



## THE CITY MARKET

**DESCRIPTION:** The City Market is home to an eclectic mix of restaurants and merchants who offer distinctive gifts, flowers, home accessories and specialty foods from around the world. The City Market hosts the region's largest farmers' market on Saturdays with additional markets taking place on Sunday and Wednesday. The buildings surrounding the open-air market house more than 35 shops and restaurants which are open seven days a week, year-round and collectively create one of the most diverse destinations in the Kansas City area.

**ADDRESS:** 20 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

**LOCATION:** Just a few blocks north of Downtown in the River Market district.

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**TAG LINE:** "Where the locals go."

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- The City Market is one of Kansas City's oldest, continuously-operating businesses and has served as an entrepreneurial hub since its inception in 1857.
- The Saturday Farmers' Market features more than 140 local vendors offering farm-fresh produce, plants, poultry & meats, baked goods, prepared foods, handmade crafts and much more. 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sundays offer a more leisurely alternative with the Art of the Machine Car Series and the popular Community Yard Sale. 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- More than 30 permanent merchants offer fresh produce from nearby farms and around the world, specialty groceries, meats & seafood, fresh baked pastries, desserts, floral, house wares and gift shops that are open seven days a week, year-round, many of which are family owned and operated.
- The Arabia Steamboat Museum, which houses the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world, is located on the east side of The City Market Square.
- Perhaps the most diverse area in the Kansas City metropolitan area, there are many different languages spoken at the City Market on a daily basis. The City Market is appealing to people

of all demographics because the City Market offers a venue where all can go to share their similar interest in food and community.

Amharic (Ethiopian)

Arabic

Mandarin & Cantonese

Dutch

English

French

Ashanti, Ewe, Fanti, Ga, Twi (Ghana)

Italian (Sicilian dialect)

Korean

Oulof (Senegal)

Spanish

Vietnamese

- The City Market Pavilion is available for special event rental. Whether an intimate wedding ceremony, reception or a business event for several thousand guests, the City Market Pavilion is a unique option for a memorable occasion.
- The City Market is home to numerous festivals and other special events throughout the year.

**ADMISSION:** General attendance to the farmers' market is free. Concerts and special events are subject to admission and parking fees.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday attendance has steadily grown from 10,000 on an average Saturday in 2005 to 12,046 in 2009. Average Sunday attendance has grown from 2,900 in 2005 to 4,200 in 2009. (Numbers based on customer counts from May to October.) Total 2009 attendance is estimated at more than 680,000.

**HISTORY:** As Kansas City's oldest continuously-operating business, the City Market has served as an entrepreneurial hub since its inception in 1857. Leased by the City to Jacob and Fred Scheibel for \$50 a year, the Market area quickly became a bustling trading post for those heading west. The Roaring '20s brought unprecedented growth to the Market, housing City Hall, two newspapers, an opera house and the county courthouse. Current City Market buildings were raised in the 1930's and the City Market expanded beyond produce in the '70s and 80's to include bars, restaurants and other businesses.

**WHERE TO EAT:** The City Market is home to an eclectic assortment of restaurants and cafes, to tempt any palette from the traditional to the adventurous. Venture out for a crispy falafel or a handy Shawarma sandwich for a fast and friendly lunch at Habashi House Middle Eastern Café or perhaps a flavorful stew, richly seasoned at the Blue Nile. Try one of nearly 100 different Vietnamese entrees at Hien Vuong or Indian and Pakistani cuisine at Tikka House. If something more traditional suits your interests, try the dry rubbed, slow cooked meats at Winslow's City Market Barbeque, a gourmet pizza at Minsky's Pizza Café, or a grilled Panini at City Market Coffee Shop. Bo Lings Chinese Restaurant features a wide range of Mandarin and Cantonese cuisine as well as one of the largest Dim Sum menus in the metro area. Burrito Bros. offers fresh and flavorful Mexican burritos, quesadillas, salads, tacos and more. Pieroguy's Pierogies offers freshly prepared pierogies, a delicious east coast staple. You are certain to be tempted by Bloom Baking Company's amazing selection of baked goods, pastries and sweets, which are made fresh daily, using locally grown produce and product. Stop by Lollicup Tea to see what the latest bubble drink craze is all about or to pick up a refreshingly healthy smoothie.

**WHERE TO SHOP:** The City Market is home to several specialty groceries who stock many unusual, exotic and other hard to find items. From Puttanesca sauce to Porcini mushrooms, try looking at one of these specialty stores to complete any meal. Al Habashi Middle Eastern Market offers items from the Middle East and Mediterranean, Carollo's Italian Grocery is stocked full of gourmet items from Italy and Europe and Crossland Market is a must stop to prepare a flavorful dinner from Africa or the



Caribbean. Global Produce, Cristina's Produce and River Market Produce offer produce from nearby farms and around the world, while the Wine Cellar offers locals and those passing through, the opportunity to discover great wine.

Stop by any of our retail stores to pick up a great gift item or a memento of a visit to the City Market. Find hand crafted jewelry and watches at City Market Watch & Jewelry as well as silver jewelry and other traditional Mexican gifts at Dalia's Silver Lining. Discover some of the latest trends in women's clothing and accessories at Africa 2000 and the Urban Trader, as well as fresh, innovative floral design at Dutch Flowers. Emblazon and the Blu Day offer collectible items, gifts and home décor, while So Youngs Fashions carries a full range of custom screened T-shirts and accessories. Our newest retail destinations Auntie Em's and the Eclectic Leopard, are filled with one-of-a-kind antiques, furniture, collectible glass and other vintage and retro décor.

**WHAT'S NEARBY:** Be sure to see the unbelievable treasure recovered from the sunken Arabia Steamboat at the Arabia Steamboat Museum, the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world. The Arabia Steamboat Museum is located on the east side of the Market Square. Explore the surrounding River Market neighborhood, which is home to a number of antique shops, historic brick buildings, lively restaurants and nightclubs.

**LEASING OPPORTUNITIES:** The City Market is an exciting location to jump-start a new business venture. Office space and retail store fronts are currently available. Capitalize on the traffic and unique atmosphere of the City Market. Contact Justin Cottrell with Copaken, White and Blitt, the exclusive leasing agent for the City Market at 816-701-5000 or [jcottrell@cwbk.com](mailto:jcottrell@cwbk.com).

#### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

From the north:

From I-29 and I-35, follow the signs for I-35 S. Take Exit 2F, Oak/Grand/Walnut, on the right side. Continue on exit to Walnut Street and turn right (north) on Walnut Street to the main entrance to the City Market.

From the east:

Head west on I-70 toward Kansas City. At the I-70/I-670 split just before downtown, take I-70/I-35. After about a mile, take Exit 2F, Oak/Grand/Walnut, on the right side. Continue on exit to Walnut Street and turn right (north) on Walnut Street to the main entrance to the City Market.

From the south:

Head north on I-35. Take the 2D/Main Street exit which will immediately become 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue east on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Walnut Street. Turn left (north) on Walnut Street over the bridge to the main entrance to the City Market.

From the west:

Head east on I-70 into Kansas City. Take Exit 2D/Main Street which will immediately become 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue east on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Walnut Street. Turn left (north) on Walnut Street, go over the bridge to the main entrance to the City Market.

**PARKING:** In addition to available street parking, free parking is available within four public lots. Three are located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, one at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Boulevard and another at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Grand Boulevard. A \$10 parking fee may be assessed during concerts and special events.

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