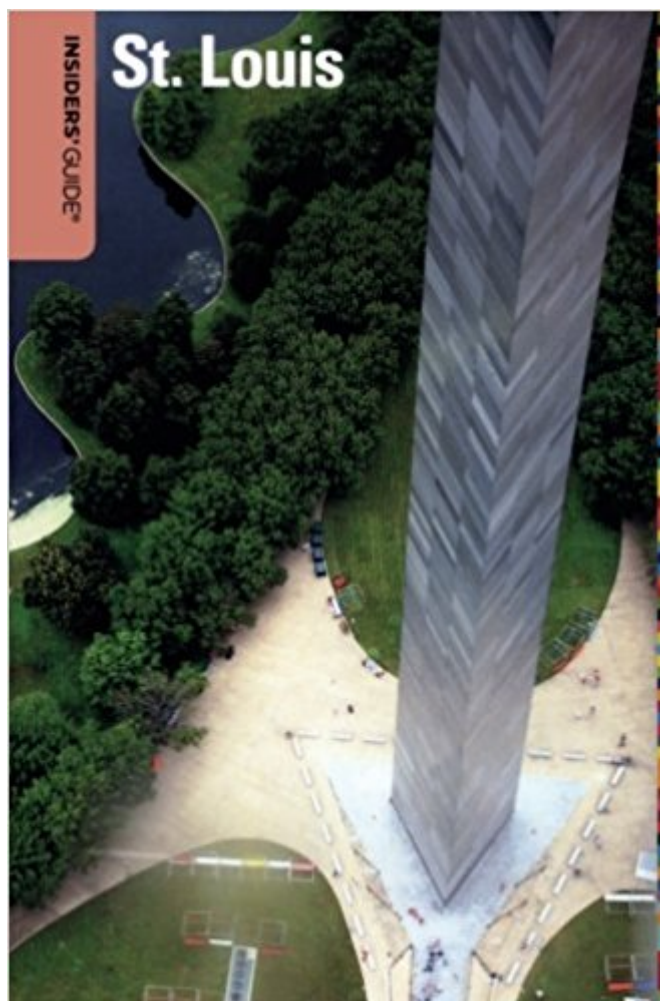


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# Insiders' Guide<sup>®</sup> To St. Louis (Insiders' Guide Series)



## Synopsis

With this guide, readers will get an inside perspective on St. Louis--the city's more than 170 parks, a thriving live music and local arts scene, an abundance of nightclubs and casinos, and world-class sports teams, not to mention the Gateway Arch.

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For more than twenty years the Insiders' Guide<sup>®</sup> series has remained the essential source for in-depth travel and relocation information - from true insiders whose personal, practical perspective gives you everything you need to know. St. Louis is known for its abundance of fascinating and free visitor attractions, winning professional sports teams, authentic blues and jazz clubs, and many hundreds of neighborhood restaurants, including some of the best barbecue joints in the country.

This authoritative guide will show you how to explore America's Gateway to the West. Inside you'll find:

- Countless details on how to live and thrive in the area, from the best shopping to the lowdown on real estate
- Not-to-be-missed attractions, including the City Museum, American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, Lafayette Square, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Cherokee Antique Row, and Missouri Botanical Garden
- Comprehensive listings of restaurants, accommodations, and annual events
- Sections dedicated to children and retirement

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This guidebook of St. Louis is pretty lousy. It reads just like a yellowpages phonebook. The inside of the book is black and white, and there are no photos. The particular items are in small, blocked entries and if you have never been to St. Louis before, you will have no clue where to start in this book. A free Internet search will turn up better things to do in St. Louis than this book, save your money.

A friend bought me this book as I was moving to St Louis and had never even visited the city prior to my job relocation. I ended up in the middle of Delmar and the Central West End so I definitely enjoyed the different neighborhood guides and taking the train downtown to visit the others. At this point I've bought this as a gift after my mom followed me a year later as she loved St Louis as well and I always leave it on the table for guest to peruse in the event they find something they want to check out. GREAT GUIDE. Fits in your back pack for those who enjoy adventure.

The material was good and helpful. I bought it for a grandchild to help plan a trip. A few pictures of the sites would have been nice. As it was the only picture was on the cover.

Check out the chapter titled "History" that starts on page 10 for, well --for St. Louis history. Blueberry Hill is listed on pages 51, 72 and 123. The Duck Room, where Chuck Berry, known as "the father of rock 'n' roll," plays his monthly gig (see description on page 72) hosts such a diverse line-up of bands throughout the year that it doesn't fit within the description of being a "blues club." The "Live Blues" sidebar on page 65 lists a number of the region's best self-described blues clubs. Information about "the Catholics" can be found in the Worship chapter on page 215. Thanks for the tip on Talayna's -- I'll give it another try.

I was very disappointed in this guide book. I like a guide book to start off with an intro about the history of the place. There was nothing of the sort in this book. St Louis has an amazing history and you can't appreciate the city without that background. The Mighty Mississippi, Louis and Clark, the Catholics, and all that great stuff. It failed to mention Blueberry Hill, the great blues club that hosts Chuck Berry once a month. How can you leave that out of the listing of blues clubs? Also, no mention of Talayna's Pizza, the best pizza in town.

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