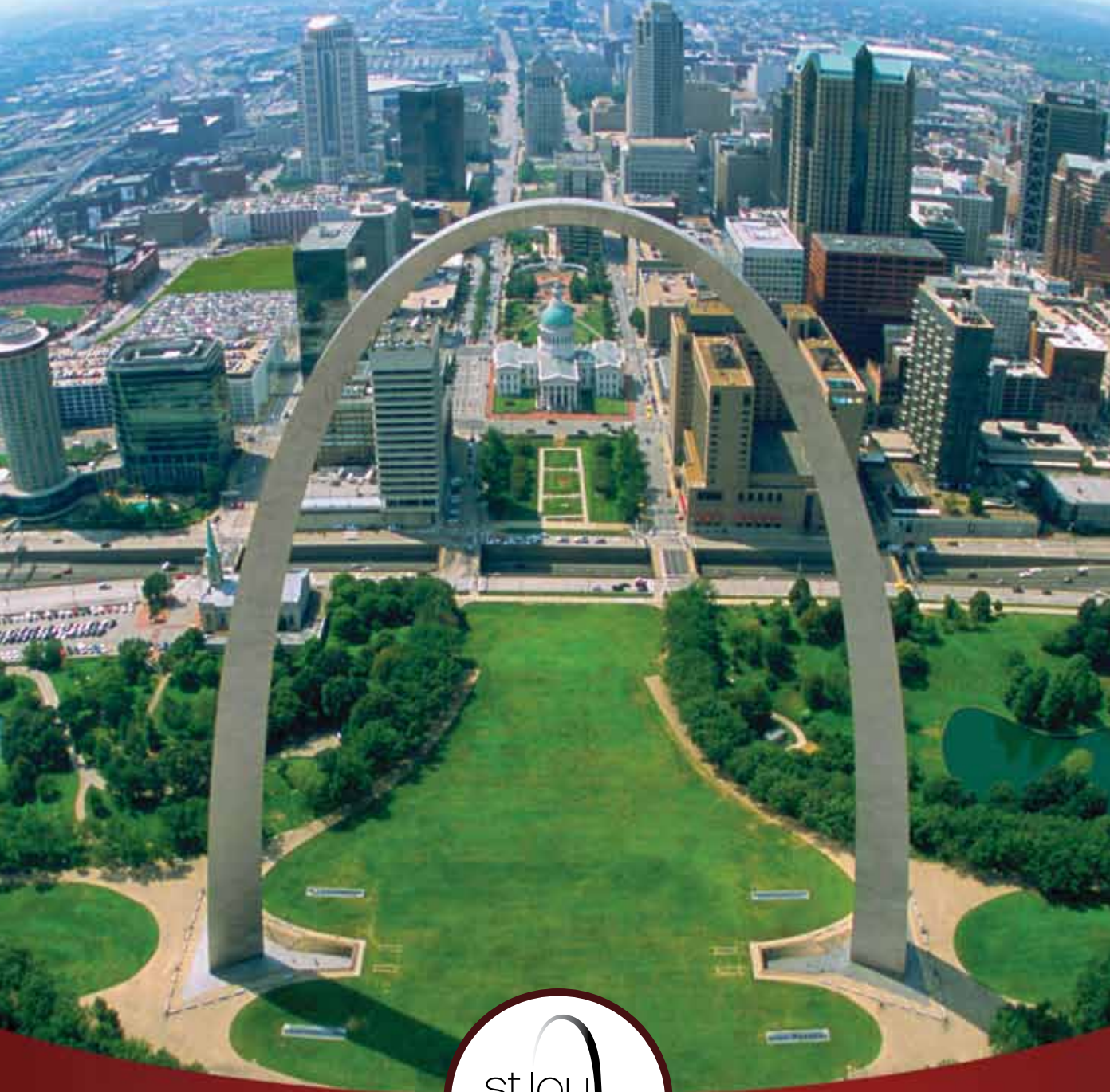
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