

## **Patriotic Places and Historical Spaces**

The various military museums and collections located throughout the city along with the opening of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum make Columbus the perfect place to bring your group for a military-themed adventure.

Ideal for groups 25+

## DAY ONE

**Morning** | Join Columbus City Adventures for a step-on guided tour of Columbus. Travel through downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods with the Ohio Statehouse as the historical centerpiece and listen to stories of national significance, international intrigue, local history and lore.

**Lunch** | Enjoy a wide range of flavors at the North Market, Columbus' only remaining true public market established in 1876. **Afternoon** | Visit Camp Chase Cemetery, a military staging and training camp established in Columbus in 1861 after the start of the Civil War. The site and the cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Evening** | Enjoy dinner with a view at The Boat House at Confluence Park, the only waterfront restaurant with a view of the downtown skyline.

## DAY TWO

**Morning** | Visit the Motts Military Museum, dedicated to preserving the memory of all that served in the United States military. **Lunch** | Head out to lunch at The 94th Aero Squadron, a themed restaurant full of military memorabilia and aviation relics depicting the times of the WWI and WWII eras. Enjoy a dramatic view of the arriving and departing traffic at John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

**Afternoon** | Experience the "Great War" in a new way, through a special display commemorating the centennial of the United States entering World War I at the Ohio History Center. Spend the rest of the day in Old Worthington, a historic neighborhood founded in 1803 by New England settlers. Stroll the sidewalks of Worthington, then pick from hundreds of fragrances before pouring your own custom-scented candle at The Candle Lab. Or make your own greeting card on an antique printing press at Igloo Letterpress. Enjoy dinner at restaurants such as The Whitney House, Le Chatelain or Mozart's.

## DAY THREE

**Morning** | Herlich Willkommen! A hearty welcome to German Village, one of the preeminent historic districts in the United States. After touring the district, take a little time to stretch your legs and explore the retail shops. The Book Loft, one of the largest independent book stores in the country, offers 32 rooms of bargain-priced books. Or visit Helen Winnemore's, the oldest store of its kind in the United States, which features usable, wearable art handcrafted in America.

**Lunch** | Located in a historic brick livery stable, Schmidt's Restaurant und Sausage Haus has offered award-winning, hand-crafted food by five generations of the Schmidt family since 1886. Save room for dessert! The cream puffs are worth the trip itself! **Afternoon** | Visit the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM), the only place where the stories of our veterans, their families and the Fallen are told together. The museum features dynamic exhibits, an outdoor memorial grove and a spiral processional that ascends to a rooftop sanctuary.

Evening | Finish your trip with dinner on your own in one of Columbus' unique neighborhoods, such as Grandview Heights, Gahanna or the Short North Arts District.

