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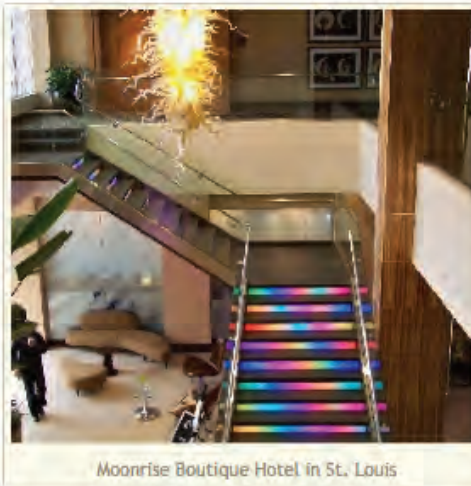
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## Out of This World at the Moonrise in St. Louis

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Moonrise Boutique Hotel in St. Louis

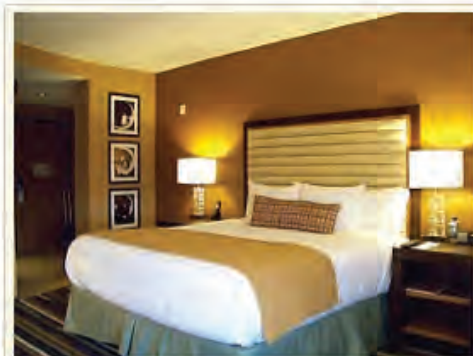
St. Louis hasn't traditionally had much to talk about when it comes to boutique lodging and hip hotels, but that changed in a hurry with the launch of Moonrise Hotel. Anchoring one end of the popular Delmar Loop dining and entertainment district, this 125-room hangout features contemporary design, a whimsical moon theme, and lots of amenities for the price.

The dramatic lobby features stairs that glow in different colors and the tentacled chandelier pictured here. Past a wall of glass is the popular Eclipse restaurant. It continues the striking design theme with large lunar murals, furniture glowing from embedded LED lights, and retro comic art menus. The adjoining bar is open until 2:00 a.m., but if you're there during the warm months and it's not raining, it's more fun to head up to the roof. You might even catch a moonrise while you sip cocktails.

Rooms are colorful and comfortable and continue the lunar theme with actual moon photographs and depictions from old photos and artwork. Supremely comfortable beds and leather ergonomic chairs complement flat TVs, divans, cordless phones, and complimentary Wi-Fi. (Three computers on the mezzanine are free for guests who aren't toting a laptop.)

Good double glazing on the windows keeps most of the street noise at bay, so you can party while you're ready to party—all on foot—and sleep well when you're ready to sleep. Most rooms have the same layout, but there are five premium Jacuzzi rooms and 10 Walk of Fame suites—each depicting a different celebrity from St. Louis.

There's a full gym on site, but you can run on a treadmill anywhere, right? A better bet in this location is to take advantage of huge Forest Park a few blocks away. It's a good place for running or you can walk one block and rent a bike from [Big Shark Bicycle Company](#) for \$20 a day. (St. Louis is pretty bike-friendly overall actually if you want to venture out further.) There's a great free zoo there and you can ogle all the beautiful homes and Washington University lining the park. Also the Metrolink is a block and a half away, so you can get to many of the city's attractions without ever hopping into a car.



Guest room at the Moonrise Hotel in the Loop District

This hotel would run several hundred dollars a night in NYC or San Francisco, but here in the budget-friendly Midwest, rates often start around the \$150 mark. Get the full scoop at [MoonriseHotel.com](#).