

# Explore St. Louis!

## **Union Station**

The meeting site itself is a destination. When it opened in September 1894, St. Louis Union Station was the largest, most beautiful terminal in the United States. With its Grand Hall lobby—featuring a nightly light and music show—and the spacious Midway that once saw more than 100,000 daily passengers, the Union Station is an experience worth savoring.



## **Getting around**

Both the Union Station Hotel and the Pear Tree Inn are located in downtown St. Louis. In addition to the free shuttle between the two hotels from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during all the meeting days, another complimentary “loop” shuttle will operate from 6 to 10 p.m. on the free evenings (Monday, June 27 for the Academic Officers’ Preconference and Wednesday, June 29 for the Biennial Meeting). The shuttle will run from both hotels up Market Street to the iconic Gateway Arch on the banks of the Mississippi River, then return via Busch Stadium and Ballpark Village on its way down Clark Street back to the hotels.

## **Downtown**

Ride the shuttle for easy access to a number of downtown attractions:

- Ride to the top of the [Gateway Arch](#), towering 630 feet over the Mississippi River (daily, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.).
- Take in a baseball game as the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Kansas City Royals at [Busch Stadium](#) (Wednesday, June 29, 7:15 p.m.).

- Check out the brand new [National Blues Museum](#) (Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday and Monday, 12–5 p.m.).
- Free your inner child at the magical [City Museum](#) (Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.)
- Cruise the Mississippi River on the [Gateway Arch Riverboat](#) paddle wheelers.
- Visit the [Old Courthouse](#), site of the Dred Scott Case and other famous trials.

## **Beyond downtown**

If you want to venture farther, consider finding your way to these other area attractions:

- Marvel at the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), one of the world’s top public gardens.
- Ride a trolley to [Forest Park](#), home of the [Saint Louis Art Museum](#) and the [St. Louis Zoo](#), among other attractions.
- Explore the final frontier at the [Saint Louis Science Center](#) or the [Challenger Learning Center](#).

- Play [Scott Joplin's](#) ragtime tunes at the composer's historic home.
- View the mosaics at the breathtaking [Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis](#).
- Shop at the [Soulard Farmer's Market](#), one of the oldest farmer's markets west of the Mississippi.
- Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the [Anheuser-Busch Brewery](#).
- Explore the intersection of sculpture with nature at [Laumeier Sculpture Park](#).

All this, and more, awaits you. Visit [explorestlouis.com](http://explorestlouis.com) for additional ideas. See you in St. Louis!