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Time and time again, visitors are delightfully surprised by what Columbia has to offer. From picturesque parks and clever cuisine to amazing art and superb shopping, visitors find that Columbia is ‘surprisingly sophisticated.’

We like to think of Columbia as a cool neighborhood in a big city, with a young vibe, an active buzz and an engaged community. We’re also a friendly and welcoming community, with a thriving downtown and an abundance of cultural opportunities.

We’re Columbia...What You Unexpect!
Recharge at MISSOURI’S Boutique Hotels

Convenient access to a variety of activities and fantastic accommodations make boutique hotels in Missouri a prime destination for your girls-only retreat

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Smaller hotels are big on amenities in Missouri

With smaller room counts — generally fewer than 100, and sometimes fewer than 50 — Missouri’s boutique hotels are ideal for groups that want a little peace and quiet. At the same time, many boutique hotels are located in city centers, meaning guests are never far from the action.

At the Moonrise Hotel on the Delmar Loop in St. Louis — where a lunar theme and funky décor are prominent features — you’re just steps from The Pageant, a popular performance hall, and Pin-Up Bowl, an equally popular bowling alley and cocktail lounge. The Moonrise has king and double queen suites and 10 celebrity suites dedicated to prominent St. Louisans.

The Ambassador Hotel in Kansas City has 43 rooms and its loft suites are an ideal headquarters for your girlfriends. Loft suites have king beds, 1.5 bathrooms, dining-room style tables and Keurig coffee stations. It’s about three blocks from the hotel to the Power and Light Entertainment District and to the Sprint Center.

Downtown Columbia is home to The Tiger Hotel, which offers convenient access to shopping and dining in The District, and to the University of Missouri. Your group might choose the deluxe double guestroom, which has two queen beds, or the executive suite, which has a king-size bed (in a separate bedroom) and a hideaway bed in the full-size couch in the suite’s seating area. The Vault, a speakeasy-style bar, is located on the lower level.

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Come visit Lee's Summit, where you'll feel right at home while you explore shops, restaurants and attractions where memories await. Relax and experience the history and charm that folks have been discovering since 1865.

Located just a stone’s throw from downtown Kansas City, Lee’s Summit is where family memories are created each and every day.

For a complete list of community events and attractions, visit LStourism.com.
Of course, you don’t have to go to Missouri’s larger cities to find boutique hotels.

The 46-room Hotel Bothwell in Sedalia has deluxe king rooms and owner’s suites for your group outing. Both rooms will sleep four (sofas have hide-a-beds). The Spa at Hotel Bothwell has a diverse menu of treatment options, while the on-site Ivory Grille offers a fine-dining experience.

A little farther north, in Boonville, Hotel Frederick’s 24 guestrooms are designed with relaxation in mind. The in-suite bathrooms have tiled (and heated!) floors, there’s an on-site bar for relaxing after a long day and many of the rooms have jetted tubs. If your group craves a little nightlife, visit the Isle of Capri Casino. During its operating season, Warm Springs Ranch is also a great place for your group to visit.

Learn more about this article’s featured hotels by visiting Visitmo.com/missouri-travel/recharge-at-missouris-boutique-hotels
Columbia's only luxury boutique hotel. For reservations visit thetigerhotel.com or call 573.875.8888.
Plan your weekend

AT OUR FEATURED HOTELS

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Interested in trying out one of our featured boutique hotels? We made it easy for you! Follow our map below and start your weekend adventure this week.

1. **THE MOONRISE HOTEL**
   6177 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112 | (314) 721-1111
   The Moonrise Hotel blends modern design with a lunar theme to create a four diamond boutique hotel experience. A combination of contemporary design, luxury amenities, well-appointed rooms and meeting space, the hotel includes cosmic cuisine in a casual atmosphere at its Eclipse restaurant and rooftop terrace bar with great views.

2. **THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL KANSAS CITY**
   1111 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64106 | (816) 298-7700
   The Ambassador Hotel Kansas City offers a convenient downtown location close to many area attractions. Luxury, comfort and signature Ambassador Hotel service are synonymous with an exceptionally relaxing visit to Kansas City.

3. **THE TIGER HOTEL**
   23 S. 8th St., Columbia, MO 65201 | (573) 875-8888
   A full-service luxury boutique-hotel with 62 guestrooms and suites. Guests enjoy all of the business services and first-rate amenities of a luxury hotel, including valet parking, business and fitness centers and Internet access throughout the property. The Grand Ballroom boasts original crystal chandeliers, ornate moldings and hardwood floors.

4. **HOTEL FREDERICK**
   501 E. High St., Boonville, MO 65233 | (660) 882-2828
   The hotel, built in 1905, holds 24 guestrooms, many with a view of the Missouri River. King and queen beds feature 450-count sheets and down comforters. Tiled bathrooms with heated floors and heated towel racks. Several rooms have a jetted tub. Guestrooms include flat screen, interactive television and DVD player. Free continental breakfast. Meeting rooms, bar and restaurant on-site. Adjacent to the Katy Trail.

5. **HOTEL BOTHWELL**
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Escape room adventure with BREAKOUT KC

Kansas City’s popular escape room serves up fun for groups

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There’s something about seeing the clock running that really gets your adrenaline pumping [...] as we neared the end of our 60-minute adventure, we worried the Szechuan Secret was going to remain just that – a secret.

You know it’s game on when the door shuts.

So begins the fun at Breakout KC, an escape room adventure presently sitting atop TripAdvisor’s list of fun and games activities in Kansas City.

A recent winter’s day called for a break from the office and Breakout KC was the perfect destination for our group. The Szechuan Secret was selected as our room; seeing its low 19 percent success rate was daunting, but our group was confident.

Without giving away too much, the scenario revolves around an international hostage situation (that’s why you’re locked up). Standing between your group and freedom are dozens of clues, puzzles and combination locks that need solving and unlatching.

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June 29-July 2 ———— Ricochet
July 31-August 6 ———— Mark Wills
September 2-5 ———— Ty Hendon
October 2-8 ———— Daryle Singletary
October 23-29 ———— Jonesey
Oh, and there’s a surprise obstacle that occupied our group’s attention for the first 10 minutes or so.

Math skills, keen observations and the occasional clue from the folks in the control room (the first three clues are free, clues given thereafter add 30 seconds to your escape time) are part of the enormously entertaining Breakout KC experience.

As we worked through the adventure, our group employed a variety of tools that initially seemed innocent enough, but ultimately were integral in solving the puzzle leading to freedom.

In one of the room’s upper corners is a large television with a running timer that helps give the scenario a “24” (you know, the TV show with Jack Bauer) feel.

There’s something about seeing the clock running that really gets your adrenaline pumping. The TV also is a lifeline of sorts, as the folks in the control room can communicate with your group (alternately giving clues and taunting you in a fun way).

As we neared the end of our 60-minute adventure, we worried the Szechuan Secret was going to remain just that – a secret. Fortunately, the group unlocked major pieces of the puzzle in the waning minutes and we escaped with about five minutes to spare. Some secrets, it seems, are meant to be unraveled.

For more information and photos, visit visitmo.com/missouri-travel/escape-room-adventure-with-breakout-kc
A look at MISSOURI’S Historic Homes

Home tours show you how people lived in days gone by

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It’s all waiting for you...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 4: 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks Show
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September 10: Golden Hills Plein Air
Watch artists paint the magnificent landscapes of Louisiana with those paintings available for purchase that evening.

October 15 & 16: Louisiana Country Colorfest
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December 11: 22nd Annual Church Walk
Take a guided tour through 6 of the midtown churches decorated for the holiday season.

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12 — When it comes to historic home visits in Missouri, Ste. Genevieve is an ideal starting point. After all, homes in this French Colonial settlement date to the 1700s, making them some of the oldest west of the Mississippi River.

The circa 1792 Bolduc House Museum (named for its original owner, Louis Bolduc, a wealthy merchant) is a National Historic Landmark. Noted for its vertical-log construction and double-pitched roof, the home is decorated with 18th century furnishings, while exterior features include an herb garden and grape arbor.

Another circa 1792 home, the Bauvais-Amoureux House, has upright cedar log walls that are set directly into the earth, a method called poteaux-en-terre construction. This home is part of the Felix Valle House State Historic Site complex, which includes the 1818 Felix Valle House and the 1819 Shaw House.

About three hours north of Ste. Genevieve you’ll find two homes formerly occupied by one of the world’s most well-known authors. The Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site in tiny Florida, Mo., houses the two-room cabin where Samuel Clemens was born. Among its exhibits is a handwritten manuscript of “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.”

About 30 minutes to the northeast is Hannibal, the city that inspired much of Twain’s work and also the site of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum. The Clemens family home (1844-53) is a focal point of the museum, which encompasses five historic buildings. Exhibits include some of Twain’s personal effects, including his famous white jacket, his writing desk and the Oxford gown worn when he was given an honorary degree at Oxford University in 1907.

On the western side of Missouri, in Independence, are two examples of wealthy living in the mid-to-late 1800s. The Bingham-Waggoner Estate was built in 1852 by Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham and later owned by the Waggoner family, which operated a profitable flour...
mill. Today, the home contains many original furnishings and paintings.

The Vaile Mansion, built in 1881 by businessman Harvey Vaile, is the very definition of pre-1900 opulence. The 30-room mansion boasts a 48,000-gallon wine cellar, ceiling murals, hand-grained woodwork and fine furnishings, along with nine marble fireplaces.

Both Vaile Mansion and the Bingham-Waggoner estate offer tours from April-October, and again during the holiday season in November and December.

These are only a few of the many homes open for tours in Missouri, where you also have the chance to connect with author Laura Ingalls Wilder, artist Thomas Hart Benton and governors from Missouri’s past. Many communities have driving tours to showcase historic homes. In Carthage, for example, a driving tour takes you by seven private homes, depicting a variety of Victorian styles, built between 1870 and 1910.

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