



Moqueca from Gerard Craft's Cinder House.

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# ST. LOUIS

Two landmark renovations are bringing new energy—and visitors—to the city.

**Why Now:** In 2018, a revitalized Gateway Arch Park debuted, enhancing a massive green space and sparking new life downtown. And now, the majestic, 125-year-old St. Louis Union Station is in the midst of a metamorphosis, launching six new attractions to create a familycentric destination.

**Where to Go:** Book a room at the St. Louis

Union Station Hotel, an elegant stay with soaring archways, colorful frescoes and intricate mosaics that gained 48 rooms as part of the station's \$187 million revitalization. You'll be steps from the 120,000-square-foot St. Louis Aquarium, the city's first-ever large-scale aquarium, which opens mid-December. Listen for the playful

chirps and squeals of the furry river otters—aptly named Thatcher, Sawyer and Finn—that recently made St. Louis their home. The eagerly anticipated aquarium joins The St. Louis Wheel, which took its first official spin in late September; on a clear day, you can see 20 miles from the 42 climate-controlled gondolas. An 18-hole

mini-golf course, mirror maze, ropes course and ornate carousel also call St. Louis Union Station home. A mile away at the luxurious Hotel Saint Louis, soaring crosstown views await from the 16th-floor Form Skybar. The hangout is known for its unmistakably St. Louis flavors, such as the popular Mississippi Crawfish Nachos in a Can. A well-curated cocktail menu tempts with a seductively refreshing Mississippi Mojito, a rum-based drink infused with watermelon syrup, mint, cucumber and a splash of club soda. — ERIN GIFFORD

**HIT THE TOWN**

- 📍 **Gerard Craft's Cinder House**  
A wood-fired menu and views of the Gateway Arch.
- 📍 **St. Louis Union Station Soda Fountain**  
Giant milkshakes and more.
- 📍 **Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum**  
Check out the Ai Weiwei exhibit through January 5.



Winter Wonderland

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Behind a normal guest room door at NYC's Hotel 32 lies a tasty surprise: **Sushi by Bou Suite 1001**, a four-seat, one-hour omakase experience • Health-forward programs and treehouses surrounded by the Bay Area's redwoods promise escape at **Canyon Ranch Wellness Retreat—Woodside** • Perched on a hill in Costa Rica's Arenal Volcano National Park, **Nayara Tented Camp** delivers ecoluxury with 29 opulent tents, all with spring-fed plunge pools • Chef Daniel Humm brings his signature style—and famed fried chicken—to **Davies and Brook**, his new spot in London's Claridge's hotel • Sip a hot drink and nosh on s'mores when you reserve a heated clear igloo at **Winter Wonderland** on the roof of The Godfrey Hotel Chicago.

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