

Jefferson City, Missouri

The seat of state government, Jefferson City is located in the heart of Missouri. Sitting along the Missouri River with tree-lined bluffs, Jefferson City features natural landscapes, historic buildings, and special landmarks. The Missouri State Capitol, Supreme Court Building, Governor's Mansion, charming Downtown, and beautiful parks and trails are just a few of its many treasures.

Business Insider ranked Jefferson City the second best city to live in after the pandemic. Rand McNally named Jefferson City "**America's Most Beautiful Small Town.**" Jefferson City boasts the ease of small town life, such as quick commutes and low cost of living, with all the amenities offered by much larger cities. Columbia Regional Airport is a 25-minute drive and offers free parking with affordable daily flights to international hubs. Kansas City and St. Louis are both within a 2.5 hour drive or train ride where you can take in a professional baseball, football, hockey, or soccer game, along with world-class museums, theaters, and dining. The Lake of the Ozarks, the state's most popular vacation destination, is located 40 minutes away with more miles of shoreline than the coast of California.

Jefferson City, a tight-knit community, offers several elementary and secondary educational opportunities. The public school district includes two high schools, two middle schools, and 11 elementary schools, which exemplify the district-adopted slogan of "Stronger Together." Additionally, there are five private elementary schools and three private high schools. Jefferson City is also home to the richly diverse and historically significant, Lincoln University. Take a short 30-minute drive to Columbia and you will find the renowned University of Missouri and home of the Mizzou Tigers.



For more information about Jefferson City and all it has to offer, visit the [Jefferson City Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#).



Fun Things to See and Do

- **Missouri State Capitol and Museum**
Tour the three acre grounds and museum featuring exhibits of outstanding historical significance.
- **Missouri State Penitentiary**
Take a history or ghost tour at the oldest prison west of the Mississippi.
- **Central Dairy Ice Cream Parlor**
Enjoy some ice cream at a favorite stop for locals and tourists from all over the country.
- **Katy Trail State Park**
Bike, hike, or walk your dog on this beautiful 225 mile trail across Missouri.
- **Runge Nature Center**
Stroll through exhibits, hike the nature trails, and enjoy Missouri's natural wonders.
- **Capital City Productions & Little Theatre**
Attend, or perform in, one of Jefferson City's many community theatre productions.
- **CRMU Amphitheater**
Enjoy a concert at this newly renovated 65-year old Amphitheater at Riverside Park.
- **Salute to America**
Attend the annual 4th of July celebration featuring carnival rides, concerts, and the largest fireworks display in Central Missouri.
- **Thursday Night Live**
Listen to some music and have some fun at this street party showcasing local bands.
- **Living Windows, Governor's Mansion Candlelight Tours, and Capitol Caroling**
Enjoy the charm of downtown Jefferson City while attending these "can't miss" holiday traditions and events.

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