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## All Nations Excursions 2017 Schedule

Time	City Museum (Saturday only)	St Louis Zoo	MO Botanical Gardens	St Louis Science Center	St Louis Arch	Creve Coeur Lake Park/Delmar Loop
2:30	Travel time 2:30 – 3:00 pm					Travel Time 2:30-2:45 pm
3:00	City Museum 3:00-5:30 pm	St Louis Zoo 3:00-5:30 pm	Botanical Gardens 3:00-5:30 pm	Science Museum 3:00-5:30 pm	Arch 3:00-5:30 pm	Creve Coeur Park 2:45-4:00 pm
4:00				Admission: \$12	Admission: \$3 (not including tram)	Travel 4:00-4:30 pm
4:30	Admission: \$12	Free admission, but pay for	Admission: \$12	<b>Note: closes at 5:30 pm</b>		Dinner and shops at Delmar Loop 4:30 – 6:15 pm
5:00		Sea Lion Show, Children's Zoo etc.	<b>Note: closes at 5 pm</b>			
5:30	Travel time 5:30 – 6:00 pm			Travel 5:30 – 6:00 pm	Travel time	
6:00	Dinner near hotel 6-6:30 pm	Dinner near hotel 6-6:30 pm	Dinner near hotel 6-6:30 pm	Dinner near hotel 6-6:30 pm	Dinner near hotel 6-6:30 pm	
6:30-7:00						Travel time 6:15 – 6:45 pm

Because of the time required to drive to some attractions, people should have everything (purse, money, camera, etc.) they need for their excursion before their 1:45-pm workshop. That way people can leave right after their workshop is finished.

## All Nations Excursion Opportunities & Info

[City Museum](#), [St Louis Zoo](#), [Missouri Botanical Gardens](#), [St Louis Science Center](#), [St Louis Arch](#), [Creve Coeur Lake Park](#), [Restaurants Near the Hotel](#), [Grocery Stores](#), [Delmar Loop](#)

### Chi Alpha App and Website

A lot of this info can also be found on the Chi Alpha app at

<http://get.thechurchapp.org/cf2a/#!/chi-alpha-app>

If you search for the app from your phone, look for this logo:



If you don't have access to the above app or it's not working, you can go find this document online at

[https://allnations.amesxa.com/resources/allnations\\_excursions.pdf](https://allnations.amesxa.com/resources/allnations_excursions.pdf)

If the above does not work, call or text Bryan at 314-485-9125.

### City Museum

**Admission Fee:** Children 2 and under admitted free.

\$12.00 (plus tax) ages 3 years and up, \$5 additional to visit the roof

**Parking:** \$7 at serpent lot, street has parking meters, \$5 public parking places

**Location:** 750 N 16th St, St. Louis, MO 63103

**All Nations Closing Time:** 5:30 pm

<http://www.citymuseum.org/>

**Description:** The museum is an eclectic mixture of children's playground, funhouse, surrealistic pavilion, and architectural marvel made out of unique, found objects. The brainchild of internationally acclaimed artist Bob Cassilly, a classically trained sculptor and serial entrepreneur, the museum opened for visitors in 1997 to the riotous approval of young and old alike.

A visitor of this place wrote this: "Words and pictures cannot adequately describe this place. It must be experienced to be understood. Wear jeans and closed toe shoes. You will be climbing, sliding, scooting and having a blast in this unique place. DO NOT miss this place if you are in St. Louis!"

**Recommendations:** We highly recommend that sneakers or closed-toe, closed-heel shoes are worn in the museum. Sandals/flip flops are strongly discouraged. Please note that, regardless of style, footwear must be worn at all times. We'd also like to recommend that you consider wearing full-length pants or jeans, as you will want to take advantage of our multiple slides, tunnels and various

attractions. Make sure your cell phone is secured in your pocket when climbing or going through caves. You can also purchase knee pads at the gift shop. [www.citymuseum.org/visit/](http://www.citymuseum.org/visit/)

## **St Louis Zoo** (<https://www.stlzoo.org/visit/hours-prices/> )

**Admission:** Free! (Take Note: Children's Zoo, Stingrays Cove and Sea Lion Show are \$4/person, Zooline Railroad \$7.95 for all day.)

**Parking:** Free on the side of the road, or \$15 zoo parking

**Location:** South Parking Lot-- [Forest Park, 4 Wells Dr, St. Louis, MO 63139](#) (\$15/vehicle)

**All Nations Closing Time:** 5:30 pm

**Description:** Voted America's top free attraction, the Zoo is located on 90 acres in beautiful Forest Park, and home to more than 603\* species of animals, many of them rare and endangered. It is one of the few free zoos in the nation that has free admission.

The St. Louis Zoo is 3rd best zoo in the United States, and 4th best in the world per Trip Advisor's Traveller's Choice Awards.

**Parking Note:** If north and south lot are full, can go to overflow parking near [Berthold Ave and Clayton Ave St. Louis, MO](#). Costs less (\$5), but a bit longer walk to zoo. Driver could drop everybody off at zoo, then park. See more information about parking and closed roads at <https://www.stlzoo.org/visit/parking-directions/> (scroll past the list of closed roads to the map).

## **Missouri Botanical Gardens** (*closes at 5 pm*)

**Admission Fee:** \$12 adults (ages 13 & over)

Children (ages 12 & under) have free admission.

**Parking:** Free. It's parking could get full. Might need to find street parking and walk a little farther.

**Location:** 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110

**Description:** The 79 acres of splendid horticultural display at the Missouri Botanical Garden offers something for everyone. Outstanding displays include the [Chinese Garden](#), [English Woodland Garden](#), [Ottoman Garden](#) and [Victorian District](#).

A vibrant tropical rainforest thrives inside the [Climatron](#) conservatory, while the adjoining [Temperate House](#) is home to a multitude of Mediterranean species. The [Japanese Garden](#) covers 14 acres, making it one of the largest Japanese strolling gardens in North America.

More than [4,800 trees](#) live on the grounds, including some unusual varieties and a few stately specimens dating back to the 19th century, when Garden founder Henry Shaw planted them.

## **St Louis Science Center** (*closes at 5:30 pm*)

**Admission Fee:** Free, but charge for Omnimax Theater, Discovery Room, etc.

**Location:** Museum parking (\$10): 5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

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

**Description:** The Science Center focuses on hands-on learning with exhibits, experiments and classes showcasing many different kinds of science. This is a particularly good educational experience for children. Find life-sized, animated models of a T-Rex and Triceratops, a fossil lab and exhibits on ecology and the environment. . Experience the [Discovery Room](#) for kids, MakerSpace

exhibits, the OMNIMAX theater (separate admission fee) and the Planetarium. See more about attractions here: <https://www.slsc.org/exhibits-attractions/>

**Parking Note:** Free if you park on a street by the planetarium. Parking near planetarium at [Clayton Ave and Faulkner Dr St Louis, MO](#). Park on Faulkner drive, then go south to the Planetarium.

\$10 at museum parking at 5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

## **St Louis Arch** (closes 10 pm

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/Visit/Hours-of-Operation.aspx> )

parking: Stadium East Garage, 200 S. Broadway St Louis, MO

**Description:** The Gateway Arch, Old Courthouse and grounds of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM) form a natural focal point for a vibrant downtown St. Louis. As an urban site, JNEM offers an oasis to visitors, while remaining in proximity to a number of local attractions, hotels, and restaurants.

Admission Fee (see more info at <http://www.gatewayarch.com/Pricing-Grid.aspx> ):

	Adults (16 and over)	Children (3-15)	
Tram Ride to the Top: includes Top of the Arch, Arch Facility Entry, and Documentary movie*	\$13.00	\$10.00	
Arch Entry Only: includes Arch Facility Entry and Documentary Movie*	\$3.00	FREE**	FREE**

Note: The Museum at the bottom of the Arch is closed for renovation. Some items from the museum are on display at the Old Courthouse

<https://www.nps.gov/jeff/planyourvisit/construction-information.htm>

(The website mentions the construction will be completed by Spring 2017. This is incorrect. It will be done Spring 2018.)

The following is from <http://www.gatewayarch.com/visit/directions-and-parking.aspx>

The Gateway Arch Ticketing & Visitor Center has relocated to the Old Courthouse at 11 N. 4th Street St Louis MO. Please note the walking distance between the Old Courthouse and the Arch entrance at the NORTH leg is approximately 7.5 blocks (10-15 minutes of average walking time). **EACH guest planning to enter the Gateway Arch will be required to have EITHER a Journey to the Top ticket or an Arch Entry-Only ticket to be allowed access to the facility.** Tram tickets will sell out early and often in the Spring - advance tickets are strongly recommended.

**You must have a ticket before going to the arch.**

**Todo list for going to the arch:**

- **purchase tickets at the Old Courthouse first before going to the Arch.**
- also buy tickets in advance from <http://gatewayarch.com/Visit/Buy-Tickets.aspx>
- print-at-home option: print out your ticket and bring it directly to the arch.
- also print the e-mail you receive after purchasing your ticket, and present that at the arch.
- save the printout to your smartphone and show it to them on it (make sure your phone battery is charged).

- **Arrive at the arch at least 30 minutes before your appointment to go to the top of the arch because of security.**
- Tickets are for a specific time. I recommend you get a ticket for a time between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

*Sometimes the tickets for the tram can sell out!*

It can be good to get the ticket online the day before (or sooner) to reserve your place visiting the arch (and riding the tram to the top). Can call 877-982-1410 ahead of time to make sure the tickets are not sold out. You can also buy tickets by calling 877-982-1410, and then pick your ticket at the Old Courthouse.

**Parking:** see parking information here: <http://getaroundstl.com/attractions/parking/>

recommended parking: Stadium East Garage, 200 S. Broadway St Louis, MO

You can get a pdf map of other parking locations here:

<http://getaroundstl.com/img/maps/parking-map.pdf>

**Security:** The arch does have security screening at the entrance. You may have to wait in line to get inside. Should arrive 30 minutes before tram ticket time.

If you get a ticket for the tram, you will be given a time you can board. Make sure no one with a later time on their tram ticket is in front of you in line.

## **Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park**

[Creve Coeur Lake Rentals, Creve Coeur Park Picnic Site 1, Marine Ave, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.](#)

2,145-acre (8.68 km<sup>2</sup>) St. Louis County park located in Maryland Heights, Missouri, United States. The park is the largest in the St. Louis County Parks system and includes Creve Coeur Lake, an oxbow lake which is the largest natural lake in Missouri. The park has facilities for picnicking, tennis courts, multi-purpose athletic fields, a place to rent canoes (\$10-\$15 / hr), bicycles (\$10/hr), kayaks, etc. There's also a [disc \(Frisbee\) golf course](#). (Bring your own Frisbee.)

Map of Creve Coeur Park

<https://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/parkmaps/crevecoeur.pdf>

Cost of renting:

<https://happytrailsquadricycles.wordpress.com/pricing/>

Text directions to rental location: <https://happytrailsquadricycles.wordpress.com/directions/>

## **Restaurants Near Hotel**

**Suggestion:** If you have a large group of people, inform the restaurant that it is fine to not bring everyone's food out at the same time. This will speed up service.

### ***Dine-in Restaurants.***

**Mayuri Indian Restaurant** (lunch buffet) [12513 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141](#)

Note: in an area with a lot of different restaurants/stores. [Google location](#).

<http://www.mayuri.com/stlouis/timings.html>

**Anis Hyderabad House (Indian)** [12637 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141](#)

**Flavor of India** (lunch buffet) [11939 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141](#)

**Thai Kitchen** [2031 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

**Pei Wei** (Asian Fusion) [11430 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141](#)

### **Fast food restaurants close to hotel**

Chipotle Mexican Grill [11485 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141](#)

Taco Bell [2024 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

Dairy Queen [2060 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

Steak 'n Shake [12607 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

Little Caesar's Pizza [2039 Dorsett Village Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

Penn Station [12201A Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights MO 63043](#), Next door to Papa John's below. Fresh-made subs. More expensive than subway, but better food.

Papa John's Pizza [12203 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#)

(Delivers to hotel. (314) 291-5646)

### **Very close to hotel**

Panera Bread/St Louis Bread Company (in Westport Plaza) [147 W Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146](#)

Hardee's [12004 Lackland Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146](#)

McDonald's [25 W Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146](#) (walking distance from hotel)

There are also several other restaurants in the West Port Plaza very close to the hotel.

## **Recommended Grocery Stores Near Hotel**

Want to save money and get food from grocery store? See below.

Note: refrigerator availability at hotel is not guaranteed. You might want to bring a cooler if you want to purchase/bring perishable food.

**Aldi's** (cheapest): [11745 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141](#) (Bare bones grocery store, but least expensive.) 13 minutes or so depending on time of day. Open 9am – 9pm every except Sunday (until 8pm).

**Trader Joe's** [11505 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141](#) Unique grocery store. Not as cheap as above, but they have a frozen microwavable Indian dinner (chicken tikka masala, also have vegetarian version) for \$3.49 that tastes wonderful. (An Indian student told us it's very authentic.) Might not be enough food for a meal for some. Can get other stuff with it at this store.

**Dierberg's** [11481 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141](#) Full-service huge grocery store. More expensive, but open more hours (5am – 12am) than Aldi's.

Schnuck's [2030 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043](#), open 24 hours

## **Delmar Loop**

The loop is home to more than 145 specialty shops including restaurants, galleries, clothing boutiques, gift stores, entertainment, venues, and a boutique hotel.

Many different restaurants: Thai, Korean, Middle Eastern, Japanese, Taiwanese (Bubble tea), Pi Pizzeria, Fitz (American), Indian, Chinese.

(Pi Pizzeria has excellent Chicago-style pizza. It takes a while to cook. Could order it carryout and take back to hotel. <http://pi-pizza.com/online-ordering> )

### **Delmar Loop Parking:**

Finding parking on the street can be difficult.

Recommend going to free parking lot near [Leland Ave and Loop N University City, MO](#)

**We suggest after having fun at your excursion destination, that you eat at a restaurant near the hotel to make sure you don't miss any of the evening sessions!**

**If you have questions, call or text Bryan at 314-485-9125.**