

Columbus, Ohio – At A Glance

We understand that moving is a big deal and you're interested in what life will look like beyond the hospital walls. It's likely that Columbus has more than you might expect.

Fast Facts

- Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States.
- #1 Fastest-Growing Midwest City for GDP, Job Growth and Population
- Home to 53 Colleges and Universities
- The cost of living in Columbus, OH, is about 8% lower than the national average.
 - Median home price: \$345,008
 - Median rent: \$1054/mo
 - Average apartment monthly rent in Columbus (from apartmentlist.com):
 - Studio: \$1,266
 - 1 bedroom: \$1,348
 - 2 bedroom: \$1,559
 - 3 bedroom: \$1,716
- The [Columbus Metropolitan Library](#) has 23 locations throughout the city
- 16 Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered in Columbus

Districts (“Five on High”) – Something for Everyone

- University District—The Ohio State University's campus and the surrounding area boast opportunities for sporting events, shopping, music, and nightlife.
- Short North Arts District—boutique shopping, art galleries, dining, and trendy nightlife.
- Arena District—professional sporting events, live music, nightlife, and dining, as well as the convention center and adjoining hotels.
- Downtown—hotels, historic [theaters](#) that host touring productions of Broadway shows, museums, and green space.
- German Village—historic neighborhood with many dining and shopping options.

Attractions

- [Columbus Museum of Art](#) – Renowned and local artists' work, with an interactive children's area
- [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#)—Jack Hanna's home zoo features opportunities to interact directly with some of the animals.
 - [Zoombezi Bay](#)—waterpark connected to the zoo, open during summer.
- [COSI](#)—Science center with more than 300 interactive exhibits
- [Festivals](#)—Visit the link for a festival calendar. There are festivals and celebrations in and around this city almost every weekend, featuring something for everyone—art, food, alcohol, live music, religious events, hot air balloons, holidays, and more.
- [Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens](#)—more than 400 species of plants and large, technicolor glass sculptures by artist Dale Chihuly.

- [LEGO Land Discovery Center Columbus](#) – At Easton in Gahanna. Options for kids as well as adult nights. Includes a ride, models of Ohio cities and attractions, and a 4D cinema, among other things.
- [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) – Offers guided tours on weekends and has a variety of exhibits, events, and programs.
- [Nightlife Options](#) – There are many local breweries and bars in the city, including some rooftop options. Check out the link for details.
 - [Brothers Drake Meadery](#): Offers a wide variety of meads, tasting tours, and live music.
- [Ohio History Center](#) – Includes a variety of exhibits related to Ohio’s history. Kid friendly.
- [Old North Arcade](#) – A little north of Campus on High St. An Arcade/Bar combination with retro arcade games, Pinball, Air Hockey, Dance Dance Revolution, Skee-ball, live size Jenga, and more. Play for free if you’re drinking. 21 and older. Pizza also available here.
- [Otherworld](#) – 32,000 square foot immersive art installation comprised of 40 rooms full of large-scale interactive art with fantasy/sci-fi vibes.
- [Parks/Green Space](#)
 - Battle Darby Creek Metro Park – Has a herd of bison
 - Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens – on OSU’s campus!
 - Columbus Park of Roses – In bloom June to September, pretty all year. Also a wedding venue.
 - Hayden Falls Park – 30 foot waterfall
 - Quarry Trails – newest metro park; offers rock climbing, mountain biking, and paddle boarding
 - Schiller Park – floral displays, a pond, and the stage for the [Actor’s Summer Theater](#)
 - Scioto Audobon Metro Park – free outdoor climbing wall and nearby obstacle course constructed by the Columbus Rotary
 - Scioto Grove Metro Park
 - Topiary Park – only topiary representation of a painting in the world, recreating a scene depicted in Georges Seurat’s famous work.
- [Sports](#)
 - The Ohio State University Athletics
 - Columbus Blue Jackets – National Hockey League
 - Columbus Crew SC – Major League Soccer
 - Columbus Clippers – Minor League Baseball
- [The Book Loft & Stauf’s Coffee Roasters](#) – Next to each other in German Village; Stauf’s also has locations in the Discovery District, Grandview, and North Market. The Book Loft is a local bookstore with 32 rooms of books sorted by genre. Recommend getting a caffeinated beverage at Stauf’s and then browsing the book store for a few hours.
- [Wagner-Hagans Auto Museum](#) – Collection of Vintage Cars with unique license numbers. Private collection, free and open to the public by appointment; call to schedule a tour.


Transportation & Travel

- Bicycle – there are Bicycle sharing programs, protected bicycle lanes, and bicycle parking around the city.

- Central Ohio Transit Authority provides public bus services
- Commute – Driving to work takes an average of 20 minutes; depending where you live, it can be much less.
- [John Glenn Columbus International Airport](#) – 10 minutes from downtown, operates 148 non-stop flights to 40 destinations via 10 airlines on a regular, daily basis.
- Scooters – electric scooters available for rent
- Taxis and RideShare Services (Uber, Lyft, etc) are readily available for a price.

Food Recommendations

- [101 Beer Kitchen](#) – Locations in Gahanna, Dublin, and Westerville. Seasonal menu including “rustic food and craft beverages.”
- [Aab India](#) – Located in Grandview. North Indian Cuisine, named Best Indian Restaurant of Columbus by *Columbus Monthly*, *Columbus Alive*, and *614 Magazine* 2014-2020
- [Adriatico's OSU](#) – On campus. New York style pizza; dine in, pickup, or delivery. Winner of multiple awards for best pizza.
- [Barrio Tacos](#) – Not far from campus, in the Grandview area. Also has a food truck. Menu options include specials, build your own tacos, alcoholic beverages, and even brunch.
- [Blu Note Jazz Café](#) – Upscale Jazz Club in the Bexley area with live music and a creole-influenced menu with vegan options
- [Cap City Fine Diner and Bar](#) – Locations in Gahanna, Grandview, and Dublin. A Cameron Mitchell Restaurant that boasts “classic comfort food made modern.”
- [Chocolate Café](#) – Locations in Grandview and German Village. Menu includes vegetarian options, brunch, appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, cocktails, and a wide range of desserts.
- [Hangover Easy](#) – Locations in Olde Towne East and on OSU's campus. Breakfast, brunch, desserts, milkshakes, and alcoholic beverages.
- [Haufbrauhaus](#) – A bit south of Campus in Grandview Yard on Goodale Blvd. German food, beer, and sometimes live entertainment.
- [Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream](#) – Local business with many locations throughout the city. They have a variety of flavors, usually including a couple of dairy-free options.
- [Rubino's Pizza](#) – Crunchy thin crust pizza in a no-nonsense, old school atmosphere. Best place for Columbus style pizza.
- [Schmidt's Sausage Haus](#) – German food in German Village. They also have a food truck, which appears at fairs, festivals, and Columbus Oktoberfest, and they offer catering.
- [Seitan's Realm Vegan Deli](#) – North of campus in Clintonville. “Our goal is to offer quality vegan food to the masses.”
- [Starliner Diner](#) – Located in Hilliard. “Cuban Restaurant with an Award Winning Breakfast.” They offer dine-in and curbside carryout.
- [The Thurman Café](#) – Located in German Village. “Rustic tavern with oversized burgers.” Small establishment that doesn't take reservations, but great atmosphere and food.



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DESTINATION PROFILE



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LARGEST CITY
IN THE COUNTRY

COLUMBUS AT A GLANCE

EXCEPTIONAL



Columbus ranked “**Highest in Visitor Satisfaction in the Midwest**” by J.D. Power* in the 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Study.

SMART



Columbus won the U.S. Department of Transportation’s **Smart City Challenge** and was named a 2018 winner of the **Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge**.

SAFE



Columbus is coordinating **GBAC STAR™ Accreditation** for the airport, public transit, attractions, convention center and hotels, while encouraging businesses to prioritize visitor safety with the **Live Forward Pledge**.

INCLUSIVE



Columbus has continually scored 100% on the **Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s Municipal Equality Index** and City Council, with the support of more than 3,000 local businesses, **declared racism as a public health crisis**.

DYNAMIC



Travel Channel named the capital city one of the **Top 10 Domestic Destinations to Visit in 2020**. As one of the *New York Times’* **52 Places to Visit in 2019**, Columbus is a top travel spot.

BOOMING



Columbus has been declared as one of the **10 Best Big Cities to Live in Right Now** by *TIME* and the **Best American City to Work in Tech** by *Smart Asset*.

*Columbus, OH received the highest numerical score among 8 cities in the Midwest in the J.D. Power 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Study, based on 26,124 total responses, measuring the experiences and perceptions of travelers who visited a top 50 U.S. destination, surveyed February-July 2016. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.”

DISTRICTS: FIVE ON HIGH

Columbus' vibrant districts offer endless entertainment options. Collectively, the neighborhoods along the city's main thoroughfare, High Street, are referred to as the **"Five on High."**



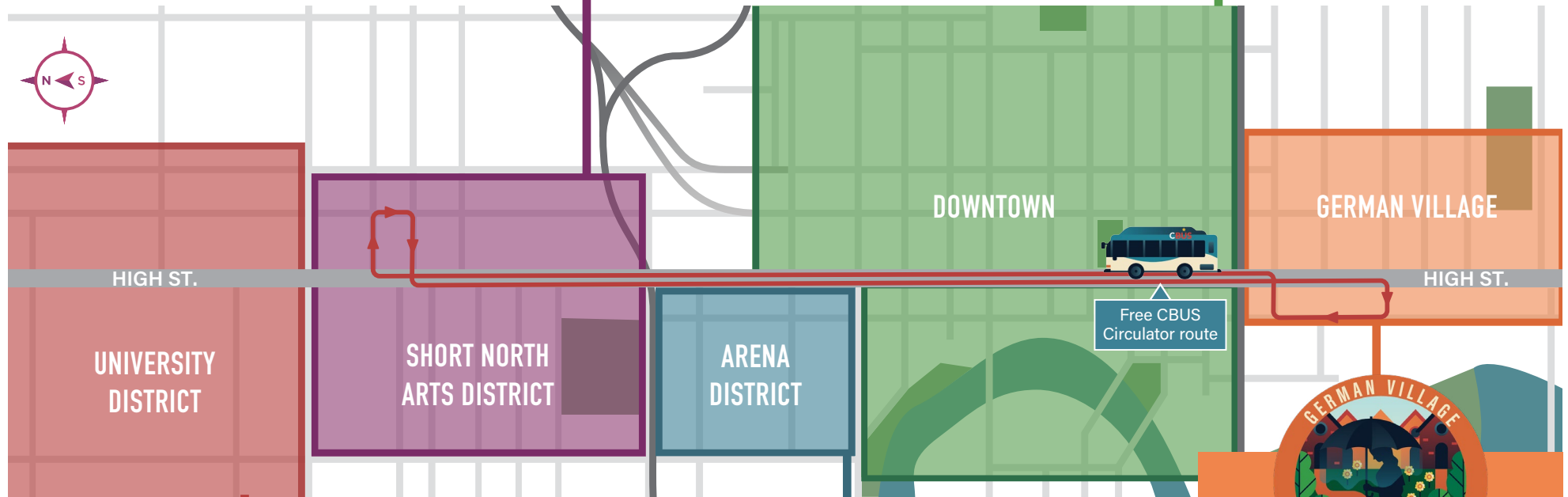
SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT

The "art and soul" of Columbus is lined with charming buildings that house the city's best boutique shopping, art galleries, dining and trendy nightlife.



DOWNTOWN

Downtown holds hotels, historic theaters, world-class museums and acres of green space that create an iconic skyline in the heart of the city.



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Home to The Ohio State University, this neighborhood is packed with cutting-edge science and tech resources as well as sports, shopping, music and nightlife.



ARENA DISTRICT

This district will soon be home to all of the city's professional sports teams and brings live music, nightlife and dining within steps of the convention center and adjoining hotels.



GERMAN VILLAGE

This quaint, historic neighborhood is one of the most atmospheric in the country, brick-lined sidewalks alongside charming homes, cozy restaurants and delightful shops.

TOP ATTRACTIONS

Columbus is filled with so many can't-miss attractions, you'll surely want to experience them all time and again.



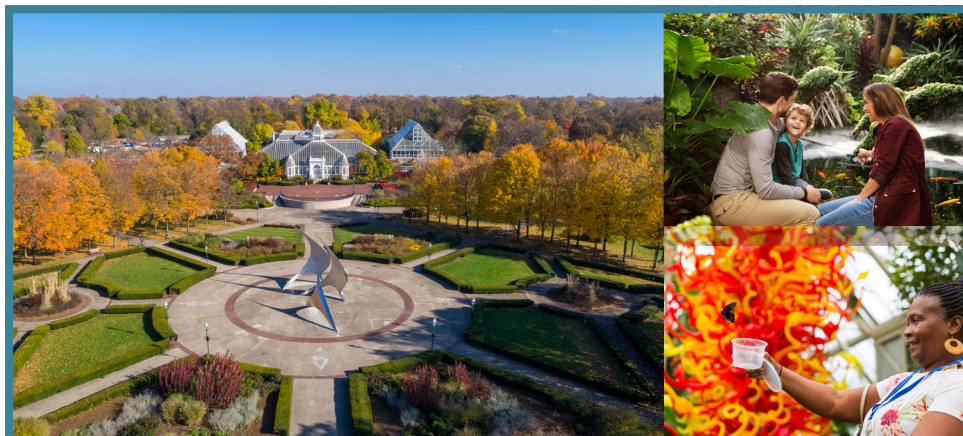
COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM

Hand-feed giraffes in the heart of Africa at "Jungle" Jack Hanna's home zoo, the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**. Or splash around in the wave pool at the connected **Zoombezi Bay** during summer months.



COSI

COSI, a top-rated science center, offers more than 300 interactive exhibits including a dinosaur gallery that thrills visitors and locals alike.



FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

The **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** pulses with life as you explore over 400 species of plants and marvel at the newly imagined, larger-than-life, technicolor glass sculptures by artist Dale Chihuly.



NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

Especially unique to Columbus is the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**, the only place where stories of veterans, their families and the fallen across all branches of service and eras of conflict are told together.

BUSINESS IN COLUMBUS



“ Columbus isn't the next business destination. It's already happening. ”

- Inc.

#1 Fastest-Growing Midwest City
for GDP, Job Growth and Population

#1 Top City
for Rising Tech Start Ups
-Forbes

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- One Columbus

WORTH A FORTUNE

Columbus is a startup and innovation hub. We are also home to 5 Fortune 500 companies, 15 Fortune 1000 companies and these other notable brands:

Abercrombie & Fitch



Bath & BodyWorks



Bob Evans



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VICTORIA'S SECRET



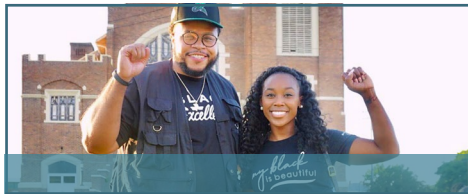
COLUMBUS FOR EVERYONE

"Because when I yell 'O-H' and some stranger yells back 'I-O' and we burst out laughing with pride...it's not just about college football or the famed 'Columbus nice' culture, it's about knowing that...I have yet again made a home for myself in this burning world. And when I say 'this is my home,' my home says 'you're damn right.'"

- Saeed Jones, award-winning poet and author



Columbus thrives, thanks to the inclusivity that is quintessential to our city's DNA. You, your friends and family will feel welcome here.



EMBRACING DIVERSITY

One of the most valuable characteristics of Columbus is our diversity. Nearly 3,000 local business leaders have signed a petition and the Columbus City Council has declared racism a public health crisis.

When you come to our city, you'll see efforts that reflect the spirit of our city—collaborative, forward-thinking and eager to stand up for what matters.



SUPPORTIVE & INCLUSIVE

"I'm so proud to call Columbus home... This smart, open and welcoming community...is a place that has supported me, shaped me and allowed me to be truly and authentically me."

- Nina West, Miss Congeniality on RuPaul's Drag Race Season 11



ENABLING MOBILITY

High Street Streetscape Improvement project redesigned sidewalks in the Short North Arts District, surrounding the Greater Columbus Convention Center, to be safer and more accessible for all – especially those with mobility impairments.



CLOSING THE GENDER WAGE GAP

Nearly 400 Columbus companies have joined the Columbus Women's Commission in signing The Columbus Commitment: Achieving Pay Equity for women.

CREATIVE CULTURE OF COLUMBUS

FESTIVALS

With festivals for music, arts, food, cultures, sports, tech and more, Columbus boasts a year-round schedule of celebrations throughout the city.



VISUAL ARTS

Can there ever be too many murals? We say no. On our streets or in our acclaimed museums and galleries, you'll be surrounded by inspiration and creativity.



COLOMBUS

Columbus was named one of the **"30 Most Fun Places to Live in the U.S."** by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is bursting with creativity from independent artists, professional performance companies and artists-in-residence.

PERFORMING ARTS

Are you moved by ballet, stunned by symphony or thrilled by theatre? See world-renowned talent in inspiring spaces, from historic grand theaters to open-air parks.



FASHION

Columbus is home to more fashion designers than any U.S. city, outside of New York City and Los Angeles. For visitors, that means fantastic fashion events and an abundance of boutique shops.



DIVERSE AND DISTINGUISHED DINING



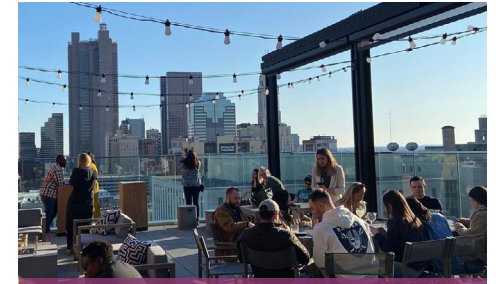
WORLD-FAMOUS DESSERTS
Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams



ARTISAN EATERIES
Service Bar



GLOBAL CUISINE
North Market



ROOFTOP VIEWS
Goodale Station



CRAFT BREWERIES
Land-Grant Brewing Co.



PREMIER, PLANT-BASED
Comune

“ [Columbus] has a nearly Sun Belt-esque buoyancy about it these days, as it welcomes all-comers, from all over the world... From some of the **best momos** in the country, to a **promising young chef** recreating the fast food favorites from childhood, to makers creating everything from **terrific charcuterie** to very **fine chocolates**, you're never short on things to eat... **Don't sleep on this city.** Good things are happening. ”

– Food & Wine Magazine



INNOVATIVE CHEFS
The Guild House



LIQUOR, FARM-FRESH FOOD
Watershed Distillery

COLUMBUS HAS NO OFFSEASON

Throughout the year, the thrill of pro sports pulses in downtown's Arena District. Columbus is home to professional sports, nationally recognized collegiate athletic programs and elite annual events, including the PGA Tour's Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide. The city also often draws premier hosted events, including the 2018 NCAA Women's Final Four.



NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE



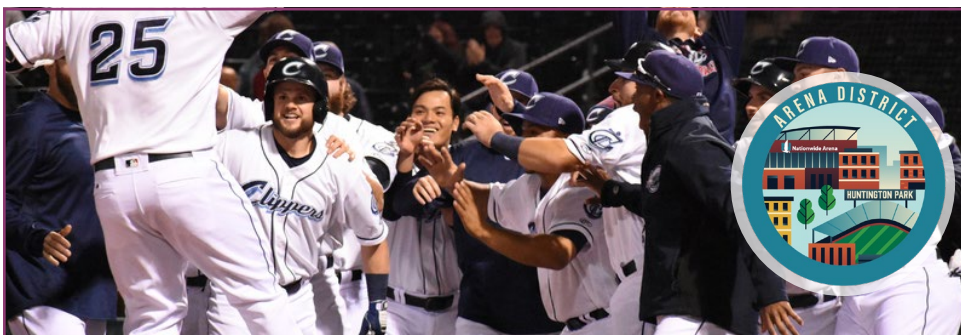
Columbus Blue Jackets have called Columbus home since 2000. Catch a game at Nationwide Arena to hear the fire of the cannon after a Blue Jackets' goal.



MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER



Columbus Crew SC plays at MAPFRE Stadium, the nation's first soccer-specific stadium built by an MLS team. In 2021, Crew SC will move into a new 20,000-seat facility in the Arena District.



MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



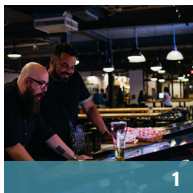
Columbus Clippers, Triple-A baseball affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, play at Huntington Park, a multiyear winner of *Baseball Digest's* "Best of the Ballparks" award.



COLLEGIATE SPORTS



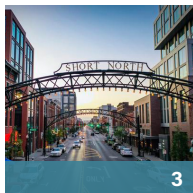
The Ohio State Buckeyes are a must-see in Columbus. Ohio State Football plays at Ohio Stadium, or "The Shoe," one of the most recognizable landmarks in college athletics.



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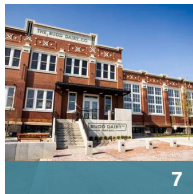
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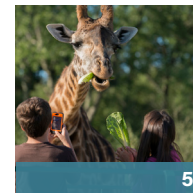
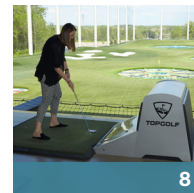
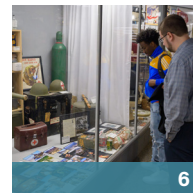
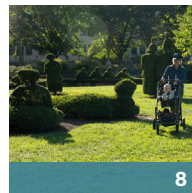
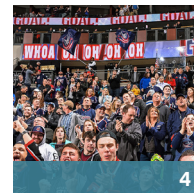
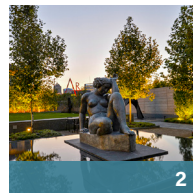
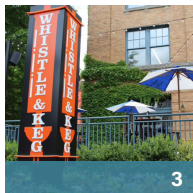
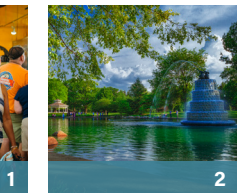
**LIVE TO OWN
YOUR FREE TIME.**

THINGS TO DO IN COLUMBUS

Visiting Columbus and have time to spare? Uncover the pulse of our city with these attractions and activities.

IF YOU HAVE 3 HOURS:

1. Play old-school arcade games at **Brewcadia**
2. Take a free guided **Ohio Statehouse** tour
3. Browse galleries, shop and dine in the **Short North Arts District**
4. Explore landmarks and attractions with **Columbus City Adventures**
5. Throw axes, compete and have fun at **Dueling Axes**
6. Get lost in **The Book Loft's** 32 rooms of books in historic **German Village**
7. Grab a bite at the new restaurant incubator, **Budd Dairy Food Hall**
8. Check out the imaginative, immersive art escape of **Otherworld**



IF YOU HAVE 1 HOUR:

1. Dine and shop at the **North Market**
2. Take a walk in **Goodale Park**
3. Try samples at the self-service brewery, **Whistle & Keg**
4. Enjoy artisan ice cream at **Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams**
5. Design and pour your own candle at **Penn & Beech Candle Co.**
6. Go cycling with a rental from **CoGo Bike Share**
7. Snap a photo of picturesque skyline views while strolling the **Scioto Mile**
8. Walk amongst life-size sculptures in the **Topiary Park**

IF YOU HAVE A HALF DAY:

1. Get active outdoors at the **Scioto Audubon Metro Park**
2. Explore the **Columbus Museum of Art**
3. Earn prizes by patronizing stops on the **Columbus Coffee** and **Distillery Trails**
4. Cheer on local sports teams, including NHL's **Columbus Blue Jackets** hockey, Triple-A baseball's **Columbus Clippers** or MLS' **Columbus Crew**
5. Visit the **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**
6. Learn about the history of U.S. Armed Forces at **Motts Military Museum**
7. Journey through **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**
8. Get competitive or just have some fun playing golf and games at **Topgolf**

IF YOU HAVE A WHOLE DAY:

1. Soar above the trees in a zipline adventure at **Hocking Hills Canopy Tours**
2. Explore **COSI**, the dynamic hands-on science museum
3. Canoe, hike and enjoy nature at one of 19 area **Metro Parks**
4. Shop hundreds of stores at **Easton** or **Polaris Fashion Place**
5. Take a dip at **Zoombezi Bay** water park, visit animals at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium** or see rare and endangered species at **The Wilds**
6. Test your luck at **Hollywood Casino** or **Eldorado Scioto Downs**
7. Discover a **local festival** in any of our neighborhoods
8. Explore Dublin and try a range of unique food on the **Dublin Walking Tour**