

## LEARNING IS FUN IN COLUMBUS

*Ohio's capital city is filled with attractions that allow students to learn in a fun and engaging atmosphere. This is a "class" they won't want to miss.*

### DAY ONE

Eat breakfast with the animals at the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**.

Interact with exotic animals up-close and learn from the experts after a full breakfast buffet. Take a guided tour before the gates open to the public. Cool off at **Zoombezi Bay**, the zoo's new waterpark.



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See how whistles are made at the **American Whistle Corporation**, the only U.S. manufacturer of metal whistles. You'll even get your own whistle to take home.

Have lunch 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. *(You can even overnight here.)*

Take a Gossip Tour of the **Ohio Historical Center's** Ohio Village, which re-creates life in the 1800s. Get the scoop about the village's residents, such as who visited the doctor and why. Learning about history has never been so entertaining.

Cheer on the **Columbus Blue Jackets**—Ohio's only National Hockey League team, the **Columbus Crew** Major League Soccer team or the **Columbus Clippers** Triple A baseball team.

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

Challenge your inner explorer and have fun learning about science in Adventure, a hands-on area open exclusively to groups at **COSI Columbus**. *(You can even overnight here—allowing hours for students to explore.)*

Meet prominent figures from Ohio's past on a guided tour of the **Ohio Statehouse**, including "Mrs. John Rankin," the wife of Ohio's noted Underground Railroad conductor.

Choose from dozens of eateries at the **North Market**, the city's historic public market. Learn how food goes from the field to the table during the weekly Farmers Market, held Saturdays spring through fall.

Climb aboard the **Santa Maria**, the world's most authentic replica of Christopher Columbus' ship. Learn about the teamwork it took to survive, work the sails and tie sea-worthy knots. *(To really feel like a sailor, stay overnight aboard the ship. You'll sleep on deck like Columbus' crew did, unload cargo, keep watch and prepare meals.)*

Get hands-on with art in the Center for Creativity, opening in fall 2010 at the **Columbus Museum of Art**.

Eat dinner at **The Spaghetti Warehouse**, where you can dine in a trolley car, church confessional or elevator. Later, enjoy a **Broadway Across America—Columbus** show.

### DAY THREE

Meet "Sophia Kelton" who will let you in on the family's "secret" at the **Kelton House**, a restored Underground Railroad stop. You'll be sworn to secrecy before you leave.

Watch butterflies hatch and take their first flight during Blooms & Butterflies March 13-July 4, 2010 at **Franklin Park Conservatory**.

Go on an organized scavenger hunt in **German Village** to learn about the neighborhood, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Eat lunch at **Schmidt's Restaurant und Sausage Haus**. For dessert, stop at **Graeter's Ice Cream**, where you can see ice cream being made from start to finish.

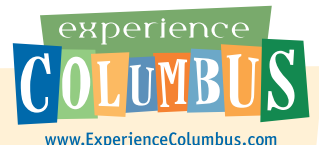


*Franklin Park Conservatory*

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