



# LGBTQ+ 3-DAY COLUMBUS ITINERARY

**COLUMBUS**  
LIVE FORWARD

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

## **BREAKFAST** | New Albany, Italian Village or German Village

Check one of three locations of the famous **Fox in the Snow**, a stop on the **Columbus Coffee Trail**. Try the breakfast sandwich or a delicious pastry. For the gluten-free sweet tooth, head to **Bake Me Happy**, a GF bakery, in **German Village**.

## **MORNING ACTIVITY** | Downtown Columbus

Explore the innovative and beautiful **Columbus Museum of Art**. Specific exhibitions to check out include the Queer/Modern gallery, found in the Ross building.

## **LUNCH** | Italian Village

Head to **Budd Dairy Food Hall**, one of *Fodor Travel's* top ten new food halls in the U.S. This chef incubator space in **Italian Village** has something for everyone (they even have an all-weather rooftop) and is housed in a historic milk bottling plant.

## **AFTERNOON ADVENTURES** | Around Downtown

Stroll through the **Topiary Park**, one of the most unique parks in the world. You'll find towering greenery pruned to bring alive Georges Seurat's famous painting, "A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of Le Grand Jatte." Next, head to the **Scioto River** and consider renting a **CoGo bike** to venture along the **Scioto Mile**, or plan ahead and reserve a kayak or paddleboard from **Windrose Outdoor**.

Located nearby, head to the one-of-a-kind **National Veterans Memorial and Museum**.

## **DINNER** | Around Town

Along the **Scioto Mile**, you'll find **Milestone 229**, a picture-perfect spot for a riverfront meal, or plan ahead and make reservations at upscale options **Chapman's Eat Market** (included in the 2021 *New York Times* Restaurant List) or **Veritas**.

## **EVENING EXPLORATION** | Franklinton

We suggest **Land-Grant Brewing** and their amazing craft beer, or plan ahead and make a reservation at **Makers Social** – this bar + makers space offers fun projects (from coasters to pet accessories) accompanied by delicious beverages.

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

## BREAKFAST | Short North Arts District

If you're visiting over a weekend, stop in at **Forno** in the **Short North Arts District** for brunch. On weekdays, check out nearby **Northstar Café's** breakfast menu or go to local coffee shops **One Line** or **Roaming Goat**.

## MORNING ACTIVITY | Short North Arts District

Stay a while in the **Short North**. Locals and visitors alike love the area's amazing street art, great dining, diverse shops, boutique accommodations and nightlife. LGBTQ+-owned stores to check out include **Samson** and **Torso**, and you can stop in at **Stonewall Columbus'** headquarters, too. Plan ahead and get into a class at the **Macaron Bar** or **Pinot's Palette**. On the first Saturday of the month, don't miss the lively **Gallery Hop**.

## LUNCH | Short North Arts District

Grab lunch at **Townhall** (try the bone broth or toxin-free coffee). Take note of their newly-opened rooftop space, **Mandrake**, which boasts incredible views!

## 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 historic **Book Loft**, and right next door you'll find **Stauf's**, another **Columbus Coffee Trail** stop. We also suggest **Tiki Botanicals** and the **Red Stable**. You'll find a charming window-serve location for **Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams**, as well as elegant dessert shops **Pistacia Vera** and **Kittie's Cakes**. Grab a treat and walk down to **Schiller Park**, a hub of the neighborhood.

## DINNER | German Village

Enjoy dinner at LGBTQ+-owned **Barcelona**, known throughout the city for its delicious Spanish cuisine, or try delicious German food from **Schmidt's Sausage Haus**.

## EVENING EXPLORATION | Short North Arts District

Check out LGBTQ+ nightlife options **Axis**, **District West** (home to the West family), **Union Café** or **Slammers**, one of 15 lesbian bars left in the U.S.

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

## **BREAKFAST** | Short North Arts District

If you're visiting on a weekend, stop in at **Union Café** for brunch (check their calendar to see if they're hosting a drag brunch during your visit!). On weekdays, head to **The Lox Bagel Shop**, included in *Food & Wine's* "Best Bagels in America."

## **MORNING ACTIVITY** | Bexley

**Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens** offers an exotic oasis beloved by Columbus residents. (If you're moving in, show your new Ohio state-issued ID or driver's license on Community Days to get free admission!) In the evenings, they offer special admission for events like Chihuly Nights, a showcase of Dale Chihuly's stunning glasswork in a new light – literally.

## **LUNCH** | Arena District

Stop in at Columbus' 145-year-old public market, **North Market**, for traditional market vendors and restaurant booths alike. Come by on Saturdays in the summer for their farmers market!

## **AFTERNOON ADVENTURE** | Easton

Take a short drive east to **Easton**, the Midwest's premiere shopping and dining area that was named best retail experience in the nation. With shopping available at all price points and plenty of dining options, this indoor/outdoor shopping hub is definitely worth a stop!

We also suggest scheduling ahead with **Columbus Food Adventures**, a local company that offers in-depth explorations and history of several Columbus neighborhoods.

## **HAPPY HOUR + DINNER** | Gahanna or Downtown

Try **High Bank Distillery**, a stop on the **Columbus Distillery Trail**, at their newest location in Gahanna (the original is located near Grandview). Or, check out **Lumin Skybar** (inside the AC Hotel).

## **EVENING EXPLORATION** | Around Town

Plan ahead and grab tickets to a show at the **Ohio Theatre**, such as 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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