

# Information about Transportation, Shopping, and Recreational Activities in the Area

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## Transportation

Public transportation in our area is not nearly as widely available as it is in your country. This is true of most small cities in the US. For travel to St. Louis or anywhere outside the Edwardsville area, car rental is recommended.

### Please note

- Visitors staying less than one year are not required to obtain an Illinois driving license.
  - If your license from your home country is not printed in English, you must carry an international driver's license to drive in Missouri: <http://www.idlservice.com/index.php>
  - If you drive in other states (besides Illinois and Missouri), please visit their Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website to check their regulations. Not all states have the same laws about driving on a foreign license.
- All drivers in the US are required to carry insurance.
- If you have automobile insurance in your home country AND you're sure you are covered by that policy when driving a rented vehicle in the US, you may be able to save money on insurance for the rented car if you bring proof of that insurance to the car rental office.
- If your license is from another country, please check with the car rental company to be sure they will rent you a vehicle if you decide to rent.

[http://www.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/home.do](http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/home.do) – Enterprise Car Rental – Enterprise has a location in Edwardsville and also one near the airport in St. Louis.

- Andy Renner
  - Email: [andrew.j.renner@erac.com](mailto:andrew.j.renner@erac.com);
  - Enterprise (Edw.) phone: (618)288-8812

<http://www.avis.com/car-rental/avisHome/home.ac> - Avis Car Rental – Avis has a location near the airport in St. Louis.

<http://www.mct.org/busServices/SchedulesAndMaps.aspx> – Provides local transportation around Edwardsville. Please be aware that getting to St. Louis via public transportation is inconvenient and time consuming, taking approximately 2 hours each way.

For support with transportation -

### 1. **Grocery delivery service offered by Schnucks**

<http://www.schnucks.com/express/>

There is a delivery fee of \$15.50 per order, so you may want to place your order with a few friends and split the fee. They will deliver alcohol but not tobacco.

2. **If you need a ride to the airport or train station** at some time during your stay, you may want to call this service.

**TownCar Limo:** Ph. (618) 398-3300 Please call Dennis or Zach.  
Reservations should be made in advance. It is a good idea to call in your reservation one week in advance, if possible. If you call less than one week in advance, they will work you in if they are able.

**If you want to go out in St. Louis and do not want to drive,** TownCar Limo may be able provide transportation. Please confirm current rates for this service before hiring. Pick-up and drop-off times must be established when making the reservation.

3. **Local Bus Service:** The Madison County Transit website is <http://www.mct.org/busServices/SchedulesAndMaps.aspx>  
Number 16 is the most useful route for your immediate needs.
4. If you **travel to Chicago...**
  - You may want to use the Megabus from St. Louis to Chicago:
    - <http://www.megabus.com/us/> - about 5 hours, about \$25 each way (best deal)
  - or the train from Alton, IL, to Chicago:
    - [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) – about 5 hours, about \$62 or less each way
  - And, you may consider staying at Hi-Chicago, a hostel near Union Station:
    - [www.hichicago.org](http://www.hichicago.org); phone 312-360-0300

For those interested in driving -

1. To learn about **driving, registering a car, or getting a license in IL:**  
[http://www.dmv-department-of-motor-vehicles.com/IL\\_Illinois\\_dmv\\_department\\_of\\_motor\\_vehicles.htm](http://www.dmv-department-of-motor-vehicles.com/IL_Illinois_dmv_department_of_motor_vehicles.htm)  
Info regarding **buying a used car in IL:** <http://www.dmv.org/autos/buying-used-cars.php>
2. For those who purchase a car in the US:  
You must have **automobile insurance**. It may be helpful for you to know that this agency will insure international students. (Not all US insurance companies will.)  
**Augustine Insurance** - Andrew Augustine, Principal Ph. 618-377-0767  
220 N. Prarie St.; Bethalto, IL 62010
3. If you need **driving directions**, these sites may be helpful:  
<http://www.expedia.com/Directions?r=1&js=1>  
<http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp?bCTsettings=1#>  
<http://earth.google.com/>

## Shopping and Recreational Activities in the Area

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### Edwardsville

<http://www.edwardsvilleonline.com/restaurants.htm> – a listing of local entertainment venues and restaurants

<http://www.goshenmarket.org/> – Goshen Farmer's Market in Downtown Edwardsville - Takes place on Saturday mornings from mid May through mid October.

### Other Attractions in Illinois

[www.enjoyillinois.com/Brochures/](http://www.enjoyillinois.com/Brochures/) - Promotes travel all across the state of Illinois.

<http://www.alplm.org/home.html> – Are attractions in Springfield, IL. (about 75 mins. from Edwardsville, by car)

### Shopping and Fun Activities in the St. Louis Area

We recommend that you rent a car for travel to St. Louis.

#### Shopping for Food

<http://soulardmarket.com/> - Soulard Farmer's Market (about 25 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/> - Whole Foods Market (about 35 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

#### **International grocery stores in the area:**

1. <http://www.globalfoodsmarket.com/> - Global Foods Market; Kirkwood, MO (about 45 mins. from Edwardsville by car)
2. [John Viviano & Sons Grocers](#) (30 mins. by car from Edwardsville), St Louis, MO
3. Worldwide International (30 mins. by car from Edwardsville), St. Louis, MO  
8430 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO  
(314) 994-0229
4. Jay International Food Co. (25 mins. by car from Edwardsville), St Louis, MO  
3172 S Grand Blvd, St Louis, MO  
(314) 772-2552

## Shopping Malls

<http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=1244> – St. Louis Mills Shopping Mall (about 30 mins. by car from Edwardsville)

<http://www.saintlouisgalleria.com/html/index2.asp> - St. Louis Galleria Mall (about 35 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.plazafrontenac.com/> - Plaza Frontenac (about 40 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.explorestlouis.com/visitors/shop.asp> - Shopping info in and around St. Louis

## Museums, Nighlife, and Other Recreational Activities in the St. Louis Area

<http://www.explorestlouis.com/>– Tourist information about St. Louis (most places of interest in St. Louis are 30 to 45 minutes from Edwardsville by car.)

<http://www.mainstreetstcharles.com/>– Tourist information for visiting St. Charles, MO (about 45 mins. by car from Edwardsville)

<http://www.lacledeslanding.com/> - Laclede's Landing – Dining and Entertainment in St. Louis

<http://www.mobot.org/>– Missouri Botanical Garden – about 35 mins. from Edwardsville by car  
Free outdoor concerts on Wednesdays in the summer: <http://www.mobot.org/events/whitaker/>

<http://www.citymuseum.org/home.asp>– The St Louis City Museum (25 mins. from Edwardsville by car) has lots of fun activities and is kind of like a giant playhouse. It is not a typical museum.

<http://www.slsc.org/index.aspx>– St Louis Science Center (Museum) – near Forest Park (30 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.stlouis.art.museum/>– St Louis Art Museum – in Forest Park (30 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu/saarinen.html> - Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum – at Washington University

<http://www.stlzoo.org/>– St Louis Zoo– in Forest Park (30 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/> – Information about Forest Park (30 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.towergrovepark.org/> - Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, MO

<http://www.mohistory.org/>– Missouri History Museum - in Forest Park (30 mins. from Edwardsville by car)  
Free outdoor concerts in the Forest Park on Tuesdays from late April-early June:

<http://www.mohistory.org/education-and-events/series-list/twilight-tuesdays>

**Hours:** 10:00am-5:00pm, Tuesday 10:00am-8:00pm

**Admission:** General admission is free everyday, costs for featured exhibits vary.

<http://www.sixflags.com/stLouis/index.aspx> – Six Flags Amusement & Water Park (75 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.budweisertours.com/home.htm>– Budweiser Brewery Tours (25 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.schlafly.com/tours.shtml>– Schlafly Brewery Tours (45 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/Arch/info/act.arch.aspx>– Gateway Arch (25 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/Arch/info/act.heli.aspx> - for information about helicopter rides in Downtown St. Louis (25 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.americascave.com/index.php> - Meramec Caverns – tours of a cave (1 hour and 45 mins. from Edwardsville by car)

<http://www.stlouis.com/nightlife/> – This linked website has a thorough listing of wine bars, blues/jazz bars, sports bars, breweries, comedy clubs, dance clubs, lounges, live music clubs, and much more.

<http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/ballpark/index.jsp> – St. Louis Cardinals Baseball (about 30 from Edwardsville by car)