



Expat Essentials

Living in Kansas City,
Missouri

\\ Your Bite-Sized Relocation Guide

Kansas City, Missouri

Missouri; a Midwestern gem with **significantly lower living costs** compared to the UK. Amidst its rolling hills, expats in Missouri can enjoy charming homes at a fraction of the cost found back in the UK. Thanks to more **affordable groceries and lower taxes**, Missouri becomes an ideal location for those seeking to maximise their budget. Beyond its cost-conscious charm, **Missouri boasts a diverse cultural scene** with buzzing music venues and a thriving expat social community. The state not only offers an economical lifestyle but also presents career opportunities in finance, tech, and healthcare, supported by a robust and flourishing economy.

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Finances

Swap high UK taxes for Missouri's wallet-friendly rates. While federal income tax remains the same, Missouri offers potentially lower burdens with its **graduated system, 1.5%–5.4%**, compared to the UK's 45% top bracket. And while the combined sales tax in Kansas City might seem higher than the UK's VAT, remember – **property taxes here average 1.01%**, significantly lower than the UK's council tax.

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Career Opportunities

Thanks to the **growing demand** for new construction and renovations in the state of Missouri, many **diverse projects** are looking for Cost Managers with the expertise to fill their skill gaps. In fact, reports from organisations like the Missouri Chapter of NACCE and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce highlight the **increasing demand for qualified cost managers** as projects become more complex and require specialized skills, leading to **higher salaries** and progression potential for expats.



Housing

Whether you're raising a family or embracing the single life, **Missouri has the perfect welcoming neighbourhood** for your big move. Families can thrive in vibrant areas like West Dodge Road, offering excellent schools, spacious homes, and kid-friendly attractions. Singles, meanwhile, can immerse themselves in the bustling downtown scene of Kansas City, explore the artsy haven of Benson, or enjoy the sophisticated charm of Dundee.

Be prepared to provide additional documentation such as proof of employment, visa status, and financial statements. Understanding landlord-tenant laws and any expat-specific regulations can be tricky. But not to worry, the experienced team at Capstone America is well-versed in supporting expats through international relocations and can advise you on navigating these requirements smoothly.



Visas



Although Kansas City itself has no specific visa requirements, you'll still need a valid US visa to live and work. There are various types of visas available, each with its own eligibility requirements and application process. Consider exploring options like **H-1B (skilled workers)**, **family-based visas** should you already have loved ones in the US or a Green Card sponsored by your new employer.

With years of experience relocating expats to the USA, Capstone America can expertly guide you through the process, recommending suitable visa options based on your unique situation and ensuring a smooth transition to your new life in Missouri.



Ready to embark on your **Missouri** adventure?