

A weekend getaway guide to
the largest city in Kansas

Welcome to Wichita

Wichita – home to more than 385,000 residents, more than 1,000 diverse restaurants where hummus is as popular as potato salad, 33 museums of yesterday and today and 22 attractions – that can keep you busy for weeks.

DAY 1

>> 3 p.m.
Check in

Check in to **Hyatt Regency Wichita** at 400 West Waterman or one of Wichita's other family-friendly hotels.

Overlooking the **Arkansas River** with luxurious amenities, you'll be adjacent to the **Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center**, and minutes from **INTRUST Bank Arena**, **Delano** and **Old Town**. The hotel features an indoor swimming pool with two hot tubs. **HARVEST Kitchen/Bar** concept of "Farm Fresh to the Table" is

located on site and serves local, seasonal cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Perks Coffee and More offers Starbucks® coffee and a variety of items for grab and go.

>> 3:30 p.m.
Start exploring

See the dinosaurs and mummies at **Museum of World Treasures**: 835 E. First St. in Old Town.

Discover treasures from around the world and through the ages. Explore the crusty bones of long-lost creatures with one of the most complete T. Rex in the world, marvel at Egyptian mummies, uncover the secrets of ancient civilizations and enter the battlefields of the World Wars.

>> 5:15 p.m.
Get some grub

Dinner at **River City Brewing Co.**, 150 N Mosley (across the street from Museum of World Treasures)

Wichita's only brew pub, **River City Brewing Co.'s** menu reflects Kansas' heritage with the inclusion of Kansas beef and great pastas, seafood and more. Kids will enjoy big shell Mac N Cheese, pizza and mouth-watering desserts.

>> 8 p.m.
Relax & refresh

Stop in at **Songbird Juice Co.** at 1142 N. Biting for Wichita's original cold-press juicery offering juices, smoothies, bowls and more made with clean and mindfully-sourced ingredients.

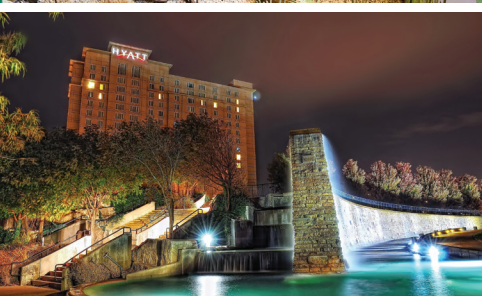
Or try neighboring **R Coffee House** for desserts. You might even catch some live music!

>> 8:45 p.m.
A can't-miss experience

Keeper of the Plains, 650 N. Seneca, Wichita

The **Keeper of the Plains** is a 44-foot tall steel sculpture standing at the point where the Big and Little Arkansas rivers join together in downtown Wichita. (You can either park at **Exploration Place**, 300 N. McLean, or walk north along the Arkansas River from your hotel, which will take approximately 10 minutes).

A complete renovation of the sculpture and installation of the **Keeper of the Plains Plaza** brings people out each evening to see the Keeper and the "Ring of Fire" which can be viewed nightly for 15 minutes. (Must be there at 9 p.m. to see the Firepot Lighting; 7 p.m. during winter hours).



MUSEUM OF WORLD TREASURES/VISIT WICHITA
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WICHITA ART MUSEUM/COURTESY



EXPLORATION PLACE/GAVIN PETERS



NIFTY NUT HOUSE/COURTESY



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DAY 2

>> 8- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

Breakfast at **Egg Crate Café** at 8606 W. 13th N.

This family café makes a quality homemade breakfast, including French toast, bacon, omelets and pancakes.

>> 9 a.m. Discover amazing animals

Spend your morning at **Sedgwick County Zoo**, 5555 Zoo Blvd, the seventh-largest zoo in the nation and No. 1 outdoor family tourist attraction in Kansas, has a phenomenal new exhibit, **Elephants of the Zambezi River Valley**. It encompasses more than five acres of sprawling outdoors space, plus indoor facility and world's largest elephant pool at 550,000 gallons. You can also come face to face with the wildest animals from around the world. See eye to eye with endangered chimpanzees and orangutans. Get to know the gorillas of **The Downing Gorilla Forest** and spend the day with colorful birds, playful

penguins, poison dart frogs and more than 3,000 other individual animals of all sizes, shapes and colors.

In case of bad weather:

>> 9:30 a.m. Load up on snacks

The Nifty Nut House at 537 N. St. Francis St. is a Wichita tradition that has offered tremendous value, selection and service since 1937. Countless shelves are filled with 4,500 items featuring classic and modern candies, nuts and snacks. They offer 18 different seeds and nuts in 123 different assortments. See why Food Network's Alton Brown called it "a national treasure."

>> 10 a.m. Get creative

Hang out in **Wichita Art Museum's** "The Living Room" at 1400 W. Museum Blvd.

It's one of Wichita's **Museums on the River** and home to an outstanding collection of American art. The new Art Garden surrounds the museum with plantings and pathways highlighting

outdoor sculpture. Plus, it features "The Living Room, an activity area for kids. Admission is always free on Saturdays.

>> 12:30 p.m. A Wichita tradition

Lunch and dessert at **Old Mill Tasty Shop** at 604 E. Douglas in Wichita's historic downtown area. A Wichita tradition, families have been coming to Old Mill Tasty Shop since 1932. Have a soda made the old-fashioned way from a working, marble countered soda fountain. Try it with a peanut butter, banana and honey sandwich, sundae or a malt.

>> 2 p.m. Exploration Place

Spend the afternoon at **Exploration Place** at 300 N. McLean Blvd

As Kansas' premier science center, you'll explore the wonders of the world while overlooking the **Arkansas River**. With permanent exhibits like "Exploring Flight," you can practice in simulators and learn why Wichita is called the Air Capital of the World for its aviation dominance. See a show in the dome theater and experience the museum's traveling exhibits.

KEEPER OF THE PLAINS/
STEPHANIE RENARD



DAY 2 CONTINUED

>> 5:30 p.m.
Dinner

BBQ dinner at **Delano Barbecue Company**, 710 W. Douglas Ave. After dinner, stop in at nearby **Milkfloat** at 535 W. Douglas Ave. #140 for some cookies or a cake in a jar to take with you to the hotel for a snack.

>> 7 p.m.
Action-packed fun for the family

The **Alley Indoor Entertainment** at 11413 E. 13th (this is a 15-minute drive from Delano Barbecue) The Alley is a complete indoor entertainment facility with 32 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, bumpers available on all lanes, eight lanes of exclusive cosmic bowling, indoor electric go karts, family-friendly arcade and billiard tables.

DAY 3

>> 9 a.m.
Breakfast

The Donut Whole, 1720 E. Douglas Ave, is a coffeehouse, donut shop, art gallery and live music venue located in the Douglas Design District. They do things the old-fashioned way, making every batch of donuts from scratch using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients - but with a fun, modern twist. They offer 40+ varieties of rich, moist cake donuts in delicious flavors such as root beer float, maple bacon,

sunshine citrus crunch and so many more.

>> 10 a.m.
Climbing Adventures

Bliss Bouldering and Climbing Complex at 11114 E 28th St N. is Wichita's only full-service indoor rock climbing gym features a 38 ft. top-rope and lead climbing wall, auto-belay, 15 ft. bouldering wall, training room, yoga and cardio. Novice to advanced routes.

>> Noon
Lunch

For an adventurous lunch, it's worth the 15-minute drive to **Stearman Field Bar & Grill** at 14789 SW 30th St. in nearby Benton. You can enjoy a meal right next to a landing strip. Aircraft will take off and land 20 yards from your table, and there's a playground for the kids.

>> 2 p.m.
Trampoline Park

Afternoon of fun at **Wichita Sports Forum's Aviate Trampoline Park** at 2668 N. Greenwich Road. Wichita Sports Forum is a sports complex which houses Aviate trampoline park, basketball and volleyball courts, sand volleyball courts and an indoor soccer field. Aviate Extreme Air Sports offers 20,000 square feet of extreme entertainment with 6 private party rooms, the largest foam pits in town, obstacle courses, flying trapeze and more.



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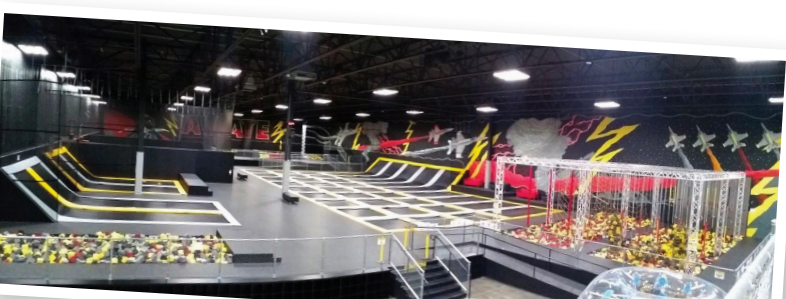
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WICHITA COMMUNITY MURAL/VISIT WICHITA



CHURN & BURN/COURTESY

>> 4 p.m. **Dessert at Churn & Burn**

Grab dessert at Churn & Burn at 548 S. Oliver.

Locally sourced and owned, **Churn & Burn**, at 548 S. Oliver, uses all-natural ingredients including local roasted coffee, local fresh milk and fresh cream. Ingredients are mixed and processed upon ordering to ensure freshness. There are no added preservatives, colorings and flavorings in their hand crafted ice cream bases. At Churn & Burn, they freeze their ice cream within two minutes with the use of Liquid Nitrogen to create a smooth, healthy and perfect-textured ice cream.

>> 5 p.m. **Family photo**

Take a family photo in front of Wichita's community mural, located on the west side of **College Hill Deli** at 3407 E. Douglas Ave. When uploading to social media, be sure to include hashtags #ICTMoments, #visitWichita and #ilovewichita.

>> 5:30 p.m. **Homeward bound**

Depart for home.



We hope you have a wonderful time in Wichita. Let us know if we can be of assistance to you while you are here!

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