Get to know St. Louis.

There’s no other way to put it. St. Louis is a great place to live and study. Not too big, not too small. With many big-city attractions, championship national sports teams, a thriving food scene, quaint neighborhoods and so much natural beauty in and around town—plus commerce, culture and affordable housing. Ranked the 20th largest metro area in the country, Forbes has honored St. Louis as the 7th “Most Affordable City,” and St. Louis is a past recipient of the “All-American City Award.”

The Facts

- 2.8 million residents
- #2 in lowest cost of living among the nation’s 20 largest metropolitan areas
- 100 parks
- 18 Fortune 1000 company headquarters
- 3 professional sports teams—St. Louis Cardinals (baseball), St. Louis Blues (hockey), St. Louis Battlehawks (XFL football)
- First American city to host the Olympics
- Home of the Gateway Arch, the tallest monument in the United States (630 feet)

Forest Park

WashU is located across the street from Forest Park, an almost 1,300-acre urban park that’s nearly 500 acres larger than Central Park in New York City. Forest Park has paved bikeways, a golf course, a cricket field, tennis courts, picnic sites and five of the region’s major institutions: the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Saint Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, the Missouri History Museum and the Muny amphitheater.

- 6th most visited US urban park
- 1,300 acres
- 13 million annual visitors
- 45,000 trees
- 5.7-mile trail for bikers and skaters, walkers and runners
- Free attractions: art museum, zoo, science center, history museum
The WashU Olin campus is also located within walking distance of the Loop, twice named “One of the 10 Great Streets in America” by the American Planning Association. The Loop is home to 140 specialty shops, 60 multinational restaurants, 10 galleries, 40 boutiques and 12 entertainment venues.

**MetroLink**

St. Louis’s MetroLink light rail system has 37 stations that connect the airport, WashU, downtown St. Louis, the Cortex Innovation Community and many popular neighborhoods. Each end of WashU’s campus has a MetroLink station, allowing for quick travel around the greater St. Louis area.

**Nearby Restaurants**
- Corner 17
- Fork & Stix
- Mission Taco
- Pi Pizzeria
- Salt & Smoke
- Tasti Tea

**Friday night in the Loop**
- Blueberry Hill
- Insomnia Cookies
- Pin-Up Bowl
- Three Kings Public House
- The Pageant
- Tivoli Theatre

**Worth the Trip**
- Cate Zone Chinese Café (U-City)
- Pappy’s (Midtown)
- Pastaria (Clayton)
- Pieces Board Game Bar & Café (Soulard)
- Sushi Ai (Downtown)
- Tai Ke (U-City/Olivette)
- Ted Drews (St. Louis Hills)

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