



## Welcome to Saint Louis!

We are so glad that you have come to visit our city. Saint Louis has so much to offer, from traditional attractions such as the Busch Stadium and the Gateway Arch to more recent sites such as the City Garden and Sculpture Parks. And with many major interstates coming through the area, Saint Louis is an easy destination and a great addition to many tours. At Discover Saint Louis, we can help you with every aspect of the tour, including hotel accommodations, group meals, attractions and guide services, both in Saint Louis and in the surrounding areas. We hope that some of the following tours inspire you to bring your groups to visit, and that you let us help you Discover Saint Louis!

We have more sample itineraries than we could hope to put on one page, so here are just some highlights of what we can offer. All tours can be customized, and we work with you to fit your time, budget and needs.

**Discover Saint Louis:** Our standard 3-hour tour where you will learn about this great city, from its founding through the present day. Tours typically include the Gateway Arch, Eads Bridge, Soulard Market and the amazing mosaics of the Cathedral Basilica.

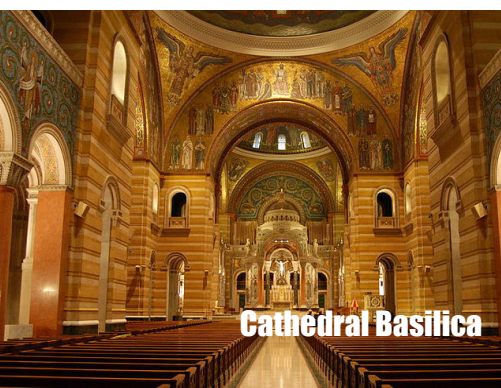
**A Taste of Saint Louis:** Enjoy some local flavors of Saint Louis, including Toasted Ravioli, Goey Buttercake, and Frozen Custard! Feeling a bit more adventurous? Add a dish from our Bosnian Community or from our Chinatown or Mexican Neighborhood, or even vegan ice cream.

**How Sweet It Is!** Ready to indulge your sweet tooth? We see the largest hand-made chocolate line, a shop where you can buy unique treats like cinnamon chips, an old-fashioned bakery and even a soap shop! Plus, dine at Sweetie Pie's, as featured on the *O Network*. You might end up on TV!

**Victorian Homes of Lafayette Square** Featuring one of the largest collections of Victorian Homes, Lafayette Square hosts home tours a few times a year, but will set a private tour for our clients! A great pairing with other historic mansions such as the Campbell House.

**Brews of Saint Lou** The craft beer market has increased dramatically, and with over two dozen commercial breweries, Saint Louis is no exception. We'll visit a few breweries, learn about the history of beer in Saint Louis, and, perhaps most important, sample some unique styles of beer.

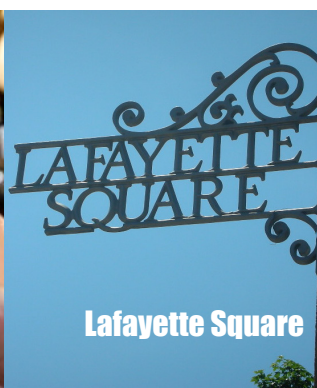
**Beyond the City Limits** There is so much more to Missouri than just Saint Louis. Explore the wine country, step back in time in Mark Twain's Hannibal and Walt Disney's Marceline, or visit the breeding ranch of the Budweiser Clydesdale in Warm Springs. Many of our out of town attractions are located along popular routes!



Cathedral Basilica



Micro-Breweries



Lafayette Square



Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate

# The Great People at Discover Saint Louis

When you plan your tour with Discover Saint Louis, you are working with the oldest receptive tour company in Saint Louis. You are also working with a small, dedicated team of professionals, who have pre-negotiated prices on hotel accommodations, attraction tickets, group meals, specialty transportation and guide service. Meet the people who make Discover Saint Louis a great company.

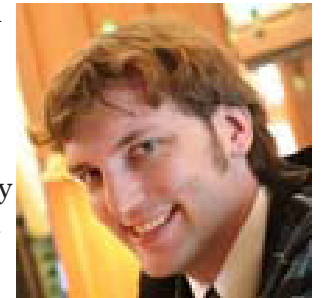
## Dea Hoover

Dea Hoover has been in Tourism and Travel since 2000, starting as a tour escort to founding her own company in 2005, Are We There Yet? tours. In 2008, Dea Hoover purchased Discover Saint Louis and developed the company into the type of receptive operator she would choose when planning her own tours. Her excellence in tourism has led to numerous features in the media, from radio and newspaper to magazines and television, including The History Channel *The States*. Deeply committed to tourism in Missouri, she serves as a St. Louis Regional Representative for Missouri Travel Council, Vice President of The Hill Business Association, and the Past-President of the St. Louis Professional Tour Guide Association. She is a board member of the Women's Society of Washington University in St. Louis as well as the St. Louis Actors' Studio. A native of Vandalia, Missouri, Dea graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a BSBA and a minor in English Literature.



## Declan Rutan, MPS

While attending the Clinton School of Public Service, Declan had a chance meeting with Dea Hoover, who asked him to help plan a tour to Ireland. The job interview became a date, and eventually lead to both a career and marriage. While not leading tours, Declan creates itineraries and designs the website, brochures and flyers like the one you are holding now. He received a Masters of Public Service from the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, consulted for the Arkansas Division of Family Services, and worked for the East-West Institute in Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia. You might have seen him on the cover of Group Tours Magazine as one of the Top 10 Next Generation in Tourism, or at the evening events at ABA in his kilt.

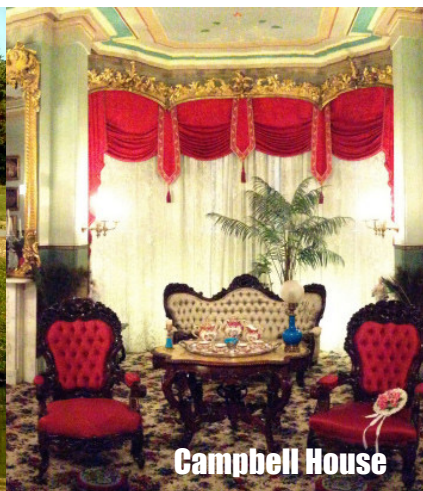


## Maggie Rutherford

Maggie Rutherford is the Office Manager extraordinaire for both Are We There Yet? and Discover Saint Louis. She is amazing at helping you get the most out of your visit to Saint Louis. Maggie brings her vast organizational skills to the office, derived from her experiences working in the lockbox department for Mercantile Bank and as a stay-at-home mom before joining the team in 2008. She serves as the Affton Area Chairperson for the Saint Louis Christmas Carol Association, a member of the Finance Committee at St. Simon's Parish, and a Neighborhood Registrar for the Girl Scouts. She has worked for Are We There Yet? since its founding in 2005 and is a summa cum laude graduate of Fontbonne College with a BA in English and Communication.



Forest Park



Campbell House



Saint Louis Statue



City Museum