Columbus

Columbus is very much a global city. Vigorous economic growth and careful city planning have made it the 15th largest city in the United States. In addition to its thriving business community, Columbus boasts world-class architecture, culture, and services. The cosmopolitan city is home to multinational corporations, renowned educational institutions, and the state government. Development in Columbus is balanced with ample green space and exceptional metro parks, earning it recognition as a Tree City, USA. These factors and more repeatedly earn Columbus top national rankings for quality of living.

Quick Facts

Population: 1.5 million plus, 15th largest city in United States
Median age: 37 (48 percent of the population in the 18–44 age group)
Education: 84 percent of adults have a high school degree or higher, 23 percent have a bachelor’s degree or higher
Diversity: Greater Columbus is an international melting pot, with residents from nearly 100 countries
Quality of Life: Ranked one of the eleven best cities in the nation to live and work by Employment Review (2003)
Accessibility: Within a 550-mile radius of over 50 percent of the nation’s population, 53 percent of its disposable income, and 62 percent of its manufacturing income
Development: Columbus is undergoing an unprecedented building boom, with more than $2.5 billion worth of development in planning, underway, or recently completed

Columbus Corporations

The Columbus metropolitan area is home to the corporate and divisional headquarters for some of the largest companies in the United States. Prominent business sectors include insurance, banking, apparel, and financial services. Columbus has been recognized as one of the top ten cities for entrepreneurial activity in the nation and the best city in the Midwest for small business. Additionally, Columbus has emerged as a high-tech leader with companies specializing in information technology, cutting-edge research,
and materials development.

Local headquarters

- Abbott Foods, Inc.
- American Electric Power
- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Cardinal Health, Inc.
- Consolidated Stores, Inc.
- Huntington Bank
- Limited Brands
- Longaberger Co.
- Nationwide Insurance
- Ross Laboratories
- Wendy’s International, Inc.
- White Castle System, Inc.

Top 100 employers in Columbus

2. Ohio State University  www.osu.edu  +1 614.292.6446
4. Columbus Public Schools  www.columbus.k12.oh.us  +1 614.365.5000
5. Nationwide  www.nationwide.com  800.882.2822
6. Bank One Corp.  www.bankone.com  +1 212.270.6000
7. OhioHealth  www.ohiohealth.com  +1 614.544.5424
8. City of Columbus  www.cityofcolumbus.org  +1 614.645.7671
9. Limited Brands  www.limitedbrands.com  +1 614.415.7000
10. Franklin County  www.co.franklin.oh.us  +1 614.462.3000
11. Honda of America  www.honda.com  +1 937.642.5000
12. Mount Carmel  www.mountcarmelhealth.com  +1 614.234.5000
15. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.  www.walmart.com  800.925.6278
17. Huntington Bancshares Inc.  www.huntington.com  +1 614.480.8300
18. SBC Ohio  www.ameritech.com  +1 614.223.6226
20. Medco Health Solutions Inc.  www.medcohealth.com  800.864.1140
22. Discover Financial Services Inc.  www.discovercard.com  +1 614.283.2499
23. South Western City Schools  www.swcs.k12.oh.us  +1 614.801.3000
25. Battelle  www.battelle.org  +1 614.424.6424
26. Retail Ventures Inc.  www.valuecity.com  +1 614.471.4722
27. Big Lots Inc.  www.biglots.com  +1 614.278.6800
28. Big Bear Stores Co.  www.bigbearstores.com  +1 614.464.6500
29. Cardinal Health Inc.  www.cardinal.com  +1 614.757.5000
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Columbus has a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Average annual temperature is 53°F with the average monthly temperature in January at 28°F and July at 75°F. Annually, the city receives an average of 37” of rain and 28” of snow. Winter brings crisp air, with the occasional snow showers. Snow melts away in the spring, when heavy rains trigger an explosion of early flowers and foliage growth. Days grow longer and hotter throughout the summer and residents take full advantage of the warm weather. In the fall, residents of Columbus enjoy gorgeous “Indian summers,” as foliage colors change on trees such as maples, oaks, and sweetgum. Cool afternoons and waning sunlight trigger the change, dotting the city with picturesque hues of red, orange, and yellow.

Columbus (and all of Ohio) is on Eastern Standard Time (EST) and observes Daylight Saving Time. To preserve daylight, time is moved forward one hour at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April; Time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October.

### Monthly Temperatures

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Hospitals

The hospitals in Columbus offer world-class facilities, accessible clinics, and cutting-edge medical research to the city’s patients. Recent developments include a pair of heart hospitals, new downtown facilities, and rapid technological advancement.

OSU Medical Center

With the latest advances in patient care, research and teaching, the University Hospitals and the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute are consistently recognized among America’s best hospitals by US News and World Report. OSU’s Dodd Hall Rehabilitation Center is regularly recognized as one of the top three in the nation. OSU Medical Center is famous around the globe for its unique ability to provide cutting-edge patient care blended with leading research and education. Doors opened recently for the new Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, the most recent addition to the extensive OSU Heart Center.

www.osumedcenter.edu

OhioHealth

OhioHealth is a not-for-profit organization providing healthcare services in 46 Ohio counties. It is a family of hospitals, health and surgery centers, a home health and medical equipment service, insurance products and other related health services. Included within OhioHealth are nationally recognized facilities such as Riverside Methodist Hospital and the McConnell Heart Health Center. The organization services all of Columbus, with three central hospitals and health centers in every suburb.

www.ohiohealth.com

Mount Carmel

Clinical excellence, progressive treatments, innovative technologies, and compassionate care have made Mount Carmel one of central Ohio’s largest healthcare providers for more than a century. In addition to three hospital locations, Mount Carmel runs health centers and urgent care facilities throughout the city.

www.mountcarmelhealth.com

Columbus Children’s Hospital

Recognized as a national leaders in pediatric care, research, education and advocacy. Since 1892, Children’s has been dedicated to its mission of offering the finest medical care to all children, regardless of their families’ ability to pay. This dedication is served through the downtown campus and the extensive network of Children’s Close to Home ambulatory centers. Children’s is ranked as one of the nation’s ten largest children’s hospitals and research centers. Specialty areas include surgery, heart transplant/cardiac care, cancer, trauma, rehabilitation, dialysis, bone marrow transplant, neurosciences, and research. Children’s is the region’s only pediatric Level 1 Trauma Center.

www.childrens columbus.org
Columbus Arts & Entertainment

Columbus residents have many options for occupying free time. Columbus is home to one of the most active visual and literary arts communities in the country including Ohio State’s own internationally renowned Wexner Center for the Arts, a professional symphony, ballet companies, theater companies, and an opera company. The university is only two miles from downtown, with its major art museum, the Center of Science and Industry, coffee shops, restaurants, nightspots, galleries and unique shops. You’ll also want to visit the Short North, German Village, and the Brewery District. Sports fans can enjoy Ohio State football, Columbus Blue Jackets (National Hockey League), Columbus Destroyers (Arena Football League), the Columbus Crew (Major League Soccer), and the Columbus Clippers baseball (AAA Minor League affiliate of New York Yankees). With a world-renowned zoo, beautiful metro park system, reservoirs and lakes, nationally known golf courses and affordable housing, Columbus is a great place to live and learn. Discover more about Columbus online at www.columbuspages.com and www.columbus.org.

Hidden Gems

Tucked into the nooks and crannies, Columbus has some truly wonderful hidden gems. Students, faculty, and staff pooled together their personal knowledge of the city to identify some favorite places in the city that might not be so obvious at first glance, but are well worth a visit. You will find your own personal favorites once you settle in; in the meantime, use this list as a head start on becoming a Columbus local.

Alana’s
2333 N. High Street, +1 614.294.6783
Alana Shock opened her own bistro in 1999 after working in some of the finer kitchens in town and across the country, including a stint with Emeril Lagasse, the star chef who gained his fame both in France and the US. The dining rooms are painted in textured, bright colors and there is ample patio space. Alana’s creativity and enthusiasm are visible all over the menu, which changes weekly and makes use of fresh, unusual ingredients. There is always a good—and tasty—selection of vegetarian and vegan items; risotto is usually available, and the vegan version is still creamy and rich with flavor. Check out the altruistic antipasti assortment or the fricasseed chicken over artichoke-mashed potatoes smothered in squash noodles, leeks and prosciutto. Daring diners can try degustation—a tasting event in which Shock prepares several small courses, each of which is paired with a wine chosen to complement the dish.

Benevolence Café and Bakery
41 West Swan Street, +1 614.221.9330
In the artsy Short North district, this vegetarian café offers a peaceful sanctuary from the bustle of city life. The healthy food is simple - soup, salad, and bread served on rustic community tables. But the hearty soups, dense homemade breads, and huge salads are simplicity at its best. If you just want to get their produce, you can also find them in the North Market.
**The Book Loft**  
631 South Third Street, +1 614.464.1774  
www.bookloft.com  
Like getting lost in a good bookstore? This will quickly become one of your favorite destinations. The aisles wrap around the 32-room, multi-level shop like mazes, featuring every genre imaginable. On top of great selection, the store is a great place to meet people of similar interests.

It is not uncommon for patrons to form clusters around a shelf and thumb through prospective purchases. Just outside The Book Loft is a quaint coffee shop; down the block you’ll find the famous Katzinger’s Deli and a host of other dining options.

**Christmas Village**  
679 High Street, +1 614.885.4307  
In the heart of Olde Worthington, Christmas Village is a remarkable spectacle to behold. Not only is the Christmas décor shop open year round, but it consistently attracts shoppers and collectors from around the nation. Popular merchandise includes collectibles like Radko and Olde World in addition to classic favorites like nutcrackers and seasonal garlands. Stop by during the holidays for all of your essentials, or get a midsummer boost of Christmas spirit during July.

**Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD) Specials**  
107 North Ninth Street, +1 614.224.9101  
www.ccad.edu  
The CCAD is one of the largest and oldest private art colleges in the United States. Recognized as a leader in visual arts education and as a resource for artists and the community, you can receive degrees in Advertising, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts (including painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, and glassblowing), Illustration, Industrial Design, Interior Design, and Media Studies. Once in the spring, once in the winter, over 150 of tomorrow’s most creative professional artists and designers sell original work to the public at these special one-day sales. This popular event features blown glass, ceramics, paintings, handmade paper, drawings, fine-art photography, sculptures, prints, jewelry, and more. Admission costs $25 from 8:30 am to 10 am for first choice and $5 from 10 am to 2 pm, but the art work is very inexpensive and affordable, in addition to some real finds. Tip: If you come at around 8 am, you will not be the first to stand in line for this very popular and inexpensive sale of some really neat art pieces.

**COSI (Center of Science and Industry)**  
333 West Broad Street, +1 614.228.COSI  
www.cosi.org  
Fun for kids and adults. COSI features interactive, discovery-based and themed exhibit areas, an Extreme Screen theater, the outdoor Big Science Park, the country’s only high wire unicycle, a restaurant, and shop. The exhibition areas - Gadgets, Life, little kidspace, Ocean, and Progress - each provides experiences for all age levels that creatively combine science facts and learning through play.
COTTAGE CANDY
667 High Street, +1 614.436.4060
www.cottage-candy.com
This small store in the Worthington area has a nice selection of sweets, and if you ever were looking to find M&Ms in all colors, including white and black, you will find it there. However, their number one bestseller are the very natural looking chocolate buckeyes, they are fresh and handmade every day and if you do not mind mega calories, a real treat, especially for peanut butter lovers. Also, if you want to give these buckeyes to a friend as a special gift from Columbus, they do have nice gift boxes.

DREXEL GRANDVIEW
1247 Grandview Avenue, +1 614.486.6114
www.drexel.net
A historic single-screen theater, the Drexel typically screens art films, independent films, or other non-mainstream films. The theater periodically runs film festivals saluting genres such as anime, twisted animation, or cult classics. Located near dining and entertainment, the Drexel is often incorporated into an evening on the town.

GRAND VIEW MERCANTILE
873 North High Street, +1 614.421.7000
www.grandviewmercantile.com
If you feel like shopping for antiques, fine art, vintage jewelry, and accessories, this is one of the places you are likely to find and walk home with some treasure. Over 60 antique dealers have their small exhibition places in this showroom, and it is in the middle of the short north district, so close to cafes and other little unique shops. While some items may be a bit pricey, very often you can find a relatively good deal here, be it an 80 year old Steiff teddy bear to furniture from the 18th century or vintage Christmas ornaments from the 70s. Tip: anything over $100 is negotiable in price.

HANDKE’S CUISINE
520 South Front Street, +1 614.621.2500
www.chefhandke.com
World-famous Master Chef Harmut Handke runs this gourmet restaurant, built below ground in the former 19th century Schlee Bavarian Brewery. Immediately upon entering you will notice a display case filled with awards, metals, and trophies that Chef Handke has earned in the past 40+ years of being a culinary expert. The dining area is cozy; wooden booths complement the arched stone walls and ceilings. Attentive wait staff (who are also exceptional sommeliers) maintain the highest level of service while bringing out dishes ranging from Oregon morels in cream sauce to the bran and pecan encrusted Tilapia. Add dessert and an after dinner drink and you have experienced one of the finest dining experiences in the city. If you are impressed with the food (as most are), Chef Handke offers cooking classes so that you can learn from the master.

JACK NICKLAUS MUSEUM
2344 Olentangy River Road, +1 614.247.5906
www.nicklausmuseum.org
If you are interested in golf, this museum is a must visit. Located on The Ohio State University Developed campus, the museum is all about golf history and the legendary Jack Nicklaus, a Columbus native and OSU alumnus.
Famous for a lifetime of achievement as a professional golfer and leading golf course designer, Nicklaus continues to be a driving force in the sport. He is the founder and host of the PGA Memorial Tournament, which takes place in Columbus at the exceptional Muirfield Village Golf Club. At the museum, you can learn more about Nicklaus’ storied career and his continued success as an international course builder.

**Katzinger's Deli**  
475 South Third Street, +1 614.228.3354  
[www.katzingers.com](http://www.katzingers.com)

Located on the north end of historic German Village, just minutes from the center of downtown Columbus, this deli is famous for its deliciously huge sandwiches and gourmet foods. Each of the 77 sandwiches is loaded with meats and toppings; if you think up a new creation, the staff will happily make it for you. If you like the bread, meat, or specialty toppings from your sandwich, all are available for purchase at the counter. The fantastic sandwiches are complemented by decadent deserts, lavish specialty foods, and delectable pickles from a wooden barrel. As if fantastic eating weren’t enough, Katzinger’s also hosts tasting parties. With a little help from the experts, you can learn how to mix gourmet treats like wine and cheese, beer and cheese, wine and chocolate, and more.

**L'Antibes**  
772 North High Street, Suite 10, +1 614.291.166  
[www.lantibes.com](http://www.lantibes.com)

The luxurious French cuisine at this top-notch restaurant is perfectly complemented by its sophisticated wine collection that Wine Spectator gave an Award of Excellence. Exceptional food and drink is further complemented by service that puts customers at ease while maintaining the highest level of distinction. After your gourmet meal, indulge in one of the fantastic deserts like Bittersweet Chocolate, Crème Caramel, or poached pear. L’Antibes is a true dining destination well worth the expense.

**Mozart's Bakery**  
2885 North High Street, +1 614.268.3687  
[www.mozartscafe.com](http://www.mozartscafe.com)

Ever feel like you need to sweeten up your life? This little café, only 5 minutes away from the Fisher campus by bike, is truly a hidden gem. Even if you are not a pastry lover, you will fall in love with their ‘apfelstrudel’, made based on the original Austrian recipe. But even if you would like to have a hearty lunch, they serve great omelets, soups, and schnitzel -- portions are generous.

**Mukha**  
980 N. High Street, +1 614.294.7546  
[www.mukhaspa.com](http://www.mukhaspa.com)

There are numerous spas and beauty salons in the city. However, while most are easy find if you just serve the web or call information (411), this little salon just recently opened and is still something of an insider tip. The owner, Tim Maurer, spent long years in New York City as a make-up artist for celebrities, before he decided to come back to Columbus, his hometown. His team is extremely friendly, competent and helpful, and you do get this one-on-one attention that larger salons miss.
**North Market**
59 Spruce Street, +1 614.463.9664  
[www.northmarket.com](http://www.northmarket.com)

Located in the ultra-hip Short North, the North Market is an indoor market filled with great finds. It houses 35 year round merchants that sell meats, cheeses, fish, baked goods, produce, ethnic foods, gourmet products, flowers, and unique gifts. Perhaps you would enjoy some fresh seafood from Bob the Fish Guy or a hand-selected wine from Grapes of Mirth? During warmer months, an additional 20 farmers rent space to sell fresh, locally grown foods. The North Market is convenient to all areas of town and is just a few steps away from some of the city’s most unique dining, shopping, art, and entertainment.

**Ohio Theatre**
39 East State Street, +1 614.469.1045  
[www.capa.com/venues/ohio](http://www.capa.com/venues/ohio)

This historic theatre was constructed in 1928 in ornate Spanish-Baroque detail. During vaudeville years, the stage was graced by top performers like Milton Berle, Ray Bolger, Cab Calloway, Buddy Ebsen, Martha Raye, Jean Harlow, Ginger Rogers, Kate Smith, and a young M.C. with a violin named Jack Benny. After being rescued from demolition in 1969, the Ohio became a downtown landmark and entertainment hub. Today, the Ohio Theatre is home to The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, BalletMet, and The Broadway Series, as well as more than 100 CAPA events each year, including classical, pop, and jazz artists, dance, theater, comedy, children's entertainment, and classic films.

**Pistachio**
680 N. Pearl Street, +1 614.220.9070

Those unable to decide on dessert may have a difficult time at Pistachio, which showcases up to fifty different toothsome offerings. Choose from biscotti in flavors such as orange-zest anise and almond marzipan; napolean tea cookies in sweet wine or Florentine; and petit fours like semisweet passion fruit ganache torte.

True to the place’s namesake, several items contain pistachio flavoring, such as the double-chocolate cookies or bittersweet chocolate tortes. The milk-chocolate-fallen souffle might well describe how dieters feel after a visit. Truly Spartan souls can select from an assortment of French-made “love plates,” coffee, specialty teas, and wine. But this is not for the faint of willpower: the decor is light and airy, adding to the temptation to sit down for a bite - or more.

**Principezza**
1257 Grandview Ave, +1 614.488.2080

The owner and founder, Chris Grani, started this little clothes store a few years back in the cozy Grandview area of Columbus. Almost next door to one of the best coffee places in town with wireless access, Stouffs, is this small clothing boutique that carries fun and hip brands you will not necessarily find in big department stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue. Some brands you may recognize though are Nanette Lepore, Diane V. Fuerstenberg or Miss Sixty. While during regular season the clothes are fairly pricey, they do have great sales at the end of summer and winter.
QUILTS Michael Council
130 Buttles Ave, +1 614.299.9099
Right on Goodale Park in the historic district of Victorian Village, you find this Columbus based entrepreneur who sells antique quilts via the internet to antique dealers around the globe who add a healthy profit before they resell them. Usually Michael does not sell from home, but if you have sincere intentions of buying an original quilt, often over 80 - 100 years old, he is very welcoming and opens up his amazing house and shows you the individual pieces he has currently in stock. Don’t be surprised, prices usually run from around $ 100 – 150 all the way up to $1,000.

SHARON WEISS GALLERY
20 East Lincoln Street, +1 614.291.5683
This small art gallery is located in the Short North district, close to downtown, in a very trendy neighborhood, but is hidden a bit off the main High Street. While there are numerous art galleries in the Short North, and taste in art can differ quite a bit, the owner of this gallery, Sharon Weiss, has a very nice little collection of local artists, mixed with antiques. If anything, the friendly and off-hand way Sharon lets clients look through her collection is a fun experience and worth the trip.

SISTERS’ GARDEN
940 S. Hempstead Road, +1 614.895.6216
www.inniswood.org
Located in the serene Iniswoods Gardens, the Sisters’ Garden is a tribute to the love Grace and Mary Innis shared for flowers, birds, gardening, and nature. The garden’s unique design provides an interactive learning experience for children and adults about elements in the natural environment. The Sisters’ Garden accomplishes this goal through plants, sculpture, stories, mazes, and landscape. For families that tour Inniswoods Gardens, the Sisters’ Garden is a welcome diversion for youngsters (and adults) who have grown weary of passive observation.

SOBO STYLE
3282 N. High Street, +1 614.447.8880
www.sobostyle.com
High Street is truly a source for hidden gems, as it extends itself through the entire city of Columbus. This shabby-chic furniture and accessories store has a mix of antiques and antique look alikes. The owner, Katie Palmer, originally a Columbus native, had left town for over 16 years, to come back and use her impressions from more cosmopolitan stays for this light-hearted and fun store.

SOUTHERN THEATRE
21 East Main Street, +1 614.469.1045
www.capa.com/venues/southern
In response to the recent loss of five theatres by fire, the Great Southern Hotel and Opera House was opened in 1896, constructed of “fireproof” tile, brick, iron, steel, and concrete. From its unveiling, the theatre was praised for its plush seats, stylish boxes, excellent sight lines, and absence of posts or other obstructions.
Its ample stage dimensions proved more than up to the challenge of the 1903 touring production of Ben-Hur, which featured a cast of 350 and a chariot race in which two teams horses galloped on treadmills for a mile! Since refurbishment in 1998, the Southern has been reborn as a lively venue for musical events including a full season of concerts hosted by the Columbus Chamber Music Society.

**Spagio**
1295 Grandview Avenue, +1 614.486.1114
Located in the heart of chic Grandview, Spagio offers high end casual dining and an exceptional wine bar. Its convenient location near Drexel theater and Stauf’s coffee shop make Spagio an excellent spot to start (or end) an evening. The crowd is diverse, ranging from young professionals to retired couples. The atmosphere is hip and vibrant, and eclectic. Patrons frequently come for dinner and spend most of the evening chatting and sipping selections from Spagio’s respectable wine list.

**The Urban Gardener**
940 North High Street, +1 614.299.4769
This smaller florist store mostly carries outdoor plants, indoor potted plants, and some nice decorative pieces, especially for the holidays. Christy, the owner, is a typical entrepreneur in the Columbus Short North area: she has a clear liking for the unusual. If you want to have a particularly fancy Christmas wreath and she does not have it, she can make it for you. She carries mostly local products, so all of it is fresh and will last longer than what you find in larger and more commercial garden stores.

**Museums & Art**
Columbus has a strong reputation as a regional Mecca for the arts. Museums, eclectic galleries, a nationally renowned art college, classic venues, and exceptional performance art companies add to the cosmopolitan flair of the city. Arts in Columbus can be enjoyed in traditional forms such as opera, ballet, or classic sculpture in addition to more avant garde forms like experimental theater, independent films, or interactive performances. The art scene has a strong history, producing global artists such as Roy Lichtenstein, also an Ohio State alumnus.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Art Galleries in the Short North**
[www.shortnorth.org](http://www.shortnorth.org)
The Short North Arts District is packed with galleries featuring local painters, sculptors, photographers, and more. Site of the monthly Gallery Hop, the Short North is one of the most active urban areas in town.

**BalletMet Columbus**
322 Mt. Vernon Avenue, +1 614.229.4848
[www.balletmet.org](http://www.balletmet.org)
BalletMet has provided artistic excellence in the field of dance to Central Ohio since 1978. In addition to year-round performances, Ballet Met offers the wildly popular New Nutcracker each year during the holiday season. The company also operates The BalletMet Dance Academy, one of the five largest in the United States.
**BLUE FORMS THEATER GROUP**  
+1 614.975.FROG  
[www.blueforms.info](http://www.blueforms.info)

Spawned from Columbus’ vibrant independent theater scene, Blue Forms is a local company that puts on provocative, challenging, and engaging live performances. The company performs a mixture of original pieces and works written by national playwrights. American Theater magazine recently called Blue Forms one of “the hippest, hottest, and most innovative theatre troupes in the US” A highly-anticipated event is the group’s annual 24-Hour Theater, where members write, produce, and perform several pieces within a twenty-four hour period. The performances are so popular that the actors perform twice in a row in order to accommodate the crowd (making the event technically a 26-hour spectacle).

**THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART**  
480 E. Broad Street, +1 614.221.6801  
[www.columbusmuseum.com](http://www.columbusmuseum.com)

Located in the Discovery District, just four blocks east of the State Capitol. The Columbus Museum of Art houses an outstanding collection of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American and European modern art. This collection includes major works by Monet, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir, Hopper, and O’Keeffe and other spectacular examples of Impressionism, German Expressionism, and Cubism.

**OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER**  
1982 Velma Avenue, +1 614.297.2666  
[www.ohiohistory.org](http://www.ohiohistory.org)

Described by the 1989 Smithsonian Guide to Historic America as “probably the finest museum in America devoted to pre-European history,” the Ohio Historical Center is both the headquarters of the Ohio Historical Society and a museum facility showcasing Ohio’s history from the ice age to the year 1970. It is the flagship museum in the society’s statewide system of 60 historical sites.

**THE THURBER HOUSE**  
77 Jefferson Avenue, +1 614.464.1032  
[www.thurberhouse.org](http://www.thurberhouse.org)

The Thurber House is dedicated to celebrating the work of humorist James Thurber and supporting literary endeavors of all kinds. In addition to touring the house and reading garden, guests can participate in events ranging from Evenings with Authors to the biennial display of literary artwork.

**2COS CABARET**  
790 North Hight Street, +1 614.437.2267  
[www.shadowboxcabaret.com/2cos](http://www.shadowboxcabaret.com/2cos)

2Co’s Cabaret operates every Thursday through Saturday and is located in the heart of the “Short North” area in Columbus, Ohio. An evening at 2Co’s includes any and/or all of the following: dramatic theatre, light theatre, monologues, poetry, and amplified acoustic live music. The intimate warehouse setting creates a unique evening for either a date or party of 90 of your closest friends.
Wexner Center for the Arts
1871 North High Street, +1 614.292.3535
www.wexarts.org
Funded by Fisher College alumnus and Chairman of Limited Brands, Leslie Wexner, the Wexner Center for the Arts is one of only a few multidisciplinary facilities in the nation that focuses exclusively on contemporary art. The center has several galleries that feature paintings, sculptures, installations, and performance art. It also features a screening room where films are shown, including the annual independent film festival. Other notable events include fashion shows, gallery talks, lectures, and the popular Art after Hours events.

Music
The music selection in Columbus is as diverse as the city’s performance venues. Musicians range from rock and rap to classical, covering all of the bases in between. Venues range from storied concert halls and theaters all the way to basement bars. The city’s vibrant crowds encourage upstart bands as well as attracting international acts like Sting, Cheryl Crow, U2, Jay-Z, Snoop Dogg, Linkin Park, The Hives, Pavarotti, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, John Mayer, and Dave Matthews Band.

Featured Favorites:

Columbus Symphony Orchestra
55 East State Street, +1 614.228.8600
www.columbussymphony.com
The Columbus Symphony Orchestra is a leading musical force in central Ohio and a centerpiece of the Columbus arts community. Residents frequent symphony performances at the historic Ohio Theatre and outdoor concerts during the summer Picnic With The Pops series.

Little Brothers
1100 N. High Street, +1 614.421.2025
www.littlebrothers.com
This independent club has become a breeding ground for upstart bands and local talent. Owner Dan Dougan features local artists and national acts that aren’t featured on mainstream stages or radio stations. His club features live performances seven nights a week, genres ranging from blues to rock to rap.

Palace Theatre
34 West Broad Street, +1 614.469.1045
www.capa.com/venues/palace
The Palace Theatre first opened its doors to the public in 1926 as a combination vaudeville house and movie theatre. Today, musical guests and traveling troupes like STOMP! and Riverdance grace its historic stage.
**PromoWest Pavilion**
405 Neil Avenue, +1 614.461.LIVE (5483)
[www.promowestpavilion.com](http://www.promowestpavilion.com)
This downtown indoor/outdoor concert venue hosts concerts all year long. When the weather is good, concerts are outdoors. As the seasons change and colder weather comes, the stage rotates and concerts are held inside. National musical acts frequent the pavilion, as do energetic local patrons.

**Zoos Et Cetera**
The passion and dedication of Columbus native, Jack Hanna, has vaulted the Columbus Zoo into world-renowned status. Efforts from preservationists and governmental organizations have added numerous preserves, arboreta, and gardens.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**
9990 Riverside Drive, +1 614.645.3550
[www.colszoo.org](http://www.colszoo.org)
The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is home to over 660 species and more than 7,800 specimens. Throughout the year, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium offers a variety of special events for the whole family. Whether the sun is shining or snowflakes are falling, the Columbus Zoo has an activity planned for your family’s enjoyment.

**Franklin Park Conservatory**
1777 East Broad Street, +1 614.645.5926
[www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)
This park and conservatory features a historic tropical greenhouse, botanical collections from around the world, horticultural classes, an annual butterfly exhibit, and many opportunities for entertainment. Guests range from school classes on field trips to couples being married in the elegant Palm House.

**Inniswoods Metro Gardens**
940 S. Hempstead Road, +1 614.895.6216
[www.inniswood.org](http://www.inniswood.org)
Dedicated to the enjoyment, cultivation, and preservation of nature’s treasures, Inniswood boasts more than 2,000 species of plants, specialty collections of hostas, daffodils, daylilies, and several theme gardens including the rose, herb, and woodland rock garden.

**The Wilds**
14000 International Road, +1 740.638.5030
[www.thewilds.org](http://www.thewilds.org)
The Wilds was opened to the public in 1994 and spans nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed, surface-mined land—a gift from American Electric Power. Thousands of acres have been developed and divided into large sections where African, Asian, and North American species are managed.
Coffee Shops

Much like cities in the Northwestern United States, Columbus has become riddled with coffee shops throughout the city. Professionals stop in on their way to work. Students occupy tables day and night. Locals drop in before, during, or after a night on the town. Coffee shops have truly become Columbus’ version of “public houses” found in the British Isles.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Cup O Joe**
2990 North High Street, +1 614.424.9434
Since its recent opening, this coffee shop has become a favorite for Ohio State students looking for a cup of coffee and a place to study or relax. Many take advantage of the free of charge wireless Internet service. An eclectic interior features standard tables and chairs plus cozier alternatives like sofas and armchairs around the fireplace. Patrons breeze in and out from opening until close at 11 p.m.

**Starbucks**
650 South 3rd Street
Yep, Columbus has them on every corner too. Starbucks fans need not look far to find a familiar favorite. One of the most popular locations is in German Village, where well-to-do professionals grab their morning beverage and trendy urbanites stay to socialize.

**Stauf’s**
1277 Grandview Avenue, +1 614.486.4861
This coffee shop roasts its own beans on site. In addition to ample seating, desserts, and fine coffee beverages, Stauf’s sells coffee beans, loose teas, and drinkware from around the world. At this popular destination near the university, you are likely to overhear a business meeting, see students reading, or witness friends engaged in conversation. As an added bonus, patrons can enjoy free wireless connections.

Movie Theaters

Columbus features numerous theaters ranging from high-tech multiplexes to quaint, historic single-screen theaters. In every corner of town, you’ll find screenings of new releases, classic films, foreign films, art films, and independent films. On top of regular screenings, several theaters, including Ohio State’s Wexner Center for the Arts, host periodic film festivals.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Arena Grand**
175 W. Nationwide Boulevard, +1 614.469.5000
[www.arenagrand.com](http://www.arenagrand.com)
A partnership between national theater giant, AMC, and local owners of the Drexel, the Arena Grand is a hot destination in the heart of Columbus’ popular Arena District. Screenings include new releases and some independent films.
The theater is brand new, with posh appointments and, yet a small theater feeling. Mixed in among downtown dining and entertainment venues.

**LENNOX AMC THEATER**
777 Kinnear Road, +1 614.429.4AMC
[www.moviewatcher.com](http://www.moviewatcher.com)
Well-known in town for its large screens and luxurious seating, the Lennox AMC screens first-run new releases. Located adjacent to the OSU campus, the theater is a popular venue for students, staff, and professors to catch a movie. Several restaurants and shops are within walking distance.

**STUDIO 35**
3055 Indianola Avenue, +1 614.261.1581
[www.studio35.com](http://www.studio35.com)
This single-screen theater shows double features, often mixing new releases with complementary classics. One ticket provides admission to both features. A neighboring pizza shop delivers to the theater, where patrons can also order drinks, concessions, and notably beer. On game days, Studio 35 plays Buckeye football games while serving food and drink for fans unable to get tickets to the stadium.

**Nightlife**
Columbus nightlife is vibrant and diverse. Attractions range from clubs and bars to live entertainment venues and art openings. There are literally hundreds of bars, clubs, pubs, and restaurants to pick from. Every night of the week, there are events in the city’s unique urban neighborhoods in addition to entertainment in downtown hot spots like the Arena District, Brewery District, German Village, Long Street District, Market Exchange District, Short North, and Victorian Village.

**Featured Favorites Nightclubs:**

**Fabric**
40 E Long Street, +1 614.621.0416
Attached to some of the city’s hottest destinations in the Long Street Entertainment District, Fabric is a jazz lounge and martini bar. A posh interior makes the club comfortable yet sophisticated. In addition to rich jazz and rhythm & blues, on Thursdays, Fabric hosts a salsa night with free dance lessons at 10 PM.

**Krome**
283 East Spring Street, +1 614.224.9972
This nightclub has quickly become a favorite. With hip music and an ultra-modern décor, Krome attracts enough of a crowd to create a line outdoors on the weekend. Patrons don stylish, if not daring, attire. Fridays are theme nights, with costumed partygoers rewarded in the form of waived cover charges. Krome’s “Superdance Saturday” has been voted one of the top dance nights in the Midwest.
Opium Lounge
346 South High Street, +1 614.255.2030
Reminiscent of the Miami club scene, Opium is warm and comfortable with red velvet draped walls and posh seating. In addition to eclectic DJs and a high-class bar, the lounge offers many enclaves and a VIP area for private conversation.

Red Zone
87 West Main St, +1 614.621.0416
This popular club has gone under several facelifts during its popular lifespan. The owners repeatedly bring Columbus some of the freshest DJs, most powerful sound systems, and most impressive light displays. The club offers frenetic dancing and partying on a regular basis in addition to special events (like costume nights) that attract an even bigger crowd than usual.

Carlisle Club
445 North High Street +1 614.464.2582
Directly across from the Convention Center, on the edge of the Short North, this laid back club is an ideal spot to either start up or wind down an evening. Live music is featured on one side of the club, with intimate seating available on the other side.

Featured Favorite Live Entertainment Venues:

Brewmaster’s Gate:
495 S. Front Street, +1 614.228.GATE
www.brewmastersgate.com
In the heart of the Brewery District, this indoor/outdoor facility is a completely convertible concert venue. In favorable weather, the roof and sides of the building open for a fresh-air experience. As the seasons change, the building becomes an indoor entertainment venue. Located next to some of the most popular nightlife in town, Brewmaster’s Gate has brought a vibrant spark to the already energetic Brewery District.

Howl at the Moon
50 South Front Street, +1 614.224.5990
www.howlatthemoon.com
This dueling piano bar attracts an energetic crowd and relies heavily on audience involvement. The talented pianists take requests for while the staff serves up favorite drinks. Audience members occasionally go on stage to sing along or be serenaded.

Thirsty Ear Tavern
1200 West 3rd Avenue, +1 614.299.4987
www.thirstyeartavern.com
Features a friendly atmosphere and quality live music. Music posters line the walls and the staff is eager to help patrons select from a wide range of beers, ales, lagers, and stouts. Local musicians, open mike, and blues nights are big draws.
FEATURED FAVORITE BARS AND PUBS:

BURGUNDY ROOM
641 N High Street, +1 614.464.9463
Located in the trendy Short North, Burgundy Room is a stylish wine bar that attracts a young, sleek crowd. The atmosphere is sophisticated, yet casual. Patrons can be seen socializing at the bar, or enjoying one of the many wine selections at a private table. The décor is modern yet warm, a nice relief from bars and clubs that work hard to impress. Located near popular restaurants and entertainment, Burgundy Room is an excellent stop for a night on the town.

CLUB 185
185 East. Livingston Avenue, +1 614.228.3904
Classy atmosphere, slightly off the beaten path. Recently refurbished to match its historic German Village setting, Club 185 has become a favorite of young professionals and graduate students. The stylish setting is complemented by trendy staff and a selection of local beers.

FADO IRISH PUB
4022 Townsfair Way, +1 614.418.0066
Great service, Irish beers, and a nice selection of pub food. Fado is a popular destination at Easton, convenient to shopping, barhopping, and entertainment. The interior is styled after an authentic Irish pub. Events at the pub include trivia nights and live music.

FROG BEAR AND WILD BOAR
343 N Front Street, +1 614.621.WILD
www.frogbearbar.com
Lively late night atmosphere including food, drinks, and live music. Patrons come for dinner and wind up staying for entertainment. Located right in the heart of the Arena District, Frog Bear and Wild Boar is a popular destination after work, on weekends, and anytime the Columbus Bluejackets have a hockey game.
Shopping

Shopping is practically a religion for some people in Columbus. Fortunately, the city has a lot to offer even the most rabid “shop-aholic.” From high-end shopping to quirky independent boutiques, the selection is endless. Shoppers can go straight from Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom to Columbus-only shops like Posh Pets (a funky pet gear shop) and Urban Gardner (a fun downtown nursery).

**Featured Favorite Shopping:**

**Easton Town Center**
160 Easton Town Center
[www.eastontowncenter.com](http://www.eastontowncenter.com)
Developed by Fisher College of Business alumnus, Les Wexner, Easton Town Center is an outdoor shopping district reminiscent of a bygone era. Shops include mall standards like J. Crew and Victoria’s Secret, but Easton also features sophisticated destinations like Nordstrom, Henri Bendel, and Bang & Olufsen. A variety of dining and entertainment options are mixed among the shops, adding to the illusion of an old-town commercial district.

**Filene's Basement**
3704 West Dublin-Granville Road, +1 614.932.1001
[www.filenesbasement.com](http://www.filenesbasement.com)
The country’s oldest and most famous off-price store is a big draw in Columbus. From its everyday discount prices on designer clothing to the annual bridal gown melee, Filene's is a great stop for the budget conscious shopper with taste. Since its opening in the 1990s, the store has enjoyed throngs of customers. Nearby dining and shopping make it worth the trip from downtown Columbus to nearby Dublin.

**Polaris Fashion Place**
1500 Polaris Parkway
[www.polarisfashionplace.com](http://www.polarisfashionplace.com)
Located on the northern outskirts of town, this sizeable indoor mall is host to an array of high-end fashion shopping destinations. Shopping ranges from department stores like Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue to boutiques like bebe and Adrienne Vittadini. High-fashion shopping is complemented by a mix of quick eateries for serious shoppers and fine restaurants for a more leisurely pace.

**Short North**
High Street
[www.theshortnorth.com](http://www.theshortnorth.com)
Shops in the Short North include an eclectic mix of art galleries, furniture boutiques, clothiers, bookshops, and more. The area is host to Columbus’ monthly Gallery Hop, which draws a large, diverse crowd. If you are looking for downtown shopping without department stores or chains, this is your destination. Favorite shops include On Paper, a handmade gift card and invitation boutique; Byzantium, an eclectic beadwork store, and An Open Book, a book store with an exceptional variety of books. In addition, the area features trendy dining options and nightlife.
Sports

Fans in Columbus take their sports seriously. Favorites range from the 2002 National Champion Ohio State Buckeyes football team to professional hockey, soccer, and baseball teams. Tickets for all events generally sell out early, with last minute purchases available on the sidewalk in front of the venue. Stadiums and arenas in Columbus are among the most recognized and modern in the nation. Inside, you can not only watch your team, but grab an assortment of gourmet snacks and beverages.

Featured Favorites:

COLUMBUS CLIPPERS
www.clippersbaseball.com
On the edge of the city, Cooper Stadium is the home to the AAA Minor League affiliate of New York Yankees. Clippers games are a popular event, especially on the famous “Dime a Dog Nights.” Fans young and old line up after games for autographs from their favorite players (or from the popular mascot, LouSeal).

COLUMBUS DESTROYERS
www.columbusdestroyers.com
The Destroyers are Columbus’ brand new Arena Football League franchise. The fast-paced games take place in Nationwide Arena and are widely attended. In keeping with the town’s love for Buckeye football, the Destroyers are coached by Ohio State veteran Chris Spielman and managed by formed Ohio State coach Earl Bruce.

MLS COLUMBUS CREW
www.thecrew.com
The city’s Major League Soccer team plays in a $28 million, 22,500-seat stadium, one of only two in the country designed exclusively for soccer. In addition to regular season games, Crew Stadium is host for World Cup and Olympic qualifier games.

NHL COLUMBUS BLUEJACKETS
www.bluejackets.com
The Bluejacket’s $125 million Nationwide Arena in downtown is the anchor attraction for Columbus’ popular Arena District. The franchise is one of the youngest in the NHL, but the fans are as dedicated as they come. After games, fans spill out into nearby restaurants, bars, and clubs.

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL
www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com
It is literally impossible to escape “Buckeye Fever” during football season. The fans are passionate and fill Ohio Stadium, Ohio State’s renowned 104,000-seat “horseshoe” arena for every game. Excitement from the recent National Championship still spills over as fans look forward to the team’s next year of contention.
Parks

Columbus residents flock to city parks during fair weather for fresh air, exercise, picnics, games, or outdoor concerts. Parks are well groomed with stately trees, open grassy areas, and attractive flowers. Many of the parks are connected by Columbus’ extensive bike trail, which follows the Olentangy River. Parks are especially well trafficked during special events, like the Community Festival in Goodale Park or the Fourth of July celebration in Whetstone Park.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Alum Creek**
3615 S Old State Road
Especially popular in the summer, Alum Creek offers scenic hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, camping, and picnic grounds in addition to recreation on its namesake waterways. The park is a short drive from town, located near Polaris Fashion Place.

**Antrim Park**
5800 Olentangy River Road
This centrally located park is a regular favorite of walkers and joggers. Before and after work, the trail around Antrim Lake is filled with residents partaking in outdoor exercise. The trail connects to Columbus’ 13-mile Olentangy Bike Trail that winds along Olentangy River from downtown to the northern suburbs.

**Goodale Park**
120 West Goodale Boulevard
Home of Columbus’ vibrant Community Festival (lovingly nicknamed CommFest), this park is a gorgeous retreat for residents on the north end of downtown. The park features an immaculately landscaped pond, rolling terrain, and an attractive pavilion with gazebo. Goodale’s aesthetic prowess attracts joggers, walkers, couples picnicking, and the occasional wedding.

**Schiller Park**
1069 Jaeger Street
Dotted with century-old trees and attractive plantings, Schiller Park is a popular escape for downtown residents. Early morning, you will find dogs walking their owners. At lunch, the park benches are filled with businesspeople enjoying a quick break from the city. In the evening, you’ll find energetic professionals and students jogging around the park’s perimeter.

**Whetstone Park of Roses**
3923 N High Street
Part of the Metro Park System, this park is popular for picnics, jogging, hiking, athletic events, and its famous rose gardens. Adjacent to one of the city’s many Metropolitan libraries, the Park of Roses hosts a fireworks display and concert every Fourth of July.
Dining

Columbus enjoys an incredibly diverse mix of dining options. Whether the order of the day is casual dining or something a bit fancier, the city is full of choices. In addition to globally recognized restaurants, Columbus has many one-of-a-kind dining experiences owned and operated by local residents. Choices range from standard American fare to global selections like sushi bars, Indian restaurants, and an authentic Ethiopian experience.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Barcelona**
263 East Whittier Street, German Village, +1 614.443.3699
A popular favorite among the city's hip and well-to-do, Barcelona boasts fine dining and an incredibly trendy atmosphere. Dishes range from wood-fired pizzas to braised lamb. The wine list is full of labels that complement the food and drinks from the bar are nicely proportioned. Patrons typically arrive for dinner and stay for the bar and social scene.

**The Cheesecake Factory**
3975 Townsfair Way, +1 614.418-7600
Located in the heart of Easton Town Center, this popular American restaurant frequently draws huge crowds leading to lengthy waits. Rest assured, the wait is worth it. The large-portioned meals are rich and tasty; the cheesecakes and other desserts are simply wonderful. As a bit of advice, consider splitting an appetizer, entrée, or dessert with a friend...the serving sizes are simply astronomical.

**Dragon Fly Neo Organic V**
247 King Avenue, +1 614.298.9986
This vegetarian- and vegan-friendly restaurant has become a favorite for its target audience as well as meat-eaters. The stark and clean interior matches the style of the cuisine. The menu rotates seasonally, so the selection is always fresh. Ingredients are organic and obtained from local sources. Despite the high concept menu, Dragon Fly delivers outstanding food that consistently ranks among the best in Columbus.

**El Vaquero**
3230 Olentangy River Road, +1 614.261.0900
[www.elvaquerorestaurants.com](http://www.elvaquerorestaurants.com)
This local favorite is famous around town for fast service, delicious food, and refreshing margaritas. Guests are advised to arrive early, as the restaurant is prone to fill up quickly. The servers know all of the entrees by number and patrons enjoy service from up to five servers, hosts, cooks, and bartenders. Quick service ensures that there is never a shortage of chips and salsa or drinks.

**Indian Oven**
27 E. Main Street, Market Exchange District, +1 614.220.9390
Among the array of Indian restaurants, Indian Oven is the standout. It recently relocated from the campus area to the trendy Market Exchange District.
The new interior is modern and sleek. Dishes are traditionally Indian and attract dine-in patrons as well as a plethora of take-out orders.

**La Chatelaine**  
1550 West Lane Avenue, +1 614.488.1911  
This café-style restaurant and bakery serves affordable and delectable entrees, soups, breads, coffees, and desserts. It is always a good bet to order the soup or sandwich du jour along with the fresh and tasty Caesar salad. Guests often take home a box of fresh baked breads and pastries after a meal. Some nights feature live acoustic music for diners that choose to stick around for a coffee or cappuccino.

**Restaurant Japan**  
1140 Kenny Centre Mall, +1 614.451.5411  
Enjoy authentic-style cuisine in a comfortable and bright atmosphere. The light wood interior is a good complement for friendly service and hearty Japanese meals. Patrons order traditional plates ranging from sashimi to noodles udon while enjoying warm sake or Japanese beers. The restaurant is adjacent to a popular Japanese market and bookstore, making for a micro Japan-town atmosphere.

**The Refectory**  
1092 Bethel Road, +1 614.451.9774  
The warmly appointed interior of this formal French restaurant complements the high-class atmosphere. Appropriate attire is required, although you won’t regret the extra effort. Meals and wines are top-notch. The restaurant repeatedly earns a top ten ranking and has been given the Grand Award by Wine Spectator. If you are looking to impress yourself or someone else, The Refectory is an excellent choice.

**Shoku**  
1312 Grandview Avenue, +1 614.485.9490  
One of several fusion restaurants in Columbus, Shoku serves a blend of Japanese, pan-Asian, and Californian meals. Guests can order from a traditional sushi menu or enjoy something different like a tempura wrap with a spicy cream drizzle. Patrons are hip and the restaurant occasionally features a live DJ spinning relaxing beats.

**Thai Orchid**  
7654 Sawmill Road, +1 614.792.1112  
This luxurious yet comfortable restaurant features a mixture of Thai and Chinese offerings. Worth the short trip from downtown, the traditional service makes sure that you are catered to from the minute you walk through the door. Meals are presented with care, which is only appropriate for the first-rate food.

**Thurman Café**  
183 Thurman Avenue, +1 614.443.1570  
Home of burgers as big as your head and pint specials that include a beer glass, Thurman’s is a favorite for downtown residents and a destination for the rest of the city. The interior is more reminiscent of a bar than a restaurant; the walls and ceilings are plastered with dollar bills, business cards, and noted signed by past visitors.
Meals are something you might dream up with friends: 28-ounce burgers with an array of toppings, chicken sandwiches with crunchy potato sticks, fried pickles. While you are waiting for a booth, you can play one of several arcade games in the lobby.

**Trattoria Roma**  
1447 Grandview Avenue, +1 614.488.2104  
Dine in the cozy indoor dining room or al fresco on the patio while enjoying some of the city’s most authentic Italian food and a fine selection of wines. Dishes are deliciously prepared for sophisticated palates, starting with antipasti and ending with luscious deserts. The central Grandview location leaves you ideally positioned for after dinner drinks and entertainment.

**Events**

Columbus regularly hosts events ranging from arts celebrations and music festivals to parades and fireworks. Most events are coupled with delicious food offerings and intense public interest. Live performances and vendor booths line the streets surrounding event locations. During spring, summer, and fall events are held outdoors in numerous parks, pavilions, and fairgrounds; in the winter, events move to conference centers, arenas, and indoor facilities at the fairgrounds.

**Featured Favorites:**

**Arnold Fitness Classic**  
[www.arnoldclassic.com](http://www.arnoldclassic.com)  
Yes, even now that he is Governor Schwarzenegger, Arnold still comes to town for the annual Arnold Fitness Classic. Bodybuilders and fitness experts from around the world swoop into town during the first week of March for a weeklong event that culminates in numerous competitions. The event is so big that it is held in two locations, the Greater Columbus Convention Center and nearby Veterans Memorial Auditorium. For dinner, you can visit the nearby Spaghetti Warehouse for tasty Italian delights and a close-up peek at the body builders.

**Circleville Pumpkin Show**  
[www.pumpkinshow.com](http://www.pumpkinshow.com)  
Every October, Columbus natives flock south of town to Circleville to celebrate fall. The Circleville Pumpkin Show has been featuring displays, parades, contests, entertainment, and vendors for over 100 years. Events are designed to welcome fall and celebrate crops that ripen during October. Contests include largest pumpkin and the Miss Pumpkin competition.

**Columbus Arts Festival**  
[www.gcac.org/artsfest](http://www.gcac.org/artsfest)  
The Columbus Arts Festival remains the welcome-to-summer event in Columbus, pairing the finest artists and craftspeople with a medley of continuous entertainment including art activities, musical performances, and food from Columbus’ finest restaurants. Each year, Sunshine Artist magazine recognizes the Columbus Arts Festival as a one of the premiere festivals in the country.
COLUMBUS JAZZ AND RIBS FESTIVAL:  
www.columbus.org/jazz  
The Michelob Light Jazz & RibFest, the largest free rib festival in the world, features a weekend of live jazz, delicious ribs, and ever-flowing beverages. Nestled along the Scioto River, the festival is a highly anticipated summer event.

DUBLIN IRISH FESTIVAL  
www.dublinirishfestival.org  
Every summer Irish merchants, musicians, entertainers, and exhibitors flock to Dublin, Ohio for the effervescent Dublin Irish Festival. Musical guests range from Irish rock bands to folk musicians. Cultural exhibits help visitors trace genealogy, learn about Irish traditions, and even pet Irish breeds of dogs. The popular event was named to the American Business Associations list of Top 100 Events in North America.

FESTIVAL LATINO  
www.musicintheair.org/festlatino  
In 1996, Festival Latino began as a five-hour pilot project. The attendance of 7,000 far exceeded expectations. Due to this overwhelming response, the festival expanded to two days in 1997. The common elements each year have been lively music, vivacious crowds, dancing in the streets, cultural and arts workshops for children and adults, Latin American cuisine and community information tents. Over the years, Festival Latino has experienced a substantial growth in the number of performing artists, workshops, vendors, participating community groups, and audience.

GERMAN VILLAGE HAUS UND GARTEN TOUR  
In late July, owners of immaculate homes and gardens in German Village open their doors for public tours. The neighborhood is one of the oldest in Columbus and features magnificent architecture from the 19th century. Homeowners endure painstaking refurbishments to restore the homes and surrounding gardens to their historic glory. Quite often, the interiors are decorated with splendid mixtures of historic and modern styles. The tour provides a chance for locals to peek in these magnificent homes and a chance for owners to show off their accomplishment.

GERMAN VILLAGE OKTOBERFEST:  
The German Village Oktoberfest is a celebration that blends a time-honored German festival with the vitality and charm of a thriving urban neighborhood. With 32 bands on three stages, a wide variety of authentic German food as well as other festival favorites, a Kinderplatz just for kids, and a Marktplatz filled with artisans and shops – Oktoberfest is a fun-filled weekend for the whole family.

PGA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
www.pgatour.com/tournaments/r023/  
Part of the PGA tour, this annual golf tournament is a huge draw for the city. It takes place at the Muirfield Village Golf Club, envisioned and created by local golf legend Jack Nicklaus. Golf Digest rates the course 16th in the nation. Last year’s tournament was won by Ernie Els with perennial favorite Tiger Woods close behind. The Memorial Tournament is widely regarded within the city and business people often take at least one day off work if they are able to obtain tickets.