

ELI Weekly

Places Not Too Far from Springfield—Destination #1: St. Louis

For the next few weeks, the newsletter will showcase a few cities that are pretty close to Springfield. These destinations are great for weekend trips or if you want to go somewhere affordable for one of the upcoming breaks. Our first stop: St. Louis, Missouri.

St. Louis, named for King Louis IX of France, is the second largest city in Missouri with a population of about 350,000. It is very accessible from Springfield. St. Louis is about a 3 to 3 1/2 hour drive from Springfield, straight up I-44 East. Perhaps you have already visited St. Louis. While that may be true, it is highly likely there are many things you didn't see or do while you were there.

The first thing you will see as you approach the city is the famous St. Louis Arch. This landmark is known as "The Gateway to the West," because it commemorates explorers Lewis and Clark's journey of discovery. From 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark led an expedition by boat on the Missouri River to explore the western part of the U.S. You can ride all the way

to the top of the Arch and see an amazing view of St. Louis.

The Arch is located downtown, which also is home to many other attractions. There you will find: the Anheuser-Busch brewery, which you can tour; countless museums, including St. Louis' original courthouse; the Edward Jones Dome where the Rams play football; Busch Stadium, home of the Cardinals; Laclede's Landing, which is a riverfront section of downtown that has many restaurants, bars, and clubs; and there is even a riverboat casino. You will definitely not be bored downtown!

Near downtown is the beautiful Forest Park. There you can visit the St. Louis Zoo, which is arguably one of the best zoological parks in the nation, the Art Museum, the Science Center, the Jewel Box greenhouse, the History Museum, and the Muny outdoor theatre. Most attractions in Forest Park are free or have a very small entrance fee. You will also see gorgeous lakes and ponds. Don't be surprised if you see a wedding party taking pictures!

One place you might want to visit is The Loop. This is an entertainment district that has a very distinct personality. There you will find unique shops, restaurants, and an independent and historic cinema. It's definitely worth the trip! Another section of town you may want to check out is the Central West End. Like The Loop, there are shops and restaurants, but it's very chic and stylish. If you like sushi, there you will find the best Japanese restaurant in town: the very cool Drunken Fish.

(There's also one at Laclede's Landing.) The attractions listed here are just a very few of the many things you will find in St. Louis. You will discover many things on your own. For information on anything you have read about (and much more), visit: www.explorestlouis.com.



St. Louis Art Museum



Activities This Week

Saturday, Oct. 6

Taste of Springfield

This exciting and tasty event will be held in the downtown square. It will showcase all the good things about Springfield—fine food, good music, and great art. Many restaurants will be represented and will have food to sample. There will also be contests and cooking demonstrations, along with live music. It sounds fun—and delicious!

Gates open at 12:00 PM and the food sampling will be from 1:00-5:00 PM.

The band, Lost Highway, will perform at 6:00 PM.

Admission to the event is free, but to sample the food you must buy tickets—10 for \$10.

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab!



Announcements



- **Welcome back Alicia!**
- **Academic Lecture— Tues. 10/2**
Accounting, Levels 4 & 5
1:00 PM in room 401
- **Hayride!** All MSU international students have been invited on Sat. Oct. 6th to a hayride and bonfire at a nearby farm. Check around the ELI for flyers containing all the information.
- Hey, if you lose your copy of the ELI Weekly, it is available online through the ELI website. Check it out!

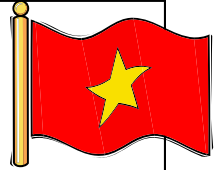
Did You Know....

A few interesting facts about Vietnam:



The Hanoi Opera House, which was built in the early 20th century, is a lasting example of French colonial architecture.

Halong Bay, which means “Bay of the Descending Dragon,” is a World Heritage Site and popular tourist destination. It contains nearly 2,000 limestone islands.



Mt. Fansipan is a mountain in northwest Vietnam, which is the highest in the Indochina Peninsula. It is sometimes called the “Roof of Indochina.”

What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located at the corner of Walnut and Campbell. This week:

- Death at a Funeral
- Rocket Science
- The Orchestra of the Piazza Vittorio
- In the Shadow of the Moon



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low Forecast for October 1-7

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	78/58	26/14
Tuesday:	84/58	29/14—chance of rain
Wednesday:	78/62	26/17
Thursday:	80/66	27/19
Friday:	84/68	29/20
Saturday:	81/58	27/14—chance of rain
Sunday:	61/49	16/09—chance of rain



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.