

# Augusta

Discover the picturesque views and small town charms of Augusta. Located an hour's drive from St. Louis, Augusta is a great place to escape from it all while enjoying delicious wines surrounded by the beautiful canopy of the Missouri River Valley and Osage Ridge.



Augusta's rich fertile soil has always made it an ideal location to grow crops including wine grapes. The town's first winery opened in 1859 and soon Augusta's wines were being shipped all over the world. Today, Augusta is home to several wineries including, [Augusta Winery](#), [Balducci Vineyards](#), [Blumenhof Vineyards and Winery](#), [Montelle Winery](#), [Mount Pleasant Estates](#) and [Noboleis Vineyards](#). Due to its unique soil, climate and tradition of local wine varietals, Augusta earned the distinction as the first federally recognized American Viticultural Area on June 20, 1980.

In addition to award-winning wines, you'll find delicious food at several of the wineries in Augusta including [Balducci Vineyards](#), Montelle Winery's [Klondike Cafe](#), Mount Pleasant Estate's [Appellation Café](#) and Noboleis Vineyards' [Café](#). For those who prefer a little yeast in their beverage, [Augusta Brewing Company](#) offers a variety of handcrafted beer.

The community hosts several notable [events](#) including the Greater Augusta Chamber of Commerce's [Harvest Festival](#), an annual event that celebrates the culmination of the harvest season and features the "Fruit of the Harvest Wine Makers" Dinner, a multiple course gourmet meal with dessert and wine pairings showcasing "farm-to-table" ingredients. During the [Augusta Plein Air Art Festival](#), artists converge on the town and surrounding community to paint the area's beautiful scenery and have the opportunity to attend workshops. If you enjoy delicious wine and food, don't miss the [Augusta Wine Trail's](#) dinner gala featuring a 5-course wine dinner in November. The holidays are a magical time in Augusta. More than a thousand luminaries light the sidewalks lining the town's shops and galleries during the town's annual [Candlelight Christmas Walk](#). Hop aboard a trolley or take a horse-drawn carriage as you search for unique gifts during the holiday festival.



There are a couple of ways to travel to Augusta, both ways offer beautiful views. Drive Highway 94, once named by Readers Digest as one of the "most scenic drives in America," or choose to have a more intimate encounter with nature by cycling the MKT. [Katy Bike Rental](#) in nearby Defiance is a great resource for those who want to rent a bike or need a little TLC for their two-wheeled mode of transportation.

If you're searching for a unique gift, stop in at one of the quaint [boutiques](#) in town. You'll find a variety of one-of-a-kind items, including glass blown art, original canvas art, home décor, furniture and antiques.



Get a glimpse into life on the Missouri frontier at the [Historic Daniel Boone Home](#) located in nearby Defiance. The 300- acre site includes the home that belonged to Boone's youngest son as well as a village that features a dozen historic buildings.

Enjoy rest and relaxation at [Halcyon Spa and Salon](#). Choose from a variety of health and wellness services, including natural beauty, massages, hair care and yoga.

After a day spent exploring Augusta, unwind at one of several cozy [bed-and-breakfasts](#), or spend an evening under the stars at [Klondike Park](#). Reserve one of the park's rustic cabins or set up a tent at one of the campsites. The park features more than 4 miles of natural and paved trails. Hike or bike, the trails offer a unique lookout bluff with views of the Missouri River Valley and the Katy Trail.

Whether you spend a day or extend your stay, enjoy a relaxed pace in Augusta, a beautiful escape featuring award-winning wines and sweeping vistas of the countryside.