

experience COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS WELCOMES MIDWEST CHAPTER/MLA

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Downtown Districts

Downtown Columbus is filled with entertainment districts, packed with shopping, dining and other attractions. The **Arena District** is home to many restaurants and nightclubs. Restaurants and cafes line **The Cap at Union Station**, which connects downtown to the **Short North Arts District**, home to restaurants,

galleries, unique shops and nightclubs. South of downtown are **German Village**, a restored historic district filled with charming homes and shops, and the **Brewery District** entertainment area.



Short North Arts District

Arts and Culture

Downtown's Theatre Row showcases the city's performing arts in a trio of lavishly restored historic theaters. Spend an evening enjoying performances by professional groups such as **BalletMet**, **Opera Columbus**, the **Contemporary American Theatre Company**, **Columbus Jazz Orchestra** and **Broadway Across America—Columbus**. Explore the world-class art museums – the **Columbus Museum of Art** and the **Wexner Center for the Arts**.

Shopping

Central Ohio is known for shopping. At **Easton Town Center**, just 15 minutes from downtown, you'll find Macy's, Nordstrom and hundreds of specialty stores, along with one of the city's best collections of restaurants and entertainment venues. Head 30 minutes north to **Polaris Fashion Place**, which has six anchors.

Things to do

There are so many attractions in Columbus that you could visit again and again without stopping at the same place twice. Head a few miles east of downtown to **Franklin Park Conservatory**, home to a large permanent collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Also downtown is the popular **COSI Columbus** science center. See rare Siberian tigers and more at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**, 30 minutes north of downtown.

Sports

The Philadelphia Inquirer dubbed Columbus a "sports boom town." The city earns the nickname with several professional teams, including the National Hockey League's **Columbus Blue Jackets**, Major League Soccer's **Columbus Crew** and the **Columbus Clippers**, the Triple A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. There's also the **Ohio State Buckeyes** and the **Jack Nicklaus Museum**, a tribute to both the Columbus native and the sport of golf.

Dining

Choose from hundreds of restaurants downtown serving everything from gourmet to comfort foods and cuisines ranging from Pan-Asian to All American. Check out the **North Market**, located across from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. It offers the finest in fresh and prepared foods, along with unique gifts.



Easton Town Center

Traveling to Columbus

Columbus—Ohio's capital and the 15th largest city in the United States—is located within 550 miles of more than half of the U.S. population. Five highways run through the city and Port Columbus International Airport (CMH) is 10 minutes from downtown.