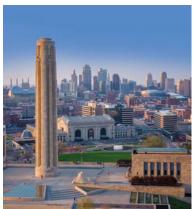




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# FIFA WORLD CUP 26™ & MORE SPORTS EXPERIENCES IN KC

Kansas City has long been known as the Soccer Capital of America. Now, the community's fandom will be taken to an entirely new level as an official host city for FIFA World Cup  $26^{\text{TM}}$ .

Fans and visitors will have the chance to encounter some of KC's most beloved destinations during the event. In the heart of the city, the National WWI Museum and Memorial will be home to Kansas City's FIFA Fan Festival™ for the duration of the tournament.

Home to the Chiefs of the National Football League, Kansas City's iconic Arrowhead Stadium will host six matches during FIFA World Cup 26™, including four group stage matches, a round of 32 match and a quarterfinal. It's certain to provide an unforgettable setting for the world's largest sporting event: The stadium is certified by Guinness World Records as the loudest outdoor sports venue on earth.

The Mational Women's Soccer League's Kansas City Current—including Brazilian superstars Debinha and Bia—is making history for sports around the globe with this year's debut of the world's first stadium purpose-built for a women's professional team. It's the latest big addition as KC prepares to fulfill its role as a host city during the World Cup.

Finally, with the Kansas City Chiefs claiming another championship, KC has cemented itself a place at the center of the football universe and made its place known as an essential destination for every sports fan.

2026 Kansas City Matches:

#### **HOTELS FOR EVERY TRAVELER**

Whether you prefer rooftop views at the Crossroads Hotel, a built-in venue for jazz and blues at the Hotel Kansas City, or indulgent amenities at the 800-room Loews Kansas City Hotel, KC's Downtown properties offer comfortable stays and convenient neighborhood connectivity via the free KC Streetcar. For a more intimate lodging experience, the newly-opened Truitt and Aida have renovated two historic homes into beautiful, inviting boutique hotels just steps away from the city's beloved art museums.







### **ESSENTIAL AMERICAN HISTORY**

The KC area is home to three significant sites along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail. Kansas City's Negro Leagues Baseball Museum details the crucial role of sports in the pursuit of equality over the decades (and the adjacent American Jazz Museum offers a similar look at the country's foundational music genre). In nearby Independence, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum explores the decision to desegregate the U.S. armed forces, while the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision to outlaw segregation in American public schools took place in Topeka, Kansas. Plus, see the stories of the effort to expand westward at the National Frontier Trails Museum and get to know one of the most infamous criminals of the Wild West at the Jesse James Museum.





#### **UNPARALLELED CULINARY EXPERTISE**

Opportunities are endless to savor and sample from the Barbecue Capital of the World. More than 100 barbecue restaurants across the area keep the tradition alive and as strong as ever, from vintage joints with decades-old smoking techniques to modern twists on classic favorites. When you're ready for even more flavorful encounters, try cuisines of all kinds from the nationally renowned chefs who call KC home.









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