

CHRISTMAS IN KANSAS CITY

November 28-December 1, 2023

Travel to Kansas City by Amtrak to be immersed in the festive traditions and dazzling displays of Christmas cheer in "the Heart of America!" Marvel at the millions of lights that adorn the city, discover the history of Hallmark, do some holiday shopping, and savor some famous KC barbecue!



Space is limited.
Register today!

DAY 1 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

KANSAS CITY

(Dinner)

Today we will motor to St. Louis and **board an Amtrak train** for the journey to Kansas City, MO. Sit back and enjoy the view on this six-hour rail adventure! Upon our mid-afternoon arrival at **Union Station** in **Kansas City**, we will disembark and tour this historic limestone and granite building that opened October 20, 1914, as the third-largest train station in the country. Today, thousands of tourists from around the world marvel at the Grand Hall's 95-foot ceiling, three 3,500-pound chandeliers, and six-foot-wide clock hanging in the central arch. Union Station is home to a permanent rail exhibit, a planetarium, and much more. At Christmas time, the space is transformed into the **"Holiday Reflections" Walk-Thru Village** featuring sky-reaching lights, dozens of decorated trees, and giant, floating, mirrored ornaments. We will explore this festive holiday village before checking in to the **Hampton Inn & Suites Kansas City-Country Club Plaza** (or similar) for the next three nights. Time will be available to freshen up before we gather for a delicious welcome dinner at **Lidia's**. Located in a former railroad house just north of Union Station, this restaurant offers the warmth and charm of an old Italian farmhouse! Afterward we will drive through the **"Christmas in the Park" light extravaganza**, a magical winter wonderland featuring one million lights and 175 animated displays!

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

KANSAS CITY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We'll enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before boarding our motorcoach for the short drive to **The Roasterie**. Here we will learn about the history of coffee production, watch several different coffee-brewing techniques, and sample some of their famously delicious coffee. After our caffeine fix, we will depart for the **Hallmark Visitor Center** to discover how a teenager from Nebraska tucked two shoeboxes of postcards under his arms and set out to create an iconic company in Kansas City. Up next is free time to explore Crown Center's three stories of shops and restaurants. Don't miss the **100-foot-tall Mayor's Christmas Tree**, which is an annual tradition in the Kansas City community. After a little time to relax, we will drive to the famous **Country Club Plaza** where dazzling Christmas lights accentuate every dome, tower, and window of the fifteen-block, Spanish-inspired shopping district. This ninety-year tradition begins every Thanksgiving evening when one large switch turns on all the lights! Our day will come to an end with a legendary hickory-roasted barbecue dinner at the iconic **Jack Stack Barbecue**. Jack Stack is in its fourth generation of family ownership and has evolved into the largest wood-fired cookery in the United States.

DAY 3 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

KANSAS CITY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Following breakfast this morning, we will head to Merriam, KS, for a tour and tasting at the **Strawberry Hill Baking Company**. Since 1903, this family bakery has been making an Eastern European pastry called povitica, or povi for short. Made from a secret family recipe, povi dough must be delicate, flaky, and thin enough to read a newspaper through while also holding together the abundance of filling on the inside. Each povi has three times more filling than dough! We'll then return to the Country Club Plaza with plenty of time to grab lunch on our own and browse the more than 150 shops. This evening we will wrap up our Christmas getaway with a spectacular **dinner theater experience at the New Theatre**.

DAY 4 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

HOME

(Breakfast)

After breakfast we'll board our motorcoach for the journey home with a stop for lunch and a sweet treat along the way.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For full tour terms and conditions, please visit www.stardestinations.com/terms-1st-midamerica-kansas-city



INCLUSIONS

- Private motorcoach transportation
- Amtrak ticket from St. Louis to Kansas City
- 3 nights' accommodations
- 6 meals (3 breakfasts, 3 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- Porter service of one bag per person at hotel
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- Professional tour manager

Not included in the price of this tour:

Meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotel, travel protection plan, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

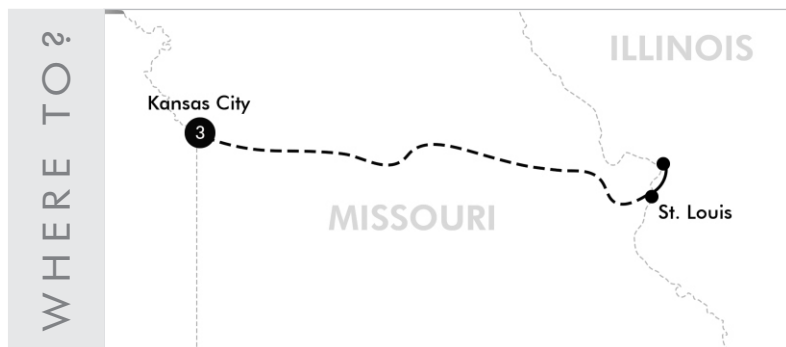
Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 2-3 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

For further information or questions, please contact:

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\$1,365 per person, double
\$1,739 per person, single

*Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee

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A \$250 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot:

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
OCTOBER 1, 2023