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'CULTURE TRIP' WEB SITE NAMES FLORISSANT ONE OF THE 10 MOST BEAUTIFUL TOWNS IN MISSOURI

The Culture Trip, an international web site out of London that calls itself "a one-stop digital platform for global culture and lifestyle," includes Florissant in a recent story titled The 10 Most Beautiful Towns in Missouri.

The article by contributing writer Sophia White says that Missouri "features some of the most diverse geography in the United States," and then describes "10 stunning towns which exemplify the state's natural wonder."

Florissant is described as "one of the country's most popular retirement communities," with "over 400 acres of park land in the 20 city parks, and within them you will be able to find ample recreation activities." White reports that "Florissant is one of the oldest of Missouri's towns and much of its past can be found within its Old Town area, which even has remains of its Spanish settlement."

"We are always delighted when Florissant receives well-deserved positive recognition from national and international media," said Florissant Mayor Thomas P. Schneider. "We are honored that our historic City has been included on this list of Missouri's '10 Most Beautiful Towns.' We hope that visitors from around the country and throughout the world take the time to visit Florissant's many historic landmarks and scenic sites when they travel in the Midwest."

The Culture Trip's web site says that it has nearly 2 million monthly readers. It won the UK (United Kingdom) Website of the Year Award for Arts & Culture in 2014 and was named a "Top Travel & Arts Site" in 2012 by The Guardian/The Times (Manchester, England).

Other cities on the Missouri list are Branson, Glendale, Hermann, Manchester, Ironton, Pacific, Parkville, St. Charles and Wildwood.

Founded in 1786, Florissant is older than St. Louis County (1812), the State of Missouri (1821) and even the US Constitution (1789) and is the largest city in St. Louis County, with a population of more than 52,000 residents. The City of Florissant regularly is listed among the safest cities in America for its population range, and provides abundant services for all sectors of the community, including children, young adults and seniors. In 2012, Florissant was ranked among the Top 75 Best Places to Live by CNN's Money Magazine.

Florissant has two community centers, three swimming pools, a renowned theater, a covered skating rink, an abundance of parks and recreational sites, a new championship disk golf course and the only 18-hole municipal golf course in St. Louis County. For more information please visit www.florissantmo.com or call 314-921-5700.