

experience COLUMBUS

EXPLORE OHIO'S CAPITAL CITY

From vibrant downtown districts to top-of-the-line shopping to a thriving arts scene, Ohio's capital city offers a wealth of experiences.

DAY ONE

Step inside a painting at the **Topiary Park**, a re-creation in topiary of Georges Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte"—complete with 54 topiary people, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey and a cat.

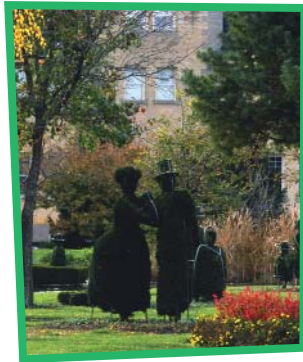
Admire artwork by Matisse, Picasso, Monet and other masters at the **Columbus Museum of Art**, which offers an impressive permanent collection and fascinating special exhibitions.

Become a trainer for a day at **Beulah Park**. Learn what it takes to develop a winning horse from tack to tactics and listen in on pre-race talks between the jockey and trainer. Hold the stopwatch during the race, then get your photo in the winner's circle.

Choose from several evening options. Prepare dinner and a decadent dessert under the guidance of Tami Cecil, a Culinary Institute of America trained chef at **Woodhaven Farm**. Pick fresh herbs from the organic garden, then prepare your culinary masterpiece. Or opt for dinner and a performance at one of downtown's historic theaters: the ornate Spanish Baroque **Ohio Theatre**, the Palace of Versailles-inspired **Palace Theatre**, the Egyptian-styled **Lincoln Theatre** and the gilded **Southern Theatre**. These beautifully restored theaters are home to Columbus' top performing arts groups, including **Opera Columbus**, **BalletMet**, **The Columbus Symphony**, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra** and **Broadway Across America—Columbus**.

DAY TWO

Enjoy breakfast at the **North Market**, a public market filled with unique—and delicious—souvenirs. Merchants are known for offering just-made goods: Watch as chocolates are hand-dipped or taste gourmet ice cream created with ingredients such as lavender and fresh ginger.



Topiary Park

Journey to an ancient civilization in Adventure, a hands-on exhibition area open exclusively to groups at **COSI Columbus**. Challenge your inner explorer and have fun learning about science.

Stroll brick streets lined with unique shops and restaurants and step inside a private home and garden on a guided tour of **German Village**, a charming historic neighborhood. After lunch, a step-on guide will share fascinating stories about historic sites and attractions on a tour of downtown's **Arena District**, **Discovery District** and **Short North Arts District**.

Choose from two of the Midwest's top shopping destinations. At **Easton Town Center**, you'll find hundreds of specialty stores along with one of Columbus' best collections of restaurants and entertainment venues. **Polaris Fashion Place** is one of the region's largest malls with six anchors including Saks Fifth Avenue.

Pick from two evening options. Experience an old-fashioned boarding-house style meal at Miss Emma's Table at the **Ohio Statehouse**, before taking a guided tour. Or create your own wine from start to finish including bottling, corking and designing your own label at **Camelot Cellars**.

DAY THREE

Eat breakfast with the animals at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**. Interact with exotic animals up-close after enjoying a full breakfast buffet. Find out more behind-the-scenes details on a guided walking tour, before the gates open to the public.



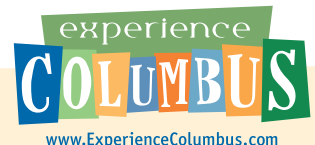
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See how whistles or peanut butter are made on fascinating factory tours. Watch as metal whistles are formed at the **American Whistle Corporation**, the only U.S. manufacturer of metal whistles. You'll even get your own whistle to take home. Or opt to snack on roasted nuts and chocolates after a tour of **Krema Nut Company**, one of the oldest peanut butter makers in the United States.

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