

3-DAY COLUMBUS ITINERARY

COLUMBŮS LIVE FORWARD

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

BREAKFAST | New Albany, Italian Village or German Village

Fox in the Snow, a local favorite with three locations, is a must-stop for any Columbus itinerary. This *Food & Wine*-lauded coffee shop and café (a stop on the **Columbus Coffee Trail**) serves a delicious breakfast sandwich alongside delightful pastries. If you have a sweet tooth, check out **Donna's Delicious Dozen**, located near **New Albany**.

MORNING ACTIVITY | Easton

Head to the Midwest's premier shopping and dining destination, named best retail experience in the nation. Packed with indoor/outdoor shopping, dining and more, you'll find a walkable, vibrant atmosphere at **Easton**.

LUNCH | Easton

Stop in at **Brassica** to pack a pita with every topping you could imagine, and on summery days, enjoy your meal on the patio.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURE | German Village

Spend the afternoon in **German Village**, one of the most idyllic neighborhoods in the country. Don't miss the 32-room **Book Loft**, and next door you'll find **Stauf's**, another **Columbus Coffee Trail** stop. We also suggest **Tiki Botanicals** and the **Red Stable**. Nearby, you'll find a window-serve location for **Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams**, as well as dessert shops **Pistacia Vera** and **Kittie's Cakes**. Grab a treat and walk to **Schiller Park**, a hub of the neighborhood.

DINNER | German Village

Stick around **German Village** and enjoy **Barcelona** for Spanish-inspired cuisine, **Lindey's**, a popular and elegant local bistro, or **Schmidt's Sausage Haus** for delicious German food.

EVENING EXPLORATION | Around Town

Book yourself into a **Makers Social** slot to make everything from pet collars to macrame plant hangers, all with a drink in hand. Catch a show at the **Ohio Theatre**, like the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus or the Columbus Symphony, or head to the **Short North Stage** to enjoy professional theater.



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BREAKFAST | Olde Towne East

Grab breakfast at **Hangover Easy**, a must-stop for anyone who enjoys excellent breakfast food with quirky names.

MORNING ACTIVITY | Downtown Columbus

Plan ahead and reserve a kayak or paddleboard from **Windrose Outdoor**, or stroll along the **Scioto Mile** to take in the sights on foot. Head further into the city to take a free tour of the **Ohio Statehouse**, or explore the one-of-a-kind **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**.

LUNCH | Downtown Columbus

Along the **Scioto Mile**, you'll find **Milestone 229**, a picture-perfect spot for a riverfront meal. In summer months, enjoy dinner views of the river and the nearby fountain, a popular community gathering spot on warm days.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURE | Bexley

Head to **Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens** to enjoy this oasis from city life. If you're moving to the area and have an Ohio state-issued ID or driver's license, check the calendar for their Community Days, because you'll get in free! Keep an eye out for their special evening events, like Chihuly Nights. This event showcases the Dale Chihuly glasswork that lives permanently throughout the Conservatory in a new light – literally.

HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER | Grandview or Gahanna

Head to the Grandview or Gahanna locations of **High Bank Distillery**, a stop on the **Columbus Distillery Trail**, for their much-loved happy hour. Stay and grab dinner while you're there!

EVENING EXPLORATION | Old North

Check out **Understory**, a new addition to the Columbus scene. This close-to-nature creation is housed in a historic school building with nearly floor to ceiling windows, and with several dining and drink concepts within to choose from, you're sure to enjoy a serene evening overlooking the Olentangy Trail.



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BREAKFAST | Short North Arts District

Enjoy breakfast at **The Lox Bagel Shop**, included in *Food & Wine's* list of the best bagels in America.

MORNING ACTIVITY | Short North Arts District

Explore the **Short North**! Stop at **Penn & Beech Candle Co**. to pour your own candle, shop local at **Ladybird** and **Red Giraffe Designs**, and enjoy art galleries and local coffee shops. We also suggest **Columbus Food Adventures**, a local company that offers in-depth explorations and history of several Columbus neighborhoods.

LUNCH | Arena District

Head to Columbus' 145-year-old public market, North Market. Try their summer Saturday farmers market!

AFTEROON ACTIVITY | Near Downtown

Explore the **Columbus Museum of Art**. If you're here on a weekend, go on Sunday for free admission. Sensory and accessibility info is available on their website.

If you're feeling adventurous, go over to **Quarry Trails Metro Park** to enjoy a waterfall, space for kayaking, trails for biking and plenty of hiking.

HAPPY HOUR | Short North Arts District

The Guild House provides an elegant, upscale happy hour environment.

DINNER | Around Town

Enjoy dinner at **Budd Dairy Food Hall**, one of *Fodor Travel's* top ten best new food halls in the U.S. Or, plan ahead with reservations at **Chapman's Eat Market** (included in the 2021 *New York Times* Restaurant List) or **Veritas**.

EVENING EXPLORATION | Arena District

Depending on the season, catch a **Columbus Clippers** MiLB game, a **Columbus Blue Jackets** NHL game or a **Columbus Crew** MLS match. Make use of the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) at local sports bars beforehand.

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