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hether you define yourself as an adventurer, a naturelover, an art aficionado, fanatical foodie, a history buff, or a mix of each, depending on your mood, you can go all out in Columbus, GA.

Nowhere else can you raft or kayak the white waters of the Chattahoochee River, zip line between states, play paintball, visit world-class museums, dine at top-flight 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!

Columbus is an extraordinary city, pulsating with a vibrant, artsy energy, phenomenal food and ample outdoor recreation. Even our past comes alive with living history events and lifelike museum exhibits. Columbus' blend of old and new, wild and mild, entertainment and experiences makes it a getaway destination that is both under the radar and over the top.

Stroll and roll along Columbus' iconic Chattahoochee 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



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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 to shop before sitting down under a table umbrella to dine al fresco. In the evening, enjoy a free outdoor concert in Uptown, a Broadway series musical at 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," Gertrude "Ma" Rainey.

Whatever your interest, whether you are traveling solo, with friends, with your significant other, 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 guide to Columbus and go all out for adventure, great food, and amazing fun!

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Visitors to our city are served by the Columbus Airport (**flycolumbusga.com**), located in the middle of Columbus. Delta Air Lines offers daily flights to Columbus from Atlanta, GA, which provides global access to our city. At the airport, car rentals, taxis, ride sharing services, and hotel shuttles are available to help you get to all our shopping centers, accommodations, restaurants, sites, and attractions.

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' 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** for schedules and fare information.

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Our goal is to go all out to make your visit to Columbus unforgettable. Anything you need, we're here to help.



## TOP 9 Ways to Go All Out in Columbus

While many visitors to Columbus, Georgia have time to spare, some only have a day or two to experience one of the South's most exciting cities. We've compiled the Top 9 ways to get the most out of Columbus, even if you're here for a short time.

Get Your Zip line across the Chattahoochee **Blood Pumping** 

River, paddle the rapids, bike the RiverWalk and beyond. (Pg. 12)

Honor **Heroes**  From Fort Benning to multiple museums and attractions, military ties run deep in Columbus. (Pa. 39)

Fill Your **Belly** Local eateries have the culinary creations and tasty libations to keep everyone satisfied. (Pg. 24)

Celebrate Art

Visual and performing arts rise from the city's streets to legendary performance venues. (Pg. 21)

the Past

Numerous museum exhibits and historical locales leave nuggets of our heritage around every corner. (Pg. 17)

Learn Something

Enlighten your life and expand your mind at our museums and science centers. (Pg. 21)

Nearby gardens, parks and ecological centers immerse you in natural surroundings. (Pg. 46)

Shop, **Don't Drop** 

Get

Outside

From antiques to handmade goods to the latest fashion, our local retailers have everything you want or need. (Pg. 50)

Plan Your **Next Trip** 

Stop by the Visitors Center to see what to do when you come back - there's always more to explore in Columbus. (Pa. 6)









Dinglewood Pharmacy

atch your vacation style with Columbus' must-see attractions and activities and go all out.



#### FOR THE ADVENTURERS

Ride the rapids on the longest urban whitewater course in the world. 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. Enjoy the treetop canopy tour where you can see the area from a bird's eye view. Whether you get in the river or zip across it, one thing is for sure, you are in for an exhilarating adventure in the beautiful outdoors of Columbus, Georgia!

Zipline Perch





#### FOR THE GIRLS

Grab your best gal pals for a Columbus getaway. Start with a visit to one of our luxurious spas, 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.



Columbus Museum

#### Brushes & Beverages



#### FOR FAMILIES

Inspire your kids' creativity 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. Swing through Market Days on Broadway, our year-round Saturday morning craft and farmer's market. Take a stroll along the RiverWalk and the Chattahoochee River, or rent bikes for some great outdoor fun and relish creating the memories that keep both your heart and wallet full. Adults will enjoy these low-cost or free attractions as much as the kids.







Springer Opera House

#### FOR THE FOODIES

Skip the drive-thru and sit down to a truly exceptional and delicious meal in Columbus. Visit Plucked Up Chicken & Biscuits for Southern fare in a colorful atmosphere, or Minnie's for awardwinning 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... the list goes on.

#### FOR THE ARTS CONNOISSEUR

Tour local galleries including **The Columbus Museum**, **Gallery on Tenth**, **the Bo Bartlett Center** and **Illges Gallery**.

Saunter through Uptown along a trail of art installations peppered through the area. Catch a show at the intimate and historic **Springer Opera House** or 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. Columbus' thriving art and culture scene is sure to inspire you.



The Black Cow





#### FOR THE TIME TRAVELERS

Want to get a glimpse into what life was like for people way back when? 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.

#### 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 State Park, known as Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon."

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#### Rafting the Chattahoochee

olumbus is a city of highthrill adventures; we make it easy and fun to put a dent in your bucket list. Let your feet dangle as you fly across the Chattahoochee River on a zip line. Get wet and wild on a raft slipping through the river's rapids. Or keep two feet on the ground as you walk or jog along the Chattahoochee RiverWalk. These are some of our favorite things to do.

#### **GET MOVING**

Walk, run, skate or bike the **Columbus RiverWalk**, our 22-mile linear park that hugs the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Part of an expansive local trail system called The Dragonfly, the RiverWalk 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.

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speed along the 500-foot zip line through the trees on the Alabama shore and the treetop canopy tour with three sky bridges and four zip lines, and fly back to Columbus on the 1,100-foot zip line from Alabama to Georgia.

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Whitewater Kayaking on the Chattahoochee



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#### OUT OF THIS WORLD ADVENTURE

Explore your universe at Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center. Learn about the space program and what it takes to live and work in outer space with the exhibit, "Legacy of Human Spaceflight" – just part of the largest collection of NASA Shuttle artifacts in Georgia. While you are here, fly to the International Space Station aboard "A Space Shuttle Odyssey" or become a pilot in the flight simulators. Drive rovers on Mars and catch a show in the Omnisphere Theater.

701 Front Ave. | 706.649.1477 ccssc.org/plan-your-visit

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#### 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

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Historic Westville is a museum of Southern history and culture representing the diversity of the Southern Experience. Our mission is to tell the stories of all southern peoples including European Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, and immigrants; how their lives were inextricably linked but their experiences diverse due to race, class, and gender.

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#### SOAK UP NATURE

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center provides exhibits, natural history displays, nature trails, and offers formal and informal educational programs about the ecology and natural history of the region. Inside the center, visitors can view a variety of snakes, turtles, tortoises, fish, alligators, invertebrates, and other animal life. Walk down the trails to catch a glimpse of native wildlife, view wetlands and ponds, or explore the educational and fun Discovery Forest.



3535 S. Lumpkin Rd. 706.507.8550 oxbow.columbusstate.edu

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"The kids loved seeing and hearing about the reptiles and amphibians."

#### TRAVEL TO THE 19TH CENTURY

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Explore the background and influences of Gertrude "Ma" Rainey's life and career as "The Mother of the Blues" through the Ma Rainey Home and Blues Museum. Also pick up a Black Heritage Visitors Guide at the Visitors Center to see 26 sites of Columbus' African-American historical and social importance, and learn more about Ma Rainey, as well as Corporal Eugene Bullard, the world's first black combat aviator, Horace King, a former slave and master bridge builder, and many others.

805 5th Ave. 706.653.4960 parks.columbusga.gov/ Parks/MA-Rainey-Home

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#### 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









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#### THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM

Immerse yourself in 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. You 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

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#### **BO BARTLETT CENTER**

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The Bo Bartlett Center is a dynamic, creative learning laboratory that is part community center, part gallery/museum, and part an experimental arts incubator. The Center houses and displays The Scarborough Collection, 14 monumental paintings by artist and Columbus



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native Bo Bartlett, and features rotating exhibitions of American artists of national and international acclaim.

921 Front Ave. (Corn Center for the Visual Arts) 706.507.8432 bobartlettcenter.org

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"One of my favorite museums in Columbus"

#### **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



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This is a great place to see the local art scene

#### COLUMBUS ART WALK

Look for distinctive installations around every corner at the Art Walk in Uptown Columbus. While there are permanent works, new pieces of artwork are added to the collection and integrated into the built environment each year. Recently, murals have emerged as a new favorite way for artists to create community interaction with their work. artbeatcolumbus.org/art-walk & Uptown Columbus



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#### 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.

941 Front Ave. 706.507.8301 art.columbusstate.edu/ exhibition

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*"It's always interesting to go to the galleries here"* 

#### PASAQUAN -BUENA VISTA, GA

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#### Delighting the Fanatical Foodie

uck in and ask for seconds of these oneof-a-kind eats you can only find in Columbus.

#### SCRAMBLED DOG

**All Out** 

Folks line up outside **Dinglewood Pharmacy** for this local favorite. It's a chopped hot dog and bun smothered in chili, onions and pickles, with oyster crackers on top served in a banana split dish.

#### BACON PIMENTO CHEESEBURGER

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

#### SOUTHERN CAPRESE

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

11th and Bay

#### **RED VELVET PANCAKES**

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#### **VIDALIA ONION DIP**

This appetizer at **Country's Barbecue** is served with Frito's Scoops and is really cheesy, really gooey, and really good.

#### SCOTCH EGG

Don't knock it 'til you try it. This hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat, coated with creoleseasoned panko breadcrumbs is a local hit at **Scuffy Murphy's**.

Columbus cuisine goes all out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, From a hearty meat-and-three plate to a cooked-to-perfection angus steak, a



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900 Broadway | 706.256.3612 rivercenter.org

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103 Tenth St. | 706.327.3688 springeroperahouse.org

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821 8th Ave. | 706.653.7566 libertycolumbusga.org

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- · Days Inn North Fort Benning 706.561.4400
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- Hilton Garden Inn 706.660.1000
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#### Honoring Our Military Heroes

National Infantry Museum

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#### NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER

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 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. 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 mustsee attraction.

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#### 1775 Legacy Way | 706.685.5800 nationalinfantrymuseum.org

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

Explore the USS Hartford, the 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. By telling the littleknown 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!

(outside only) 1002 Victory Dr. | 706.327.9798 portcolumbus.org

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#### ETERNAL FLAME MONUMENT

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

#### ANDERSONVILLE

Andersonville, site of Camp Sumter, a prisoner of war (POW) camp that is now Andersonville National Historic Site, is about one hour's drive southeast of Columbus. This National Park site preserves the place where 45,000 Union soldiers were held prisoner and 13,000 died. The camp's burial grounds were designated as Andersonville National Cemetery shortly after the war ended. The cemetery is still active and open for burial of eligible veterans.







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# NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM



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The park also includes the National Prisoner of War Museum, which honors all American POWs throughout U.S. history. Guided ranger programs are offered seasonally. Entry into the park and the museum is free.

# (outside only) 496 Cemetery Rd. Andersonville, GA 31711 229.924.0343 | nps.gov/ande

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#### FORT BENNING, MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

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#### Possible Fort Benning activities include:

#### Riverside

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

#### POW/MIA 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 and MIAs 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.

#### 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.

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#### LITTLE WHITE HOUSE

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the warm spring water there would end his fight with polio. See the "Unfinished Portrait" in the carefully preserved house with furnishings very much as Roosevelt left them in 1945. Painted on April 12, 1945, the portrait was disrupted and never finished when Roosevelt suffered a massive stroke and died. Self-guided and guided tours available.

401 Little White House Rd. Warm Springs, GA 31830 706.655.5870 gastateparks.org/ LittleWhiteHouse



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300 N. Bond St. | Plains, GA 31780 229.824.4104 | nps.gov/jica

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The pink, orange, red and purple hues of the soil at Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" make a beautiful natural painting at this quiet park. A testament to the power of man's influence on the land, massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused simply by poor farming practices during the 1800s. Today they make for some of the prettiest photographs in the state. The rare plumleaf azalea grows only in this region and blooms during July and August when most azaleas have lost their color.  $\stackrel{\text{\tiny V}}{\simeq}$  (on leash)

> 8930 Canyon Rd. Lumpkin, GA 31815 229.838.6202 gastateparks.org/ ProvidenceCanyon

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Providence Canyon Outdoor Recreation Area



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#### **BRADLEY OLMSTED GARDEN**

Look for this jewel tucked in the 13 acres of what is now the Columbus Museum. Designed in the 1920s by Olmsted & Olmsted, scions of the designer of New York's Central Park, this little garden includes sweeping vistas, rose gardens, dramatic ravines, waterfalls, forest glens and massive plantings for dramatic seasonal effect. The museum often schedules live music and other events in the garden.

#### 1251 Wynnton Rd. | 706.748.2562 columbusmuseum.com

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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 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 area must-do is completely free.

#### FEAST YOUR EYES

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

#### PAY TRIBUTE TO HEROES

Honor our nation's heritage at the **National Infantry Museum**. This amazing, interactive experience has no admission. There is a \$5/person donation suggested; some special programs have a fee.



#### **GET SPOOKY**

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 and a haunted thrill or two.

#### RIDE THE (FORMER) RAILS

Pedal through town along the former railroad path that once connected Columbus to the rest of the nation. Cyclists, walkers, and joggers weave their way through town on **The Columbus Fall Line Trace**. Free.

#### ENJOY THE BLOOMS

Stop and smell the roses in the ever-changing but always beautiful **Columbus Botanical Garden**. Free; \$5/person donation suggested. Open dawn to dusk.

#### POSE WITH STATUES

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

#### DO YOUR SCHTICK

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



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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.



National Infantry Museum

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Uptown Columbus

#### UPTOWN COLUMBUS

Uptown Columbus' variety of locally owned and operated retailers make it easy to shop like a local. Find clothing, jewelry, rare gifts, and active gear ranging from new running shoes to a new bike.

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The nation's most popular stores and more than 15 restaurants in this 380-acre mixed-use retail, restaurant, entertainment, residential, and hotel development fulfill your appetite for good things and good food.

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#### **THE LANDINGS**

This pedestrian-friendly retail center is a fun place to shop and dine with its wonderful mix of national retailers, local merchants, and specialty restaurants.

**Airport Thruway** 

#### PEACHTREE MALL

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et us help you plan the perfect meeting or event in Columbus. Our diverse meeting and event facilities offer the ideal setting for any occasion. When the event is finished, relax and explore Columbus' culture, commerce and outdoor adventures.

Columbus is Georgia's 2nd largest city.

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- Columbus has more than 4,600 first-class hotel rooms.
- Columbus has more than 750,000 square-feet of meeting space.
- 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.
- The historic Columbus Convention & Trade Center, also known as the Iron Works, is a one-of-a-kind meeting and exhibition venue.
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The VisitColumbusGA staff makes it easy to plan a successful Columbus meeting or event. From site visits to surveys, to rate negotiations, receptions and everything in between, our Meeting Professionals are ready to assist. Call us at **800.999.1613**.



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12 Months of Columbus Festivities

#### JANUARY

- Columbus Wedding Extravaganza
- Red Nose Half Marathon

#### **FEBRUARY**

• Black History Month Events

#### MARCH

• Synovus Toast of the Town celebration of wine, food, spirits and brews

#### APRIL

- Riverblast at National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus
- Uptown's Spring Friday Night Concert Series

#### MAY

Uptown RiverFest

#### JUNE

- Miss Georgia Pageant
- Frogtown Crawfish Festival

#### JULY

• 4th of July Fireworks

#### AUGUST

- Jim Blanchard Leadership Forum
- Grand Columbus Whitewater Paddle
- Wild & Scenic Film Festival

#### SEPTEMBER

- Tri-City Latino Festival
- Uptown's Fall Friday Night Concert Series
- Southern Lovin' Junkin' Show

#### OCTOBER

- Historic Linwood Foundation Fall Ramble
- Spooktacular Halloween Festival
- Columbus Artists' Guild Member's Exhibition
- Death by Chocolate at National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus
- Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic
- Greater Columbus Fair

#### NOVEMBER

- Uptown Beer & Wine Festival
- Fountain City Football Classic

#### DECEMBER

- A Tuna Christmas at Springer Opera House
- Broadway Holiday in Uptown Columbus
- Columbus Ballet-The Nutcracker
- Victorian Christmas at Port Columbus

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**.



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