



## KANSAS CITY, MO AREA INFORMATION

As the largest city in the state of Missouri, [Kansas City](#) is known as “the city of fountains” with more than 200 aquatic masterpieces. The city is also well known for its outstanding barbecue, argued by many as the best in the US, its up and coming breweries, and of course its historical influence in the Jazz industry. The city is rich in history with influences from explorers Lewis and Clark and the Civil War.



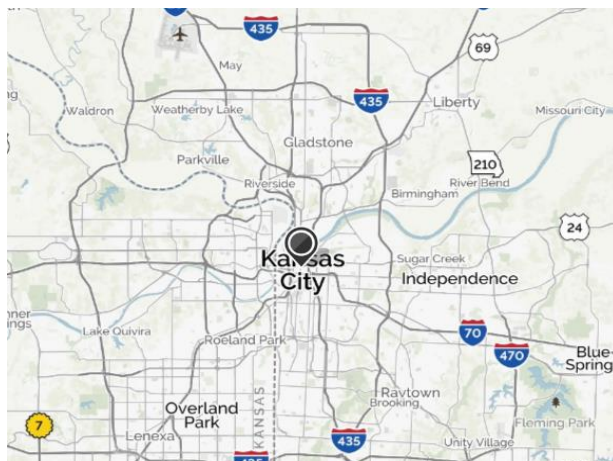
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With an Art district filled with delicious food and a hip culture that is great for young and old alike, there is something for everyone in Kansas City. Whether you’re visiting River Side Market, one of the United States’ longest running farmers markets, visiting some unique and well renowned museums, or enjoying riverside walks and picnics in beautiful parks, you’ll never be bored in this city!

### Transportation

#### By Car

It is easy to drive and park around Kansas City. Whether you drive yourself or let someone else take the wheel via [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#), all of Kansas City’s attractions are accessible by car.



## Public Transportation

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, more commonly known as the Metro, has a network of buses that can take you around the city. Bus routes vary, and you can buy different types of passes depending on your needs.

There is also a [public streetcar](#) available to ride separate from the Metro. While this street car only takes you to a limited area in the city, it is completely free to ride.



KC Streetcar

## By Train

[Amtrak](#) trains go through Union Station in Kansas City.

## By Bike

Kansas City is committed to becoming a bicycle friendly community. They are working on creating several bike-ways and adequate bike parking through the major parts of the city to make biking convenient and safe. The city also has a public [bike sharing](#) system in place.

RideKC

However, aside from new biking projects, [many trails to bike on](#) to get in shape or for some fun recreation are nearby.

## By Air

Kansas City has the [Kansas City International Airport](#) which is just 15 miles northwest of the downtown area. To get to and from the airport, there are shuttle services, metro bus options, rental cars and taxis on site.

## Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public-school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

**Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.**

### Public, Private, and Preschools

A complete listing of public schools in Kansas City can be viewed [here](#).

A complete listing of private schools in the Kansas City area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools and daycares in the Kansas City area can be viewed [here](#).



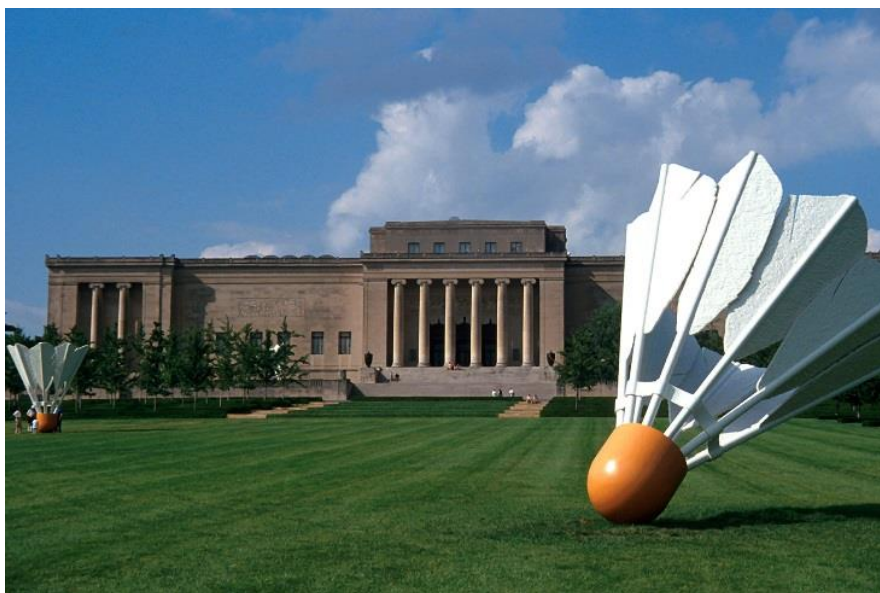
### Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and Universities Around Kansas City](#)

## Recreation

Listed below are a few of the attractions offered in Kansas City. A more complete listing of attractions in Kansas City can be found [here](#).

- [Museums in Kansas City](#)
- [Parks, Fountains and Trails](#)
- [KC River Market](#)
- [Nightlife in Kansas City](#)
- [Pro Sports and Other Sporting Events in Kansas City](#)
- [Arts and Culture Kansas City](#)
- [Dining in KC](#)



*Nelson Atkins Museum of Art*

### **Obtaining a Driver's License**

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to Missouri you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 30 days. You must turn in any driver license or permit from another state or country if you have one. To change to a Missouri license, you must title your vehicle at the same time as registration. Be sure to have proof of ownership (title) and proof of an emissions inspection (if applicable). To see vehicle registration requirements, please click [here](#). In order to obtain your license, you must provide Social Security information, proof of your full legal name and U.S. presence, proof of your Missouri address, and payment for required fees. For more information about the application process for a license, please click [here](#).

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Missouri Department of Revenue](#).

**Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.**