

Kansas City Attractions

Kansas City boasts many popular attractions for individuals and families. There many options available, with most open year-round.

Liberty Memorial and World War I Museum – The Liberty Memorial and WWI Museum is the only museum in the United States dedicated to World War I and the American soldiers who gave their lives in this conflict. The museum contains two theaters, a Renault FT-17 tank, uniforms such as Paul von Hindenburg’s Model 1915 Field Jacket, guns, maps, photographs of major forces, propaganda posters and other “war booster” materials, state-of-the-art interactive displays, replicas of trenches, and a research center/library containing 60,000 archival documents and three-dimensional objects and nearly 6,000 library titles. Visitors are able to access the observation deck at the top of the Liberty Memorial to enjoy spectacular views of Union Station and downtown Kansas City. Additional information is available at <http://theworldwar.org/>



Powell Gardens – Powell Gardens Powell Gardens' history began in 1948, when George E. Powell, Sr., a prominent Kansas City businessman, acquired the beautiful tract of land that is now Powell Gardens. In 1969, in keeping with his stewardship philosophy, Mr. Powell donated the 640-acre farm to the Kansas City Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, who used it as a regional camp until 1984. In 1984, with the University of Missouri’s School of Agriculture as a catalyst and partner, the Powell Family Foundation began developing a horticultural and natural resource facility called Powell Center. In 1988, official ties with the University of Missouri ended and Powell Gardens Inc., a not-for-profit organization, was established. It maintains 6,000 plant species, with more than 225,000 individual plants. Powell Gardens is also home to the Heartland Harvest Garden, the nation's largest edible landscape. Additional information is available at <http://www.powellgardens.org/>



18th and Vine Jazz District – This historic district of Kansas City is home to the American Jazz Museum, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, and the Gem Theater. With great restaurants and clubs like the Blue Note, jam sessions and great musical acts abound, with frequent special events held in the district. Additional information is available at <http://www.18thandvinedistrict.org/>



Isle of Capri Riverboat Casino – The Isle of Capri Riverboat Casino is one of the most popular casino attractions in Kansas City, offering many options for gaming, shopping, dining, and live entertainment. Additional information is available at <http://kansas-city.isleofcapricasinos.com/index.aspx>



Harry S. Truman Presidential Library – President Harry S. Truman, 33rd United States President, was a native of Independence, Missouri, and had deep political connections in Kansas City. His Presidential Library houses an extensive collection of documents and memorabilia. This library provides a unique “hands-on” history experience for adults and children alike. Additional information is available at <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/>



Union Station – Historic Union Station is a favorite destination for Kansas City visitors. In addition to being a fully functioning railway station for both freight and passenger trains, it offers dining, shopping, and entertainment venues such as an IMAX theater and Science City. Science City provides fun and educational hands-on science experiments for the whole family, as well as hosting special events. Additional information is available at <http://www.unionstation.org/>



Kansas City Zoo – The Kansas City Zoo is one of the city's most popular family attractions. Recent renovations have enhanced the visitor experience, and the zoo houses a wide variety of wildlife including large cats, polar bears, primates, reptiles, and sea animals. The Kansas City Zoo also offers an IMAX Theater. Additional information is available at <http://www.kansascityzoo.org/>



Worlds of Fun / Oceans of Fun – Worlds of Fun is a popular amusement park with attractions and rides ranging from little-one-friendly to extreme thrill, as well as arcades and midway games. Oceans of Fun, which is located immediately adjacent to Worlds of Fun, offers plenty of water-based fun for the entire family. Ticket purchases include admission to both parks. Additional information is available at <https://www.worldsoffun.com/>



Nelson – Atkins Museum of Art – This art museum is one of the crown jewels of Kansas City. It contains a wide collection of paintings, sculpture, textiles, and other artworks ranging over two millennia. The recently constructed Bloch Museum of Modern Art boasts an impressive collection of modern artworks. Supported by an endowment by the Nelson-Atkins family, this museum is free to the public. Additional information is available at <http://www.nelson-atkins.org/>



Country Club Plaza – The Country Club Plaza is a 15 block district offering fine dining, shopping, entertainment, and much more. Modeled after Seville Spain, it beautifully showcases Spanish architecture. In addition, it contains many of the fountains that give Kansas City its nickname “City of Fountains” and bronze statuary complement many of the fountains. A listing of the businesses and attractions can be viewed at <http://www.countryclubplaza.com/>



Sporting KC – Sporting KC is the home of Kansas City’s major league soccer club, the Kansas City Wizards. The Livestrong Sporting Park, located just west of Kansas City, is recognized as one of the world’s premiere soccer stadiums and is a must-see for soccer fans. Additional information is available at <http://www.sportingkc.com/>



Kansas City Chiefs – The Kansas City Chiefs have been Kansas City’s NFL team since 1963, when the team moved from Texas to Kansas City. The Chiefs play in the Arrowhead Stadium, located just east of Kansas City in the Sports Complex which also houses the baseball stadium. Kansas City fans enthusiasm has resulted in Arrowhead being considered one of the loudest stadiums in the nation. Recent renovations have made this stadium even more fan-friendly. Additional information is available at <http://www.kcchiefs.com/>



Kansas City Royals – The Royals are Kansas City’s Major League Baseball team, founded in 1969, and they play at Kauffman Stadium, located right next to Arrowhead Stadium. It is a top destination for baseball fans and is guaranteed fun for the whole family. Additional information is available at http://kansascity.royals.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=kc

