



3-DAY FAMILY COLUMBUS ITINERARY

COLUMBUS
LIVE FORWARD

DAY ONE | Suggestions highlight various neighborhoods and may need customized depending on lodging location

BREAKFAST | Historic Dublin

Get breakfast at **La Chatelaine French Bakery and Bistro** in historic **Dublin** to fuel up for the fun day ahead.

ALL-DAY ACTIVITY | Powell

Head to the **Columbus Zoo & Aquarium**, considered one of the best zoos in the country. You'll see over 10,000 animals from around the world and learn all about the Zoo's conservation efforts. Right next door, you'll find **Zoombezi Bay**, the Zoo's waterpark.

If you're moving to the area and have a new Ohio state-issued ID or driver's license, be sure to present it for special Franklin County admission rates. When your crew gets hungry, you'll find many options for lunch throughout the Zoo – the challenge is choosing one! Additionally, the zoo offers sensory-friendly and accessibility info on its website.

DINNER | Dublin

After a wild day at the Zoo, dinner at **North Market Bridge Park** (designed to mimic Columbus' 145-year-old public market, which can be found in the **Arena District** near downtown Columbus) offers plenty of food and beverage options in an open and sleek new space. Another classic stop is **Cap City Fine Dining**, a Cameron Mitchell restaurant offering comfort food in a retro environment.

EVENING EXPLORATION | Dublin

For dessert, head to the Dublin **Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams** shop. Jeni is famous nationwide for her innovative flavors, but she got her start right here in Columbus and still works and lives in the 614. For something even more decadent, try popular desserts from **The Cheesecake Girl**.

TIP:

More kid-friendly Columbus activities can be found at www.experiencecolumbus.com. You'll discover things to do with kids, free things to do in Columbus, rainy day activities, a list of kid-friendly breweries in the city and much more.

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DAY TWO | *Suggestions highlight various neighborhoods and may need customized depending on lodging location*

BREAKFAST | Arena District or New Albany

Pick up some bakery items or bagels at the original 145-year-old **North Market** in the **Arena District**, or head to **Fox in the Snow** in **New Albany**.

MORNING ACTIVITY | Worthington or German Village

If you've got extra energy in your family, spend a morning at **Play: CBUS**, a 53,000-square foot indoor active entertainment facility (think ninja courses) for all ages. Nearby in **downtown Worthington**, you'll find local shops to peruse.

Another must-see for families is the 32-room **Book Loft** in **German Village**. With nooks and crannies of all shapes and sizes in this historic building, you'll stumble upon books for every interest and age. We also suggest checking out the **Red Stable** shop's interesting trinkets.

LUNCH | German Village

Schmidt's Sausage Haus and **Katzinger's Delicatessen** are Columbus classics with plenty of options for the family. If there's a sweet tooth (or two) in your family, grab a cream puff from **Schmidt's** or walk to the nearby **Kittie's Cakes** or **Pistacia Vera** for a delicious dessert.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURE | Around Town

Kids will be fascinated by the **Topiary Park**, one of the world's most unique green spaces. More than two dozen larger-than-life topiary sculptures depict every creature and character in Georges Seurat's painting, "Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of Le Grande Jatte."

LEGOLand at **Easton**, the Midwest's premier shopping and dining center, is a must-see for any enthusiast (tickets must be purchased beforehand). **Easton** also has a popular **American Girl** store.

DINNER AND EVENING | Arena District

Depending on the season and schedules, no family trip to Columbus is complete with an evening at a **Columbus Clippers** MiLB game, a **Columbus Blue Jackets** NHL game or a **Columbus Crew** MLS match. With all three stadiums or facilities located up and down Columbus' sports street, Nationwide Boulevard, you'll find a vibrant and enthusiastic crowd no matter the sport you prefer!

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BREAKFAST | Near Downtown or New Albany

Stop in at **Roosevelt Coffeehouse**, a spacious coffee shop near downtown. A stop on the **Columbus Coffee Trail**, Roosevelt is known for their work to combat human trafficking, as well as other social initiatives. Or, head to **Donna's Delicious Dozen**, a popular and creative donut shop near **New Albany**.

MORNING ACTIVITY | Franklinton Arts District

The **Center of Science and Industry (COSI)** was voted best science museum in the nation (three times) for good reason. It's a hub of innovation and development, and there's something for every age. It's easy to get lost here, from the special exhibits to the fascinating year-round displays.

LATE LUNCH | Clintonville

Parents and kids alike will love the delicious pizza at **Harvest Bar + Kitchen** in **Clintonville**.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURE | Around Town

Head to the **Scioto Audubon Metro Park** for a little outdoor adventure in the hub of the city. You'll find one of the nation's largest outdoor climbing walls in the midst of this oasis where wildlife thrives.

From the stunning indoor greenery – featuring glasswork by Dale Chihuly interspersed throughout – to the outdoor Scott's Miracle-Gro adventure area for kids (complete with a canopy walk), the **Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens** is a popular stop for families of all ages. If you're moving to the area, display your new Ohio state-issued ID or driver's license for free admission on Community Days (check their website for scheduling!).

DINNER | Italian Village

Budd Dairy Food Hall, located in a historic milk bottling plant in **Italian Village**, truly has something for everyone. With options that include fried chicken, gumbo, lobster and tacos, families can't go wrong with a dinner at **Budd Dairy**.

EVENING EXPLORATION | Short North Arts District

We suggest stopping by the **Big Fun Columbus** toy store for an epic shopping experience.

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