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**Missouri Casinos**

**By Adel Awwad**

Missouri is one of those states that are quietly tucked into the nook of the Midwest. It boasts the rowdy cities of St. Louis and Kansas City, but other than that, features acres of farmland and stays serene in landscape and culture. However, the Missouri casinos add some spice to an otherwise quiet region. There are roughly about nine to ten Missouri casinos dotting the landscape around the state of Missouri, each different in its own way.

The Argosy Casino in Kansas City is a laid-back Missouri casino. It has a smaller space and features just over 1,000 slot machines. This Missouri casino also features table games, restaurants, entertainment and a host of services guaranteeing the comfort of each guest.

The Casino Aztar in Caruthersville is another of the Missouri casinos housed on a stationary boat. It is also a small facility, featuring a little over 750 slot machines, table games and more. The Missouri casinos that are laid-back often attract visits from around the nearby region as these casinos lack the flash of the bigger casinos, while retaining the substance in the variety of games.

Harrah's Casino in Kansas City is another of the Missouri casinos that boasts a large-scale, Vegas-style facility. It has well over 2,000 slot machines, a host of popular table games and a plethora of entertainment and dining options. Its located in Kansas City means this Missouri casino attracts many visitors from other parts of the country. There is also a Harrah's in St. Louis, with a large-scale, sister facility that features many of the same features as the Kansas City location.

There are two Isle of Capri Casinos, one located in Boonville and the other located on a boat in Kansas City. These are medium-scale, Missouri casinos that feature a little over 1,000 slot machines, table games and more.

The Ameristar Casino in St. Charles is a boat casino (not traveling, however), featuring an abundance of slot machines, table games, dining and entertainment. This Missouri casino boasts some of the most popular table games like blackjack, roulette, poker and more. It is a Vegas-style casino and caters to a high-energy crowd. There are also more than 3,000 slot machines in this mega-casino.

There is also an Ameristar Casino in Kansas City, featuring about 2,900 slot machines and is the same Vegas-style, Missouri casino as its sister facility in St. Charles. Alternatively, the Mark Twain Casino in La Grange, the St. Jo Frontier Casino in St. Joseph and the President Casino in Laclede's Landing, are all medium-scale Missouri casinos, with slot machines ranging from the upper 500s to the lower 1000s. They all feature table games, entertainment and dining options and cater to the crowds who opt to visit a Missouri casino to have a good time dining and gambling.

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### **Riverboat Casinos**

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Riverboat casinos were first legalized in Iowa in 1991 and their popularity has increased dramatically since that time. At first, gambling on riverboat casinos was limited to \$5.00 bets and a maximum loss of \$200.00 for each cruise passenger. Riverboat casinos gradually moved to Illinois and Mississippi, where there were no limits and casinos were open 24 hours a day. In 1994, riverboat casinos were introduced to Missouri, the last state to legalize riverboat casinos.

Riverboat casinos are legal in six states, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri. They resemble the grand riverboats of the past; however, they seldom leave the shore and remain at dockside. The Mississippi riverboat casinos must be permanently docked, with gangplanks from the shore to the casino. Some riverboat casinos, "boats on moats," are large barges with casinos on deck, designed to float on pools adjacent to the river. The majority of the riverboat casinos operate on the Missouri, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers, with the exception of Illinois, which allows them on the Des Plaines, Ohio, and Illinois rivers, as well. Each state has its own gambling restrictions for riverboat casinos, including number allowed, types of games, admission charges, number of hours spent in cruising, and amount of gambling time allowed.

There are a variety of games on riverboat casinos, including blackjack, craps, roulette, poker, slots, and video poker, as well as frequent shows, featured performers, dinner, and dancing. Some popular riverboat casinos include the Argosy VI in Indiana, with 2,300 slots and 80 table games for over 4,000 passengers; the Grand Victoria Casino in Illinois; the Ameristar Casino in Missouri, with the largest floating casino floor in the world; and the Mississippi Belle II in Iowa. The Tunica Queen, a 3-deck riverboat casino featuring afternoon and evening gambling cruises, is very popular in Mississippi. One of the newest riverboat casinos is L'Auberge du Lac in Louisiana, a single-level deck, with 30,000 square feet of gambling space, 60 table games, and 1,600 slot machines. Another well-known

riverboat casino in Louisiana is the Treasure Chest, featuring 1,000 slot machines and several types of poker games.

Riverboat casinos add millions of dollars in revenue to the economy of each state, as well as providing employment for thousands. Although natural disasters affect the riverboat casinos each year, gaming developers and individuals contribute to rapid reconstruction and reopening. There remains a bright future for riverboat casinos because of their convenience, reasonable prices, and inexpensive entertainment.

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