

# experience COLUMBUS

## FAMILY FUN GETAWAY

*Looking for a vacation that will excite you as well as your children? Columbus is the answer, with entertaining activities that will bring out the child in everyone!*

### DAY ONE

Start your vacation at **COSI**, the No. 1 science center in the country for families according to *Parents* magazine. Split a laser beam in Gadgets, use sonar technology in Ocean or pilot a space capsule in Space. There's also little kidspace, geared to children in kindergarten and younger.



*Learning is fun at COSI*

Eat lunch at the family-friendly **Schmidt's Restaurant and Banquet Haus**, housed in a former livery stable in historic German Village. Save room for dessert: the cream puffs alone are worth the trip!

Next, head to **Easton Town Center**, one of the Midwest's top shopping, dining and entertainment destinations. Mom can relax at a spa or shop at the hundreds of specialty stores, Nordstrom and Macy's. The kids can splash in the fountains, ride the old-fashioned trolley or paint pottery at Color Your World.

Cheer on the **Columbus Crew**, Ohio's only Major League Soccer team. They compete March-October at Crew Stadium, just north of downtown. Or go ice skating at the **Dispatch Ice Haus**, where the Columbus Blue Jackets—the state's only National Hockey League team—practices.

Spend the night and continue the fun at either **Fort Rapids Indoor Waterpark Resort** or **CoCo Key Water Resort** at Cherry Valley Lodge.

### DAY TWO

Make a big splash at **Zoombezi Bay** water park, located next to the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**. Dry off to see rare and endangered animals, hand feed lorikeets and walk amid kangaroos. Admission to Zoombezi Bay includes the world-famous zoo.



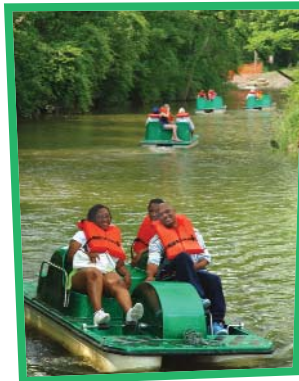
*Splash away at Zoombezi Bay*

Have dinner at the all-you-can-eat pizza buffet at **Magic Mountain Fun Center**. There's a reason "fun" is part of the name—activities include bumper boats, laser tag, go-karts, miniature golf and an arcade.

### DAY THREE

Start the day underground at **Olentangy Indian Caverns**. Tour the caverns, a cool retreat as they stay a constant 54 degrees. Mine for gems and try out the climbing wall.

Eat lunch at one of the many restaurants in the new **Creekside** area in Gahanna, then rent a paddleboat to meander down Big Walnut Creek through Creekside Park.



*Cruise around at Creekside Park*

Explore the walking paths and specialty gardens at **Inniswood Metro Gardens** in nearby Westerville. With a maze and play areas, the Sisters' Garden is dedicated to the child in everyone. Or opt to head downtown to **Scioto Audubon Park**, where you can spot migrating birds.

Enjoy dinner at the original **Max & Erma's** in German Village. Kids (and adults too) can make their own dessert at the sundae bar.

Watch a performance by one of the city's child-friendly theater groups—the **Columbus Children's Theatre** and **Phoenix Theatre for Children**.

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