

WE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL YOU VISIT **US**

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS & NIGHTLIFE

Columbus' top entertainment areas surround downtown, each packed with entertainment, restaurants and shops. Convention attendees are right in the middle of the "Five on High" — the five-mile span of High Street connecting downtown's districts. That means you don't have to go far to have a good time. Next to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, the [Arena District](#) is home to the Blue Jackets National Hockey League team, concerts, restaurants and nightclubs. In the neighboring [Short North Arts District](#), you'll find restaurants, galleries and boutiques. Take the CBUS south of downtown to the [Brewery District](#) and [German Village](#). Venture to the north on High Street to visit the [The Ohio State University district](#).



WORLD-CLASS ARTS & CULTURE

Take in one of Columbus' performing arts events. Among your choices are [BalletMet](#), [Broadway in Columbus](#), [Columbus Jazz Orchestra](#), [Shadowbox Live](#), [The Columbus Symphony](#) and the [Contemporary American Theatre Company \(CATCO\)](#). See world-class visual art at the [Columbus Museum of Art](#), the [Wexner Center for the Arts](#), [The King Arts Complex](#) and [Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#), the only botanical garden in the world with a permanent collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly.



SHOPPING FOR EVERY TASTE

Columbus is known for shopping, with everything from eclectic boutiques in the Short North Arts District to [Easton Town Center](#), located just 15 minutes from downtown, home to Nordstrom, Macy's and hundreds of specialty stores along with one of the city's best collections of restaurants and entertainment venues. Thirty minutes north is [Polaris Fashion Place](#), which has five anchors, including Saks Fifth Avenue.



NATION'S BEST ATTRACTIONS

Central Ohio is packed with top-rated attractions. See polar bears swim underwater at Jack Hanna's home zoo, the [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#). Get hands-on at [COSI](#), the #1 science center according to *Parents* magazine. Explore our downtown parks, [Columbus Commons](#) and the [Scioto Mile](#) along the downtown riverfront. On the city's south side enjoy [Eldorado Scioto Downs](#), and to the west full-service [Hollywood Casino Columbus](#).

RESPECTED SPORTS SCENE

Scarborough Sports Marketing ranked Columbus the #1 Sports Town in the U.S. The city earns the distinction with several professional teams, including the National Hockey League's [Columbus Blue Jackets](#), Major League Soccer's [Columbus Crew SC](#) and the [Columbus Clippers](#), Triple-A baseball affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. There's also the Ohio State Buckeyes, winners of the first College Football Playoff National Championship, and the Jack Nicklaus Museum, a tribute to both the Columbus native and golf.



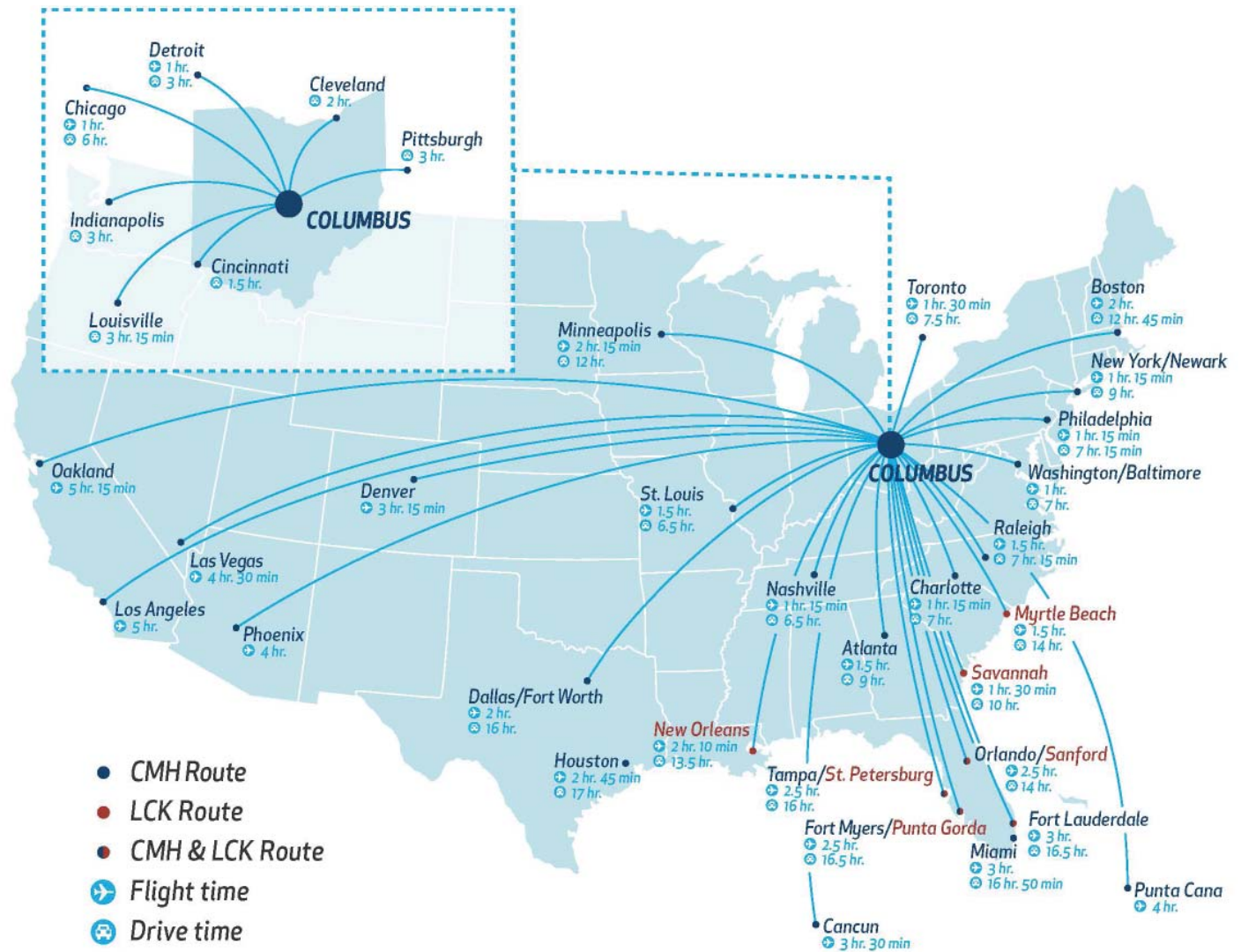
A FOODIE'S PARADISE

Columbus has one of the most innovative food scenes in the country. From vegan to BBQ, you'll find hundreds of restaurants offering most every kind of cuisine. Don't miss the [North Market](#), located across from the Greater Columbus Convention Center for the finest in fresh and prepared foods.

GETTING HERE

Columbus — Ohio's capital and the 15th largest city in the United States — is located within 550 miles of more than half of the U.S. population. Five highways run through the city and [Port Columbus International Airport \(CMH\)](#) is just 10 minutes from downtown.

TRAVEL TIME TO COLUMBUS



CURIOUS ABOUT COLUMBUS?

- Columbus is the 15th largest city in the nation (right behind San Francisco)
- *National Geographic* ranked Columbus a global Top 10 Best Fall Trip
- COSI named the #1 Science Center for Families
- Columbus-based OCLC's WorldCat named one of the 10 Most Amazing Databases in the World by *Popular Science*
- *Forbes* rated Columbus #4 best city for shopping in America
- Columbus' Harvest Pizzeria has been named among the best pizza in the world by *Huffington Post*
- Home of the famed Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, "Jungle" Jack Hanna's home zoo
- *The Washington Post* calls Columbus the "new destination for food lovers"

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