

experience COLUMBUS

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS FOR THE BEST IN VARIETY

SHOPPING AND DINING

- Easton Town Center
- Polaris Fashion Place
- Prime Outlets at Jeffersonville
- North Market for fresh produce

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Columbus Museum of Art
- Franklin Park Conservatory
- The King Arts Complex
- Topiary Garden
- Wexner Center for the Arts
- Historic Ohio, Palace and Southern theaters
- Performances by BalletMet, Broadway Across America—Columbus, Columbus Jazz Orchestra, Opera Columbus and top touring shows

EXPERIENTIAL ADVENTURES

- Figure out whodunit at “Dickens of a Mystery” dinner theater in Ohio Village
- Cook alongside the pros at Woodhaven Farm and Easton Town Center’s Sur La Table
- Spice it up during cooking school with CaJohn at the North Market
- Create your own custom-scented candle at The Candle Lab
- Go behind the scenes to meet the dancers at BalletMet
- Enjoy many more experiential activities—all sure to thrill your groups

SPORTS

- The Ohio State University
- Jack Nicklaus Museum
- Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum
- Major League Soccer’s Columbus Crew
- The PGA Memorial Tournament
- Columbus Clippers, the Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians
- National Hockey League’s Columbus Blue Jackets
- Horse racing at Beulah Park and Scioto Downs



Images (clockwise from top left): German Village, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Topiary Garden, Ohio Statehouse, Asian Festival, Columbus Clippers, Sur La Table at Easton Town Center and Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

- Historic German Village featuring charming brick homes and shops
- Short North Arts District for the best in art, shopping and dining
- Arena District, filled with restaurants, a plush theater and Nationwide Arena

ATTRACTIONS AND FESTIVALS

- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and Zoombezi Bay water park
- COSI for hands-on fun
- Franklin Park Conservatory
- Inniswood Metro Gardens and Park of Roses
- See items being made at American Whistle Corp., Anthony-Thomas Candy Co., Flag Lady’s Flag Shop, Graeter’s Ice Cream and Krema Nut Company
- A packed schedule of festivals

HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS

- Ohio Statehouse, with costumed guides and boarding house-style meals
- Ohio Historical Center and Ohio Village for a look at the state’s history
- Step back in time at Kelton House, an Underground Railroad stop
- German Village, one of the nation’s largest restored historic neighborhoods

NEARBY DESTINATIONS

- Amish Country
- Historic Roscoe Village, the re-creation of a Canal Era village
- Hartstone Pottery
- Hocking Hills State Park
- Longaberger Homestead
- The United States Air Force Museum
- The Wilds, with open air safari tours
- Frank Lloyd Wright’s Westcott House

PERFECT FOR MYSTERY TOURS

With its wide selection of attractions like COSI (right), Columbus is an ideal location for your next mystery tour. Consider Central Ohio as you plan your mystery tours for 2010-2011. Our attractions and hotels will work with you to accommodate your needs.



GROUP FRIENDLY EVENTS

WHAT'S COMING UP

- **Polar Frontier**, opening March 2010, will bring polar bears and more to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Coming in 2012 is **African Savanna**.



- **"Wicked"** returns to the Ohio Theatre July 28-Aug. 29, 2010.
- Design your own art at the Center for Creativity, an expansive hands-on area opening Fall 2010 at the **Columbus Museum of Art**.

- Mark your calendar with these popular 2010 annual events. Find a complete list on ExperienceColumbus.com.
- **Blooms & Butterflies** March 13-Sept. 6
- **Columbus Arts Festival** June 4-6
- **Dublin Irish Festival** Aug. 6-8
- **Longaberger Heritage Days** Sept. 10-11
- **All American Quarter Horse Congress** Oct. 1-24
- **Wildlights** Nov. 19, 2010-Jan. 2, 2011

NEW EXPERIENTIAL TOURS

Columbus has 57 innovative experiential activities that will excite even those well traveled. Here are just a few to choose from:

- Explore two of the top-ranked attractions in the country. Eat breakfast with the animals at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**, and challenge your inner explorer at **COSI Columbus** in Adventure, an Indiana Jones like area open exclusively to groups.
- Be a professional baseball player for the day with the **Columbus Clippers**.
- Create a blown glass ornament at The Works in **Licking County**.



- Go on stage to meet the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra** and artistic director Byron Stripling, the former leader trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra.
- Dine at "Miss Emma's Table" and meet prominent figures from Ohio's history at the **Ohio Statehouse**.
- Find out Sophia's secret at the **Kelton House**, a restored stop on the Underground Railroad.

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS ITINERARIES

Visit ExperienceColumbus.com for these and other sample itineraries.

What's Cooking in Columbus

Experience the many flavors and aromas of Columbus.

- Cook alongside a Culinary Institute of America trained chef
- Prepare herbal treats in Gahanna, the Herb Capital of Ohio
- Create your own wine

Adventure in Art

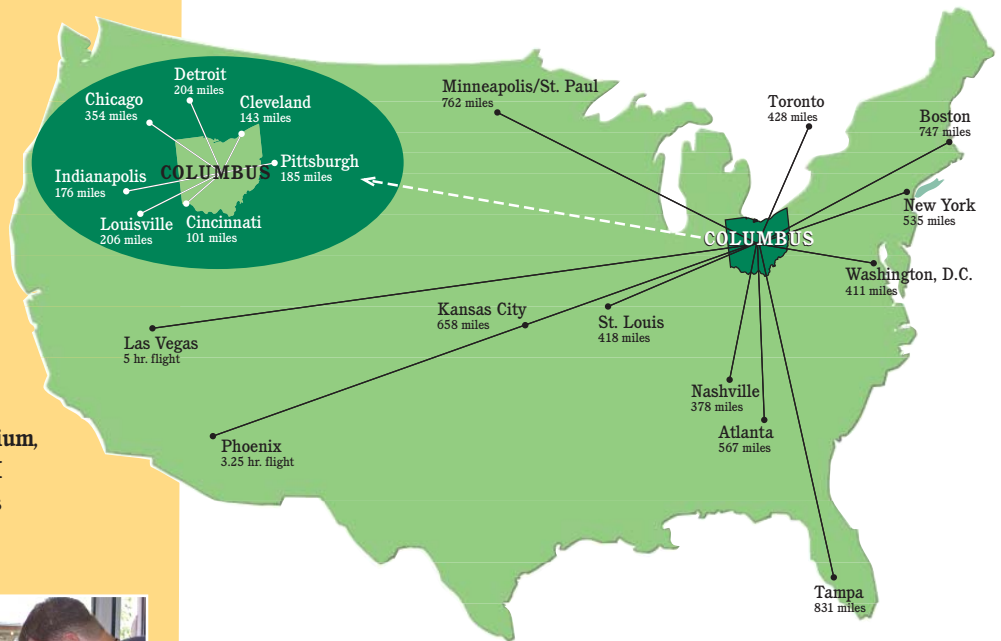
Experience Columbus' nationally acclaimed arts scene.

- Go behind the scenes to meet the Columbus Jazz Orchestra and BalletMet
- Learn Irish dance steps in Dublin
- Create a blown glass ornament at The Works

History comes alive in Columbus

As the state's capital, Columbus is rich in history.

- Meet figures from Ohio's history at the Ohio Statehouse and Kelton House, an Underground Railroad stop
- Figure out "whodunit" at the entertaining "Dickens of a Mystery" in Ohio Village



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- *Touring Columbus* newsletter
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