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**SOUNDS** to Inspire

**TASTES** to Delight



**2019**  
Visitors Guide & Map

# Visit ColumbusGA



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All Out  
COLUMBUS  
GA

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WELCOME



## Stay and Explore

**W**here is the best place in Georgia to go for all out fun? Without a doubt, it's Columbus! You'll find a vibrant, artsy energy that blends with its unique history and a killer food scene to offer a getaway destination that is under the radar and over the top. It's also the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors, listen to local bands and taste finely brewed beer.

Whether you define yourself as a wild adventurer, a nature-lover, drama queen, fanatical foodie, art critic, or explorer, you can go all out in Columbus, Georgia.

Columbus is a unique city, pulsating with an edgy vibe, phenomenal food and outdoor recreation. Even our past comes alive with living history events and lifelike exhibits. Columbus' blend of old and new, wild and mild, entertainment and experiences makes us a getaway destination that is surprising in the best sort of way.

Where else can you raft or kayak the white waters of the Chattahoochee River,



Sculpture Walk

go mountain biking, zip line across state lines, play paintball, visit world-class museums, dine at top-flight, chef-inspired restaurants, catch a Broadway-caliber play, and then groove to live music late into the night? Columbus gives you all those options, all in the same place!

Stroll and roll along Columbus' iconic RiverWalk and pedestrian bridge on foot, bike or skateboard. Watch people in yellow rafts plunge through the spray of the water along the longest urban whitewater course in the world, while others enjoy a leisurely paddle in the river's flat-water areas.

Just a few streets over from the activities along the RiverWalk, a different kind of urban adventure takes place. Columbus' locally-owned stores and boutiques welcome shoppers who enjoy the city's easily walkable shopping districts. Fashionistas and antique pickers alike can glide from shop window to shop window before sitting down under a red table umbrella to dine on lunch al fresco. Later in the evening, enjoy a free outdoor concert in Uptown, a Broadway series musical at



Uptown Columbus

the RiverCenter, or the latest production at the Springer Opera House.

Dive into the past while visiting military museums and historic homes, from an authentically recreated World War II Company Street to the home of the "Mother of the Blues."

Whatever your interest, whether you are traveling

solo, with friends, with your S.O., or with kids or grandkids, Columbus has great experiences for you to go all out.

This is Columbus – adventurous, exciting, friendly, spirited and courageous. Bring this book to Columbus and go all out for adventure, great food, and amazing fun!

There are so many things to do in Columbus! Use your mobile device to scan this QR code to watch a video that showcases some of Columbus' many fun activities.

**Tech Tip:** You may need to download a QR code reader application to your mobile device to use this function. Go to your phone's app store or marketplace to download a reader.



## VISITORS CENTER



# Reasons to Stop in the Visitors Center

**L**et us help you "go all out" in Columbus. Stop by or call the Columbus Visitor Center for...



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No GPS, no problem. We can help you get where you're going using the fastest and most direct routes.

 **Information on events & HAPPENINGS**

We have the event calendar at our fingertips, and we'll tell you what's going on during your stay.



Columbus Visitors Center



Columbus Museum

 **Ideas for your ITINERARY**

With brochures on every major area attraction and suggested outings to fit every interest, you'll never have a dull moment in Columbus.

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VISITORS CENTER HOURS  
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SAT: 10AM-1PM

## FIND YOUR ADVENTURE

# -ALL OUT- Adventure MAP



### Wild Adventurer

You live for Columbus' adrenaline-pumping adventure, the faster, the higher, the better. Go to page 10 for the thrill-generating activities that you can share with your friends using your GoPro and YouTube.

Start Here

Are you an all out adrenaline-seeker?

You Bet!



Love it!

No, I'm just a little bit chicken

Do you love the great outdoors?



### Flower Child

You love the outdoors and you like to keep your feet on the ground, especially in a gorgeous garden. Check out pages 40-41 for spectacular gardens. You may also enjoy the birds and wildlife at Oxbow Meadows, page 16.

Are you traveling with kids?

You may be any type of adventurer. Check out pages 47-49 for family fun ideas.

Could you gift wrap that?



### Window Shopper

For you, it's not a vacation unless you can take a bit of Columbus home with you. Break out the plastic and hit the shops listed on page 30-31.





### The Art Critic and/or Drama Queen

Canvas, mixed media, theatre and dance give you a warm feeling all over. See pages 18-23 for Columbus' cool art scenes and show places.

**Yes,  
It takes my  
breath away**

*I can take it or leave it*

**Do art and culture  
inspire you?**

**Do you love to learn?**

*It's OK, as long as  
I don't have to sweat*

**Yawn**

**Yes, It  
gives me  
something  
talk about  
with my  
friends**

**Do you prefer  
to try the local  
cuisine or  
to buy stuff?**

**Fill my plate,  
please**



### Foodie Fanatic

You are what you eat, and you want to eat the best Columbus has to offer. Start on page 25 for unusual dishes and great ideas for local eats.



### The Intellectual

You are curious about everything, from past history to future space. The attractions listed on pages 15-20 and pages 37-46 will captivate you for days.



ALL OUT BLAST!

INDULGING  
— THE —  
WILD  
*Adventurer*

## Heart-pumping Thrills

**M**ake a dent in your bucket list with high-thrill adventures in Columbus. Keep two feet on the ground as you walk or jog along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk. Or let your feet dangle as you fly across the Chattahoochee River on a zip line. Get wet and wild on a raft sliding through the river's rapids. These are some of our favorite things to do.



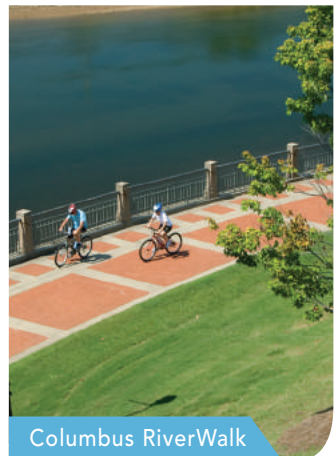
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**MOVING**

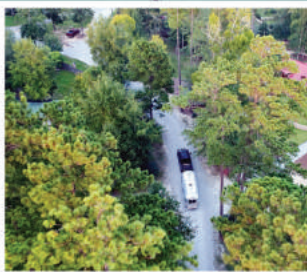
Walk, run, skate or bike Columbus' 22-mile linear park. Part of a 34-mile trail system called The Dragonfly, the Chattahoochee RiverWalk hugs the banks of the Chattahoochee River and provides a blend of cityscapes and untouched wildlife. Extend your journey on The Dragonfly where the RiverWalk meets the 11-mile Fall Line Trace rails-to-trails path. No bike? No problem! Bike shops in Columbus will rent you a set of wheels. 🐾

 tripadvisor\* ●●●●●●●●

*"Great place to run,  
walk or ride."*



Columbus RiverWalk



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columbusga.org/Oxbow  
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1000 Bay Ave. | 706.321.4720  
[whitewaterexpress.com/blue-heron-adventures](http://whitewaterexpress.com/blue-heron-adventures)



Zip across the Chattahoochee!



*"How cool to get to zip line from tower to tower, over the river, from one state to another."*

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at the Indian Heritage Center**



## Adventures at a Relaxed Pace

**T**ake hold of adventure at a slower pace with Columbus' attractions and activities from arts and entertainment to history and museums! Here are a few suggestions:



### See Fantastic ART

The Columbus Museum's rich collection of regional artifacts and art in all mediums – from an Amy Sherald painting to a dazzling Chihuly glass sculpture – adds up to award-winning collections and new and exciting programs. Many pieces depict the story of our ancestors who lived in the lower Chattahoochee River Valley.  
1251 Wynnton Rd. | 706.748.2562  
[columbusmuseum.com](http://columbusmuseum.com)



*"An awesome free museum, an absolute must for both adults and children."*



Columbus Museum

## ALL OUT GROOVE

### Be Part of THE ADVENTURE

Accept your mission to explore at Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center! Learn about the space program and what it takes to live and work in space in the newest exhibit, *Legacy of Human Spaceflight!* While you are here, why not fly to the International Space Station aboard *A Space Shuttle Odyssey* or become a pilot in the flight simulators? And don't forget to catch a show in the Omnisphere Theater!

701 Front Ave. | 706.649.1477 | [ccssc.org](http://ccssc.org)



*"So much to learn!"*

### Wander through the 19TH CENTURY


It's always the 1800s at Historic Westville! Relocated from Lumpkin, Georgia to Columbus and newly reopened, Historic Westville illuminates the personal experiences of those who once called the region home, from the Creek Indians to post-Civil War. Through exhibits, live interpretations, demonstrations and hands-on activities, you can curate your own experience.

3557 S. Lumpkin Rd. | 706.940.0057 | [westville.org](http://westville.org)



*"Awesome step back in time."*

### Watch the BIRDS

Near the Chattahoochee River, birds of a feather flock together and roost in Columbus. The Audubon Society's Bird Garden and the wetland trails at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center attract a variety of birds. Stop by the front desk for free binocular rental!  **outdoors only**

3535 S. Lumpkin Rd. | 706.507.8550 | [oxbow.columbusstate.edu](http://oxbow.columbusstate.edu)



*"A nature-lover's dream."*



### Sing the BLUES

Explore the life of "The Mother of the Blues," Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, at the Ma Rainey House & Blues Museum. Also pick up a Black Heritage Visitors Guide at the Visitors Center to learn about Eugene Bullard, world's first black combat aviator, Horace King, master bridge builder, and other black icons of Columbus.

805 5th Ave. | 706.653.4960  
[columbusga.gov/parks/marainey/marainey.htm](http://columbusga.gov/parks/marainey/marainey.htm)



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## ALL OUT GROOVE



Lunchbox Museum

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3218 Hamilton Rd. | 706.653.6240  
706.332.6378 | [thelunchboxmuseum.com](http://thelunchboxmuseum.com)

 tripadvisor 

*"This was the coolest museum ever!"*

### Discover Historic COLUMBUS

Discover Columbus' history through tours of significant houses and historic neighborhoods. Tour the Walker-Peters-Langdon House, c. 1828, the oldest house in Columbus. The home features a period kitchen garden, urban slave cabin and Columbus history exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for

students. Also take a driving tour of the Columbus Historic District, the High Uptown area and parts of the Black Heritage Trail; buses must be provided by the group and Historic Columbus will provide the step-on guide for \$5 per person. All tours by appointment only.  
716 Broadway | 706.322.0756  
[www.historiccolumbus.com](http://www.historiccolumbus.com)

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— THE —  
**Art Critic**  
 EXTRAORDINAIRE

## All Out Masterpieces

**C**reativity is contagious and easy to catch in Columbus. See the city through an artist’s eye as you wander among the flowing fountains, beloved bronze sculpture “characters,” and visit the phenomenal galleries and art museums.

### **Bo Bartlett** **CENTER**

The Bo Bartlett Center houses and displays The Scarborough Collection, 14 monumental paintings by artist and Columbus native Bo Bartlett. The Center is in a former textile warehouse turned gallery space on the River Park campus of Columbus State University. The rotating exhibitions gallery features the work of visiting American artists of national

and international acclaim, as well as pieces from CSU’s permanent collection of more than 500 works of art and objects such as the Benno and Babette Rothschild New Guinea Collection. 921 Front Ave., in the Corn Center for the Visual Arts, 2nd Floor | 706.507.8432 [bobartlettcenter.org](http://bobartlettcenter.org)



*“Amazing artwork in a lovely space.”*

 **Gallery on Tenth**

The Gallery on Tenth is an artists' co-op selling local and regional fine art in Uptown Columbus.  
#9 E. 10th St. | 706.321.8948  
galleryon10th.com



*"Beautiful & affordable art. What a beautiful gallery here."*

 **Sculpture WALK**

See distinctive art around every corner at the Sculpture Walk in Uptown Columbus. Every year new pieces of artwork are submitted by artists all over the U.S. hoping their sculptures will become a part of this year-long exhibit of public art. 🐾

On Broadway, between 9th St. and 14 St.  
artbeatcolumbus.org/art-walk

 **The Columbus MUSEUM**

Enjoy the Columbus Museum's permanent and temporary exhibitions on regional history and American art, and its multimedia theater offering a film exploring the history and culture of the Chattahoochee Valley. Visitors can also enjoy the Bradley Olmsted Garden, designed in the 1920s by the Olmsted Brothers firm, founded by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.  
1251 Wynnton Rd. | 706.748.2562  
columbusmuseum.com



Columbus Museum



*"A must do when in Columbus."*



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DISCOVER... **ART. HISTORY. FUN.**

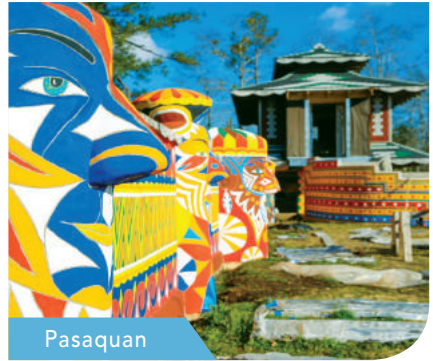
THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM   
columbusmuseum.com

## ALL OUT ARTS



### Pasaquan BUENA VISTA, GA

Explore out-of-this-world art at Pasaquan, the estate and legacy of self-proclaimed eccentric artist Eddie Owens Martin, or "St. EOM," in Buena Vista, GA, near Fort Benning. Amidst Pasaquan's sprawling seven acres are dozens of carved walls, pillars and African-style head sculptures, all brightly decorated with house paint. The imagery is exclusively otherworldly, rendered with a discernable sense of humor. 🐾  
238 Eddie Martin Rd. | Buena Vista, GA 31808  
706.507.8306 | [pasaquan.com](http://pasaquan.com)



Pasaquan



*"VERY COOL. This place is awesome, even if you aren't that into art..."*



### Leigh & Paige FINE ART

Come see the area's premium location for fine art! Located in historic Midtown, Leigh & Paige represents 25+ artists from the South, housing 600+ pieces of original art. Set in a historical home, this is a destination to experience art in a warm, intimate setting.  
1309 Wildwood Ave. | 706.225.0139 | [leighandpaige.com](http://leighandpaige.com)



*"Top notch, a welcome addition to Columbus."*



### Illges Gallery/ Corn Center for Visual Arts COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

Attend one of the 6 to 8 annual exhibitions presented by the Norman Shannon and Emmy Lou P. Illges Gallery in the Corn Center for Visual Arts. These exhibitions are both national and international in scope, often with accompanying lectures and gallery talks. The Illges Gallery is free and open to the public.  
Corn Center for the Visual Arts  
921 Front Ave. | 706.507.8301  
[art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition](http://art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition)



*"Among the best exhibition spaces in the city."*



### 1 ART IN THE HEART OF COLUMBUS

#### ILLGES GALLERY

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Columbus, GA 31901  
706.507.8301

[art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition](http://art.columbusstate.edu/exhibition)

3,250 square feet gallery presenting 6-8 exhibitions a year, both national and international in scope, often with accompanying lectures and gallery talks. Free and open to the public.





# ENTERTAINING — THE — Drama Queen

## Great Places to See a Show

**W**hether you want to be on the stage or in the audience, Columbus is the place to be. Go all out for Columbus' music, acting, dance and comedy.

### RiverCenter for the



## PERFORMING ARTS

In the heart of Uptown Columbus, world-class artists and touring productions of Broadway shows take the stage to deliver breathtaking performances to RiverCenter audiences.

RiverCenter has presented internationally acclaimed artists such as Jerry Seinfeld, Vince Gill, Bernadette Peters, Celtic Woman, and Yo Yo Ma. Highlights of the 2018-19 Season include national Broadway tours of *Rock of Ages*, *The King and I*, *Kinky Boots*, and *Finding Neverland*, as well as performances by country rock legends the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and teen music prodigy EmiSunshine.

RiverCenter is home to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, CSU's Schwob School of Music, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus, Cantus Columbus and the

Columbus Ballet, creating the cultural hub for the West Georgia region.

In addition, outdoor events and activities are often held on RiverCenter's Illges Plaza on the corner of Broadway and 10th Street.

900 Broadway | 706.256.3612 | [rivercenter.org](http://rivercenter.org)



*"This beautiful performance center is a gem."*



## Family THEATRE

Musicals, comedies, dramas, children's theatre and an occasional magic show provide a variety of entertainment for the whole family. In Columbus' historic Rose Hill district.

2100 Hamilton Rd. | 706.431.3752

[familytheatre.org](http://familytheatre.org)

## ALL OUT ON STAGE

### Springer Opera HOUSE

Catch a musical, drama or comedy at the Springer Opera House, the State Theater of Georgia. Opened in 1871, the Springer is now one of only seven producing theatres that is also a National Historic Landmark. Legends who have appeared on the Springer's stage include Buffalo Bill, John Phillip Sousa, Ma Rainey, Ethel Barrymore, Chet Atkins, Burt Reynolds and Garrison Keillor.

Today, the Springer is home to the Georgia Repertory Theatre which produces Mainstage, Studio II and Children's series of musicals and plays, and the Springer Theatre Academy. 103 Tenth St. | 706.327.3688 [springeroperahouse.org](http://springeroperahouse.org)



*"They really offer very good shows with excellent talent."*

### Theatre on the Park RIVERSIDE COMPLEX

The Columbus State University Department of Theatre's Riverside Theatre Complex houses three state-of-the-art performance spaces for over 75 public theatre performances each year. 6 West 10th St. | 706.507.8444 [columbusstate.edu/theatre](http://columbusstate.edu/theatre)

### Historic LIBERTY THEATRE

Opened in 1924, Columbus' first Black theatre continues to host musical events, plays, and classes. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, the theater has hosted such ground-breaking performers as Marian Anderson, Ella Fitzgerald, and Columbus' own Ma Rainey and her protégé, Bessie Smith. 821 8th Ave. | 706.653.7566 | [libertycolumbusga.org](http://libertycolumbusga.org)



*"I like it, I love it, I want some more of it."*

### Columbus CIVIC CENTER

With 10,000 arena seats, the Columbus Civic Center events include the circus, Disney on Ice, Columbus Lions professional indoor football, concerts, comedy shows, pro bull riding and more.

400 4th St. | 706.653.4460 | [columbusciviccenter.org](http://columbusciviccenter.org)



*"Good experience and highly recommended!"*

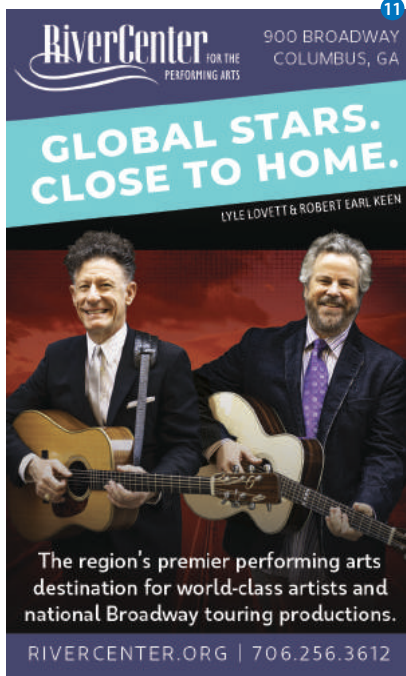
### The Joyce & Henry Schwob SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music hosts more than 250 performances every year, most of them free to the public.

706.641.5124 | [music.columbusstate.edu](http://music.columbusstate.edu)



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## Sherlock's Mystery DINNER THEATRE

This mystery dinner theatre has been entertaining thousands since 2008. You can try to win the coveted best audience actor award or just relax and watch while you enjoy your three-course gourmet meal during this seasonal offering. 800 Front Ave. | 706.718.4196  
[SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com](http://SherlocksDinnerTheatre.com)

[tripadvisor](#) *"So entertaining!"*



## No Shame THEATRE

If the stage is calling your name, be at the Springer Opera House on Friday nights at 10:30 for No Shame Theatre. In this weekly showcase, see improv, music, comedy, poetry, dance and more. Must be at least 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and your act can only be 5 minutes long. \$5 at the door.  
[springeroperahouse.org/no-shame-theatre](http://springeroperahouse.org/no-shame-theatre)

[tripadvisor](#)

*"...always a good time."*

## ALL OUT ON STAGE

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COLLEGE OF THE ARTS  
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

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— THE —  
FANATICAL  
**Foodie**

## Plates of Local Flavor

**C**alories don't count on vacation, so tuck in and ask for seconds at our delicious Columbus eateries. Sample everything from Columbus mainstay dishes to new-Southern cuisine.



### Scrambled DOG

Served in a banana split dish, this dog is too messy to pick up! Chopped hot dog and bun smothered in chili, onions and pickles, with oyster crackers on top. People line up outside Dinglewood Pharmacy for this local favorite.



### Southern CAPRESE

A Southern spin on an old classic, 11th and Bay's Southern Caprese is a mouthwatering mix of grilled green tomatoes, house made fried pimento cheese, basil peach jam, crème fraiche and Sriracha.



### Pimento CHEESE BURGER

The Black Cow's pimento cheese burger with bacon and a dab of jalapeno jelly was named one of the "Best Burgers in the South" by *Garden & Gun* magazine.



## ALL OUT EATS



### Deep South DUCK EGGROLL

The Wicked Hen's smoked duck confit with braised turnip greens and Georgia peach-fig marmalade is a surprising fusion that is crisp and light while evoking down-on-the-farm comfort.



### Red Velvet PANCAKES

Originally a Valentine's Day special, Ruth Ann's now serves these red velvet pancakes with a cream cheese drizzle every day!



### "Pimena" Cheese SANDWICH

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Midtown Coffee House



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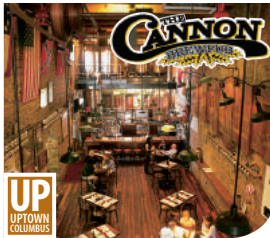
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# ALL OUT EATS



## 28 DINE IN STYLE

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[wickedhenrestaurant.com](http://wickedhenrestaurant.com)

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## Find New Favorites

**B**argain hunters, souvenir seekers, and window shoppers are all welcome at these favorite Columbus retail destinations!

### Uptown COLUMBUS

Shop like a local in Uptown, which is home to a variety of locally owned and operated retailers. Find clothing, jewelry, unique gifts, and active gear ranging from new running shoes to a new bike.



### The Shoppes at BRADLEY PARK

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### Columbus Park CROSSING

Shop the nation's most popular stores and dine at more than 15 restaurants in this 380-acre mixed-use retail, restaurant, entertainment, residential and hotel development.  
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### The LANDINGS

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Airport Thruway

## Gift SHOPS

Stop in at the Columbus Museum, the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, the Coca-Cola Space Science Center and the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center – pick up something for your history-loving friends (or even yourself).

## Regional SHOPPING

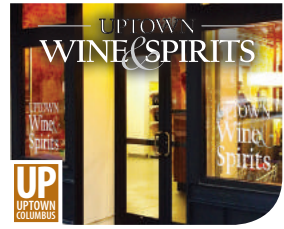
Venture into Warm Springs, Pine Mountain and LaGrange for more delightful shops, boutiques and antique stores sprinkled throughout the region.

## Peachtree MALL

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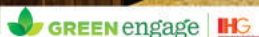
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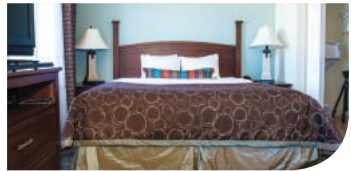


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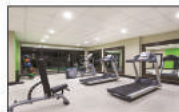
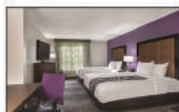


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Hampton Inn - Fort Benning	706.660.5550	102	✓		✓	✓	✓
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Hampton Inn - Uptown Columbus	706.653.9455	88	✓		✓	✓	✓
LaQuinta Inn & Suites North	706.225.1000	84	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marriott Columbus	706.324.1800	177	✓		✓	✓	✓
SpringHill Suites	706.576.3773	89	✓		✓	✓	✓
Staybridge Suites	706.507.7700	83	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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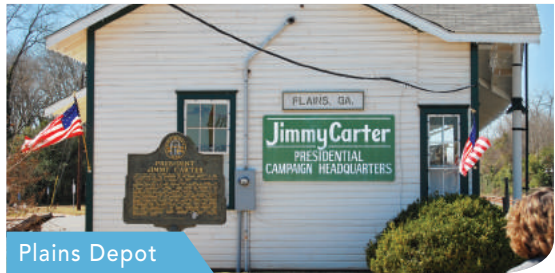
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Columbus Botanical Garden



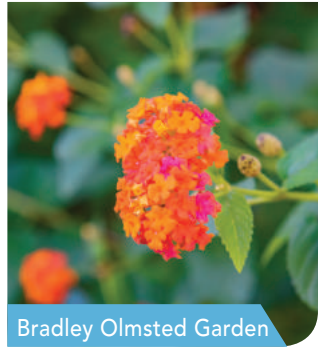
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Bradley Olmsted Garden

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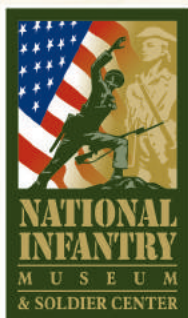
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## Military History Unfolds in Columbus

**C**olumbus thanks the soldiers, families and citizens who go all out for our country every day. Learn more about our country's patriots at these museums and attractions.

### National Infantry MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER

Voted Best Free Museum by readers of *USA Today* and named one of the world's top 12 military museums by CNN Travel, the National Infantry Museum is a must-see attraction. Trace the footsteps of the Infantryman from the Revolutionary War through the jungles of Vietnam and on to the sands of the Persian Gulf through interactive exhibits and amazing special effects. Leave with a newfound admiration for those who lay their lives on the line in the name of

freedom. Reflect on their sacrifices at the new Global War on Terrorism Memorial and the ¾-scale Vietnam Wall Memorial. The campus also includes a stadium and parade field for weekly graduations of new soldiers, the Memorial Walk of Honor, an authentic World War II Company Street, a full-service restaurant, gift shop, combat simulators and giant screen theater.

1775 Legacy Way | 706.685.5800  
[nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://nationalinfantrymuseum.org)

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*"What a beautiful museum  
to honor the Infantry  
Soldier, HOOAH!"*

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Whether visiting for a day or staying a while, Fort Benning offers something for everyone!

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Oktoberfest

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## National Civil War NAVAL MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS

You can still smell the charred wood 155 years later of the two original Civil War military vessels dredged up from where they burned on the Chattahoochee River. Step into a reproduction exhibit of the USS Hartford and CSS Albemarle. By telling the little-known stories of the navies of the Civil War, the museum connects people with the past, giving them a better sense of place and time. There's always something new to discover!  
1002 Victory Dr. | 706.327.9798  
[portcolumbus.org](http://portcolumbus.org) 🐾 (outside only)



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"What a great display of history."

## Fort Benning MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Fort Benning has served as the Home of the Infantry since 1918, transforming into the Maneuver Center of Excellence in 2005. Since World War I, its mission has been to "produce the world's finest combat infantrymen."

*Possible Fort Benning activities include:*

### Riverside PLANTATION

Built in 1909 by businessman Arthur Bussey, Riverside is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the commandant's residence.

### POW MONUMENT

Erected in 1946, this monument was originally intended to honor U.S. prisoners of World War II. It was later moved to its current location and altered to also reflect the POWs of World War I, Korea and Vietnam.

### International WHINSEC

Currently training officers of foreign countries, this building originally served as the U.S. Army Infantry School and Fort Benning Headquarters.



POW Monument

### Doughboy STADIUM

Built by U.S. Army Infantrymen as a memorial to their lost comrades of World War I.

### Historic CUARTELS

Designed and constructed in the 1920s, this building serves as offices and quarters for visiting officers. The building appeared in the 1941 edition of *Ripley's Believe It or Not* for the world's longest continuous porch.


Contact [VisitColumbusGA](http://VisitColumbusGA)  
at 800.999.1613 for  
more information about  
Fort Benning.



 **Eternal Flame  
MONUMENT**

Honor our veterans when you visit the Eternal Flame monument on the south side of Columbus' Government Center at 100 10th St. (the 9th St. side of the building). The monument also recognizes the city's five Medal of Honor recipients.

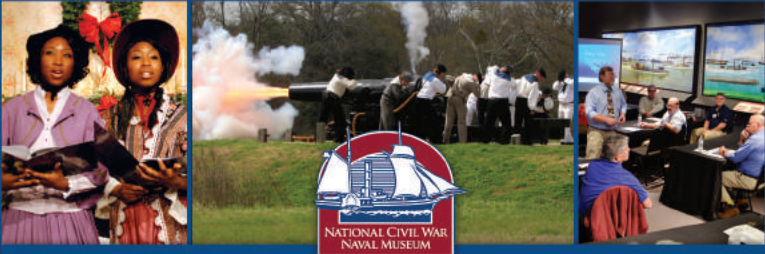
 **Historic  
ANDERSONVILLE**

About one hour's drive southeast of Columbus is Andersonville, site of Camp Sumter, a prisoner of war camp that is now Andersonville National Historic Site. A memorial to the nearly 13,000 Union POWs who died at the camp during the Civil War, the site also includes the Andersonville National Cemetery, an active national cemetery open for burial to eligible veterans, and the National Prisoner of War Museum, which honors all American POWs in the United States' various military conflicts.  (outside only)  
496 Cemetery Rd. | Andersonville, GA 31711  
229.924.0343 | [nps.gov/ande](http://nps.gov/ande)



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## Family Fun? You Bet!

**G**o all out making memories with your family that will last a lifetime. The options for fun in Columbus are unlimited. Here are a few of our favorites.

### **GO: The Columbus Museum**

#### DO: RELEASE YOUR INNER PICASSO

Draw a self-portrait, put on a puppet show or read an art story in the reading area of Transformations, The Family Gallery at the Columbus Museum. Kids can develop their creative side and create a work of art in the process. And the best part is, all activities are completely free! 1251 Wynnton Rd. | 706.748.2562 [columbusmuseum.com](http://columbusmuseum.com)

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*"Hidden gem in Columbus."*

### **GO: Columbus Ice Rink**

#### DO: PERFORM YOUR BEST CAMEL SPIN

Play hockey, practice your figure skating, take lessons or just glide around the rink on your blades during public skating. The Columbus Ice Rink is a 38,122 square-foot facility with an NHL regulation-sized ice surface. The rink is home to Auburn University Hockey, as well as a multi-use ice facility that offers private ice time, party rentals and programs in hockey, figure skating and learn-to-skate classes for all ages. 400 4th St. | 706.225.4500 | [ColumbusIceRink.org](http://ColumbusIceRink.org)

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Dinglewood Disc Golf

**GO: Columbus Parks**  
DO: PLAY AT FULL SPEED

Get active at Columbus' many parks and recreational facilities. Run through the spraying waters at the Riverfront Splash Pad. Take a swing at the Cooper Creek Tennis Center. Toss a disc around at Dinglewood Disc Golf or Flat Rock Park. Or just grab the family and go for a picnic. 🐾

706.225.4658 | [www.columbusga.gov/Parks](http://www.columbusga.gov/Parks)

**GO: Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center**  
DO: DISCOVER COLUMBUS WILDLIFE

Experience nature up close and personal at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center. See if you can spot the queen bee in an observation bee hive, watch the American alligators swimming in the enclosed pond or spot wildlife while hiking the wetland trails. Children and parents alike will be fascinated by the center's reptiles, amphibians, fish and other live exhibits. Admission is free, some programs do require a fee; donations help maintain and expand exhibits. 🐾 (outdoors only)

3535 S. Lumpkin Rd. | 706.507.8550

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Oxbow Meadows



"The kids really enjoyed this."



Civil War Uniform

**GO: National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus**  
DO: EXPLORE THE USS HARTFORD

It was on this ship that Admiral Farragut famously damned the torpedoes at the Battle of Mobile Bay. A recreated berth deck, wardroom and captain's cabin are displayed and are frequently used in living history at the museum. 🐾 (outside only)

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Wild Animal Safari

## GO: Wild Animal Safari

### DO: GET YOUR WILD-LIFE ON

With 70 different species and over 550 individual animals to see, Wild Animal Safari is perfect fun for the entire family! Take your own vehicle or rent a van on-site to feed the animals in the drive-thru tour, or take the complimentary bus tour. Visit the walkabout, where you can pet a few animals, too, including our new baby giraffe, Bakari!

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## GO: National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center

### DO: DOWNRANGE COMBAT SIMULATORS

Put yourself in the mind of a soldier as you experience the adrenaline rush of a simulated evacuation mission. Arm yourself in a Humvee or model Black Hawk helicopter to provide cover-fire for your friends and family. The DownRange Combat Simulators give you an idea of what service members do every day, and why they deserve our respect and gratitude.

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Infantry Museum Simulator

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## GO: Family Theatre

### DO: LET YOUR IMAGINATION SOAR

Be transported by the musicals, comedies, dramas, children's theatre and an occasional magic show presented by Family Theatre. An intimate theatre experience awaits audiences in a relaxed atmosphere, complete with a café and complimentary desserts at intermission. Family Theatre is in the historic Rose Hill district in Columbus.

2100 Hamilton Rd. | 706.431.3752 | [familytheatre.org](http://familytheatre.org)

★★★★★ *"The programs here are always excellent."*

Indoors or out, there's always something happening in Columbus to entertain the family, whether it's 3-D blockbusters at The Ritz, arcade games and bumper cars at Stars and Strikes, or special children's performances at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts and the Springer Opera House. Check the calendar at [VisitColumbusGa.com](http://VisitColumbusGa.com) for details on family activities in Columbus.



## Two Ways to Win!

**T**here's nothing better than finding cache – geocache that is. Explore Columbus and treasure hunt at the same time on the RiverWalk GeoTour.

Hunt for treasure along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk, locate hidden containers, called geocaches, then share your experiences online. You can even take home prizes!

Pick up a RiverWalk GeoTour Grid Sheet from [VisitColumbusGA](http://VisitColumbusGA) (900 Front Avenue 31901) or download it from [visitcolumbusga.com/visitors/Riverwalk-geotour](http://visitcolumbusga.com/visitors/Riverwalk-geotour). If you are not already registered to geocache, go to [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com), create a log-in and

find the GPS coordinates and additional information for the RiverWalk GeoTour locations.

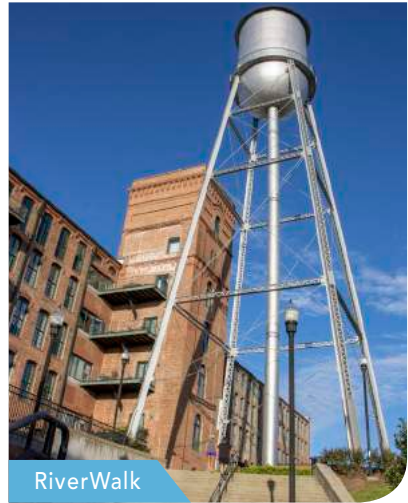
Locate one or all the caches – labeled as RiverWalk GeoTour geocaches – using a hand-held GPS unit. Caches are located at 32 points along the 22-mile Chattahoochee RiverWalk. When you find a RiverWalk GeoTour cache, log your name and comments in the logbook inside the container. Then fill in the correct space on the grid sheet with the letter found inside each cache container.



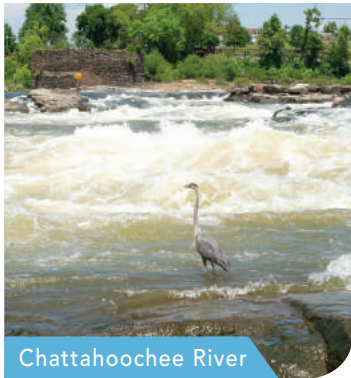
There are six unique geocache SERIES in the RIVERWALK GEOTOUR

- RiverWalk
- Dams
- Attractions
- Mills
- Chattahoochee River
- Whitewater

Complete each of the series to qualify to win a limited edition RiverWalk GeoTour playing card. There are 5 to 6 caches in each series. Collect one or all six cards. Present your RiverWalk GeoTour Grid Sheet with the appropriate spaces filled in at VisitColumbusGA during regular hours.



RiverWalk



Chattahoochee River



In addition, complete a specific number of caches to get a CUSTOM GEO-COIN

Bring your completed Grid Sheet to VisitColumbusGA during regular hours to receive your coin.



- 10 completed caches = bronze level coin
- 20 completed caches = silver level coin
- 30 completed caches = gold level coin



RiverWalk



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## Enjoy Columbus on \$5 or Less

**Y**ou don't have to spend a fortune on fun in Columbus. Try out these \$5 or less ideas to keep your day and your wallet full.

### Grab your SNEAKERS

The iconic 22-mile Columbus RiverWalk, which hugs the banks of the Chattahoochee River, beckons the athletic, adventurous and nature-lovers alike. Revel in the breathtaking scenery of the river or try to catch your breath as you hike, bike or skate down the path. Extending from the main post of Fort Benning to the cotton mill town of Bibb City, this exercise routine is completely free.



### Bring A PICNIC

a blanket or chair, and your dancin' shoes to one of Uptown's frequent concerts held on the stage in the 1000 Block of Broadway. Free.

## Hunt for GHOSTS

behind the scenes at the historic Springer Opera House. On Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., a 30-minute tour is offered for just \$5. The tour gives you access to the ornate trappings of the State Theater of Georgia, a haunted thrill or two and much more.



Springer Opera House Tour

## Release your INNER ARTIST

Find your muse at the Columbus Museum — always changing...and always free.

## Peddle THROUGH TOWN

along the former railroad path that once connected Columbus to the rest of the nation. The Columbus Fall Line Trace weaves its way through town for cyclists, walkers and joggers to enjoy. Free.



No Shame Theatre

## Immerse YOURSELF

in Columbus' history and art on a self-guided tour of the Sculpture Walk in Uptown Columbus. Free.

## Come face TO FACE

Honor our nation's heritage at the National Infantry Museum. This amazing, interactive experience is free. \$5/person donation suggested at the door; some programs have a fee.

## Step into the SPOTLIGHT

or watch from a cushy seat in the audience during No Shame Theatre every Friday night at the Springer Opera House. For \$5 you can entertain the city or watch your comrades perform original acts of improv, music, comedy, poetry and dance. Must be 18, you can't break anything, must perform original material and your act can only be 5 minutes long.

## Stop and SMELL THE ROSES

in the ever-changing but always beautiful Columbus Botanical Garden. Free; \$2/person donation suggested. Open dawn to dusk.



ENGAGING  
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WEEKEND  
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## What's Your Vacation Personality?

**G**o all out with activities that match your personal vacation style.

### For FAMILIES

Adults will enjoy these low-cost or free attractions as much as the kids. Inspire your creative side at the Columbus Museum with interactive exhibits and artistic displays. Get up-close and personal with nature at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center where you can see birds, snakes, turtles and more, or take a drive through Wild Animal Safari in Pine Mountain to see exotic wildlife. Visit Market Days on Broadway, our year-round Saturday morning craft and farmer's market. Take a walk along the RiverWalk and the Chattahoochee River, or enjoy a bike ride and some great outdoor fun and relish creating the memories that keep your heart and wallet full.



## For the GIRLS

Grab your best gal pals for a Columbus getaway. Start with a visit to one of our luxurious spas, Sunday's Spa or CaraVail's, where you can relax with a massage, facial or pedicure. With newly glowing skin and a rejuvenated spirit, set out to explore Uptown Columbus' bevy of shops featuring everything from fashion and accessories to active gear for the adventurous gal. Head to Brushes & Beverages for an afternoon or early evening of painting while you sip some wine. Break up the day with a scrumptious lunch at one of Columbus' fantastic eateries; evenings, don't miss the live music at The Loft.



## For the EXPLORERS

Columbus has a lot to explore, but if you're itching to see even more, visit the Little White House in Warm Springs to learn about the nation's 32nd president, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Discover Plains, Georgia, where 39th president Jimmy Carter grew up. Venture out to Buena Vista to experience the eccentric artistic vision of the late Eddie Owens Martin, or "St. EOM," at Pasaquan. Or enjoy a trip to Providence Canyon Outdoor Recreation Area, known as Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon."



Providence Canyon

Photo courtesy GDEcD

### For the FOODIES

Skip the drive-thru and sit down to a truly unique and delicious meal in Columbus. Visit Plucked Up Chicken & Biscuits for Southern fare in a colorful atmosphere, or Minnie's for award-winning chicken that's been called the best in the state. For Columbus classics, try Dinglewood Pharmacy's Scrambled Dog, which is a chopped hotdog, bun, chili, onions, and pickles topped with oyster crackers, or order the Pimento Cheese Burger from the Black Cow, named one of the "Best Burgers in the South" by *Garden & Gun* magazine. Other delicious eateries include: 11th and Bay, Ruth Ann's, Speakeasy, Mark's City Grill, Epic Restaurant, Country's Barbecue...there are just too many to list them all.



Epic Restaurant

### For the ADVENTURERS

Whether you want to get in the river or zip across it, one thing is for sure, you are in for an amazing adventure in the beautiful outdoors of Columbus, Georgia! Ride the rapids with Whitewater Express on the longest urban whitewater course in the world.



Whitewater Kayaking

Choose from the classic trip to the challenge course and let the fun begin. Ride a 1,200-foot zip line across the Chattahoochee River and state line into Alabama with Blue Heron Adventures. Enjoy the treetop canopy tour where you can see the world from a bird's eye view.



## For the ARTS ADMIRERS

Columbus' thriving art and culture scene is sure to inspire you. Visit galleries including The Columbus Museum, Gallery on Tenth, Leigh & Paige Fine Art, the Bo Bartlett Center and the Illges Gallery. Stroll through Uptown along a trail of sculptures peppered through the area. Catch a show at the intimate and historic Springer Opera House or



Bo Bartlett Center

steal the spotlight with your own 5-minute act at the Springer's No Shame Theatre. Spend an evening in the RiverCenter's Bill Heard Theatre watching a touring Broadway musical. Don't miss the exhibitions of American art and regional history at the always free Columbus Museum.

## For the TIME TRAVELERS

If days gone by fascinate you, crack open the time capsule that is Columbus. Take a walking tour of Columbus' Soft Drink Heritage Trail as you learn about Columbus' connection to Coca-Cola, RC Cola, Nehi, and their founders. Make an appointment to tour the oldest house in Columbus, c. 1828, and the 1860 Rankin House. Historic Westville presents living history in Columbus, letting you experience life and touch implements of the 1800s. Military history buffs need to make a beeline to the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center to trace the footsteps of the Infantryman from Colonial days to the sands of the Persian Gulf, and to the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus to learn stories you'll hear nowhere else – of sailors, marines, sailing ships, and history-changing battles of the Civil War.



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- Columbus' vibrant arts and entertainment district is within walking distance to meeting facilities and accommodations.
- Columbus offers renowned museums of historic, artistic and military importance.
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- Columbus Civic Center is a 10,000-seat arena with hospitality suites and well-appointed amenities to accommodate VIP treatment.
- Columbus has the state-of-the-art RiverCenter for the Performing Arts with 450-seat concert hall and 2,000-seat theatre with three levels.
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## ALL OUT EVENTS



# Put Columbus on Your Calendar

This is just a small sampling of the fun things to see and do in and around Columbus! To find out more, make sure you check out the Event Calendar at [VisitColumbusGa.com](http://VisitColumbusGa.com).



JANUARY

### COLUMBUS Wedding Extravaganza



MARCH

### SYNOVUS TOAST OF THE TOWN Celebration of Wine, Food, Spirits and Brews



MAY

### UPTOWN Riverfest



FEBRUARY

### BLACK HISTORY Month Events



APRIL

### Riverblast AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM AT PORT COLUMBUS



JUNE

### MISS GEORGIA Pageant

## ALL OUT EVENTS



JULY

4TH OF JULY  
**Fireworks**



AUGUST

JIM BLANCHARD  
**Leadership Forum**



AUGUST

GRAND COLUMBUS  
**Whitewater Paddle**



SEPTEMBER

TRI-CITY  
**Latino Festival**



OCTOBER

ARTS  
**On the River**



NOVEMBER

UPTOWN  
**Beer & Wine Festival**



NOVEMBER

FOUNTAIN CITY  
**Football Classic**



NOVEMBER

GREATER COLUMBUS  
**Fair**



DECEMBER

CANTUS  
**Columbus Christmas**



DECEMBER

IN UPTOWN COLUMBUS  
**Broadway Holiday**

## HOW TO GET HERE



# Transportation Your Way

**G**etting to and around Columbus couldn't be easier! Visitors to our city are served by the Columbus Airport at 3250 W. Britt David Road, 706.324.2449, [flycolumbusga.com](http://flycolumbusga.com). Delta Air Lines offers daily flights to Columbus from Atlanta, Georgia.

At the airport, car rentals, taxis and hotel shuttles are available to help you get to all our shopping centers, accommodations, restaurants, sites and attractions. Lyft and Uber ride sharing services also have designated areas at the airport; an app is required to use these services.

Columbus is also served by several of the state's major highways, including Interstate 185 and U.S. 27/27Alt. off I-85 South out of Atlanta, U.S. 80 West out of Macon, and U.S. 280 North out of Albany.

Columbus's METRA bus system operates from 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and picks up from bus stops all around the city. Visit [columbusga.org/metra](http://columbusga.org/metra) for schedules and fare information.

If you are a Zipcar member, there is a Zipcar lot on the main campus of Columbus State University, near the airport, as well as the River Park campus in Uptown Columbus. Go to [www.zipcar.com/universities/columbus-state-university](http://www.zipcar.com/universities/columbus-state-university) for more information.

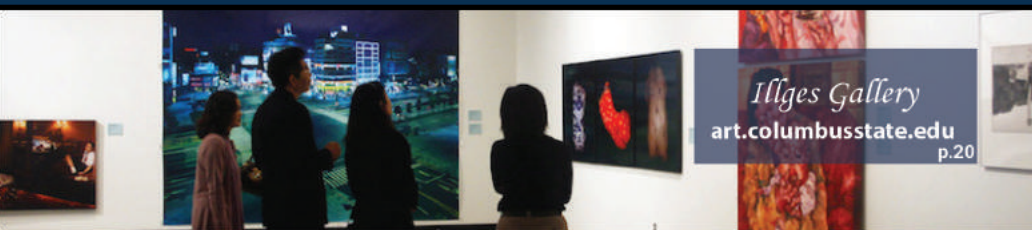
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