

GROUP TOURS

PLANNING YOUR GROUP'S VISIT TO OUR FAMOUS, AND FRIENDLY, CITY FROM THE COLUMBUS VISITORS CENTER : WWW.COLUMBUS.IN.US



ONE OF THE TOP HISTORIC DESTINATIONS . . . IN THE WORLD

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER CALLS CITY "A JEWEL IN THE REGION" Columbus received yet another honor for its architectural excellence and stewardship of its historical assets. In the Nov/Dec 2008 National Geographic Traveler, the city of 40,000 is ranked 11th out of 109 historic destinations worldwide by National Geographic Society's Center for Sustainable Destinations, higher than any other U.S. destination. About Columbus, the magazine said, "Although it is surprising to see a Midwestern burg in the company of Dijon and Stockholm, this 'jewel in the region' boasts 'world-class mid-century modern architecture.'"

A UNIQUE DESTINATION . . . KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD

- › Columbus is a world-class center of contemporary architecture, ranked sixth in the nation for architectural innovation and design, according to the American Institute of Architects – in exclusive company with cities like Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Washington, D.C.
- › Columbus was named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations in 2005.



FAMED ICE CREAM SHOP TO REOPEN!

One writer described Zaharako's as "one of those Victorian-era soda fountains that looks like it should be in a museum." A local businessman is restoring the skylights, the onyx fountain, the mahogany woodwork, the Italian marble counters, and the Welte Orchestrion, a self-playing pipe organ with the rich, orchestral sound of 182 pipes. Museum space will exhibit turn-of-the-century ice cream parlor fixtures. Expected to open in late Spring/late Summer, Zaharako's ice cream fans have their spoons and bowls ready! Group tour arrangements can be made through the Visitors Center.



CAMP ATTERBURY : INDIANA'S PREMIER TRAINING SITE

Once a World War II military base, Camp Atterbury is now Indiana's premier training and mobilization site for all military branches, the Army Reserve, and the Indiana National Guard. This 30,000-acre camp has deployed over 50,000 troops since 2006. Visit the Museum, POW Chapel, Veterans Memorial, and eat in the Mess Hall with the soldiers. Call The Visitors Center for tours.



THE ATTERBURY-BAKALAR AIR MUSEUM GETS READY TO EXPAND

The Air Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the air base, which was active through WWII, the Korean War, and the 1960s. Displays within the museum depict local, national, and international history, as well as scaled models of vintage aircraft, uniforms, and other historical artifacts from WWII, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War. Arrangements may be made through the Visitors Center.



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE : SOME ONLY IN COLUMBUS!

- > Visit Not Just Popcorn, a unique, gourmet popcorn shop that specializes in more than 100 flavors, and has been featured on both The Food Network and Midwest Living.
- > Get a behind-the-scenes tour of Elsbury's Greenhouse, the third largest producer of mums for the state.
- > Find one-of-a-kind treasures as you explore our different shopping venues, including a factory outlet mall, an indoor mall, specialty shops, a downtown retail district, and an antique mall that has over 600 booths!



DISCOVER THE GARDEN TREASURES COLUMBUS HAS TO OFFER.

Features include a 70,000 square foot greenhouse, antique shops, and a family-owned winery. America in Bloom selected Columbus as the winner of the 2006 national competition for cities with populations of 25,001 to 50,000 and a finalist in the international competition. Columbus is also the recipient of the 2006 America in Bloom "Best of the Best" award for landscape.



2009 CITY TOURS AVAILABLE

Our city tour showcases both historic and contemporary buildings as well as public art, interwoven with stories of the people instrumental in shaping our community. A video production and exhibits are available at the Visitors Center, which also houses world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's Yellow Neon Chandelier. Make the tour part of your visit! One-hour step-on tour > \$5/person; Two-hour step-on tour > \$8/person; Extended tour > \$12-\$15/person



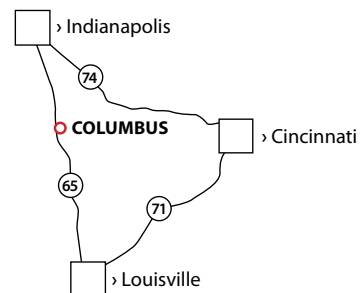
WE'LL CUSTOMIZE AN ITINERARY JUST FOR YOU

We can customize an itinerary for your clients, from a single day to a multi-day trips. Columbus features a diverse collection of tour destinations. Our packages highlight architecture, art, shopping, gardening, landscaping, industry and military.



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

- Indianapolis, IN 43 miles north
- Cincinnati, OH..... 72 miles east
- Louisville, KY 73 miles south
- Chicago, IL 220 miles north
- Nashville, TN..... 285 miles south
- St. Louis, MO..... 289 miles west



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