

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS

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Downtown Districts

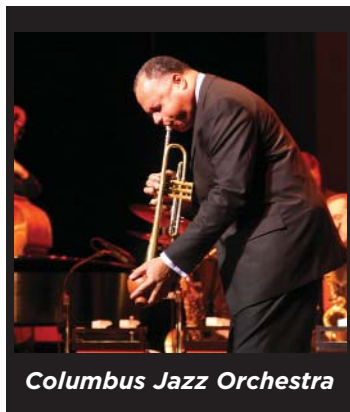
Downtown Columbus is surrounded by entertainment districts, filled with shopping, dining and other attractions. The **Arena District** is home to many restaurants, nightclubs and a plush movie theater. In the neighboring **Short North Arts District**, you'll find restaurants, galleries, boutiques and nightclubs. South of downtown are **German Village**, a restored historic district with charming homes and shops, and the **Brewery District**, with the nation's largest theater troupe, Shadowbox Live.



Short North Arts District

World-Class Arts & Culture

Spend your nights at one of Columbus' performing arts events. Among your choices are **BalletMet**, **Broadway Across America-Columbus**, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra**, **The Columbus Symphony** and the **Contemporary American Theatre Company**. See world-class visual art at the **Columbus Museum of Art**, the **Wexner Center for the Arts**, **The King Arts Complex** and **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**, the only botanical garden in the world with a permanent collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly.



Columbus Jazz Orchestra

Shopping To Suit Every Taste

Central Ohio is known for shopping, ranging from the eclectic boutiques in the **Short North Arts District** to **Easton Town Center**, just 15 minutes from downtown, where 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 including Saks Fifth Avenue.

Nation's Best Attractions

Central Ohio is packed with fun attractions. See polar bears swim underwater at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**, voted the #1 zoo of America by *USA Travel Guide*. Get hands-on at **COSI**, the #1 science center in the country for families according to *Parents* magazine. Explore our two new downtown parks, **Columbus Commons** and the **Scioto Mile** along the downtown riverfront.

Respected Sports Scene

Scarborough Sports Marketing ranked Columbus the #1 Sports Town in the United States. The city earns the distinction 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.

A Foodie's Paradise

Columbus has one of the country's most innovative food scenes. From vegan to BBQ, you'll find hundreds of restaurants offering most every kind of cuisine. Don't miss the **North Market**, located across from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. It offers the finest in fresh and prepared foods.



North Market

Getting Here

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. Find out more on experiencecolumbus.com.