



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN COLUMBUS

With outstanding shopping options and festive holiday activities, you'll be entertained during your holiday stay in Columbus.

DAY ONE

Stroll brick streets lined with one-of-a-kind shops, coffee houses and restaurants in **German Village**, a charming neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Expect to see plenty of holiday decorations as the district goes all out, especially during Village Lights when it's illuminated with more than 10,000 candle-lit luminaria.

Be a guest at Miss Emma's Table, named for a socialite who lived beside the **Ohio Statehouse** in the 1800s. You'll be treated to an old-fashioned boarding-house style meal inside the Statehouse, which will be decorated for the holidays in Victorian style. A guide dressed in 1800s period clothing will take you on a tour of the Greek Revival building.

Admire works by more than 400 talented artists at **Winterfair**, an arts and crafts show Dec. 2-4, 2011 at the Ohio Expo Center. Or head to **Polaris Fashion Place**, one of Ohio's largest malls with six anchors and hundreds of specialty stops. Dine in the food court or at restaurants such as Brio Tuscan Grille and California Pizza Kitchen.

Choose from several options for the evening. Be surrounded by millions of twinkling lights at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium** during Wildlights, a festival holiday celebration starting mid-November. Be sure to visit the reindeer and decorate your own holiday cookies. Or enjoy a holiday performance by one of Columbus' many arts groups, including the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra's** Home for the Holidays, **The Columbus Symphony's** Holiday Pops, **ProMusica Chamber Orchestra's** "Messiah" Side-by-Side Sing Along and **BalletMet's** "The Nutcracker."



BalletMet's "The Nutcracker"

DAY TWO

Get festive at **Franklin Park Conservatory**, which is decorated for the holidays with thousands of colorful poinsettias. Take a behind-the-

scenes tour with expert horticulturists and learn how to attract butterflies to your yard.

Shop for holiday gifts at **Easton Town Center**, where you'll find Macy's, Nordstrom and hundreds of specialty stores, along with one of the city's best collections of restaurants. Listen to strolling carolers and take a horse-drawn carriage ride—both offered holiday weekends.

Create your own wine from start to finish at **Camelot Cellars**. Begin at the fermentation process, then bottle, cork and even design the label for your own private wine reserve—a unique holiday gift.

Figure out "whodunit" at the entertaining "Dickens of a Mystery" at the **Ohio Village**. Enjoy a hearty meal while you interact with a historic cast of characters and strive to solve the mystery of this Ohio Village original theater performance.



"Dickens of a Mystery"

DAY THREE

Explore the unique shops and boutiques in one of Columbus' many charming suburbs. **Powell** and **Westerville** are known for antique stores, while **Dublin**, **Delaware** and **Worthington** have a wide variety of specialty stores and cafes.

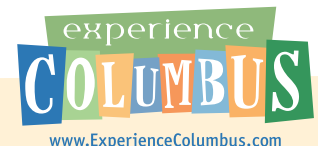
On your way out of Columbus, shop for bargains at Ohio's largest outlet mall, **Prime Outlets Jeffersonville**.

Or opt to stop in **Historic Roscoe Village**, the re-creation of a canal era town. See costumed interpreters at work and try your hand at crafts, such as rope-making, candle dipping and weaving. There's also several specialty stores in the village to explore. Take a candlelight tour of the village and share in lighting its 35-foot Christmas tree on the first three Saturdays in December.

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