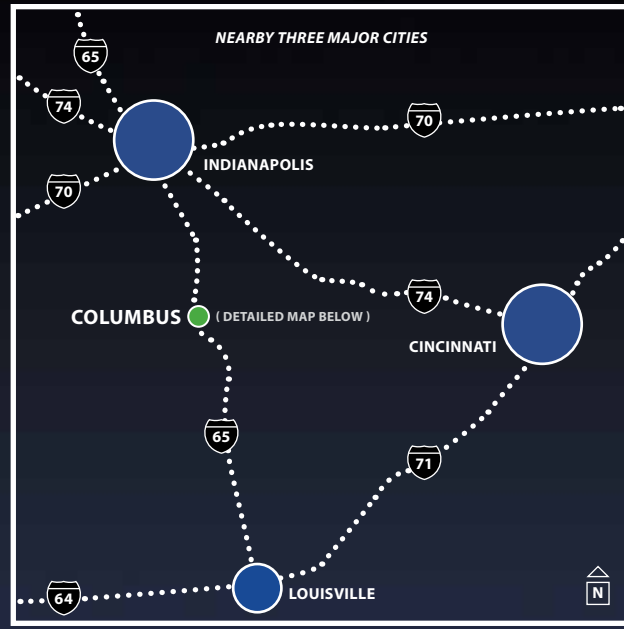




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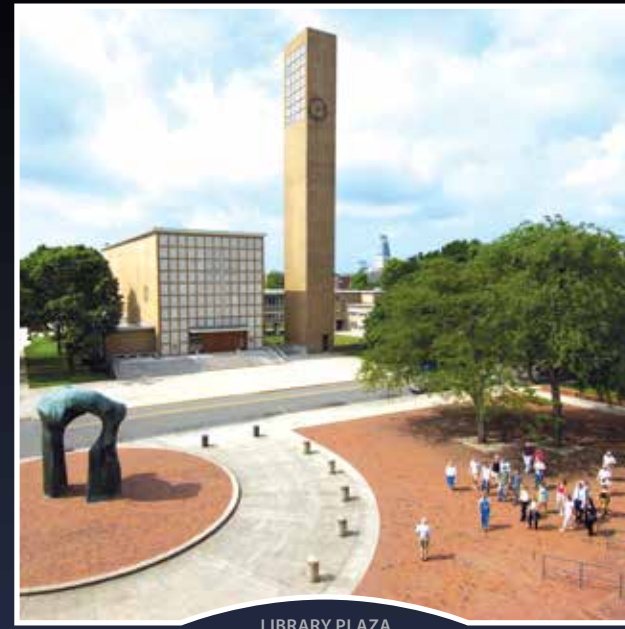
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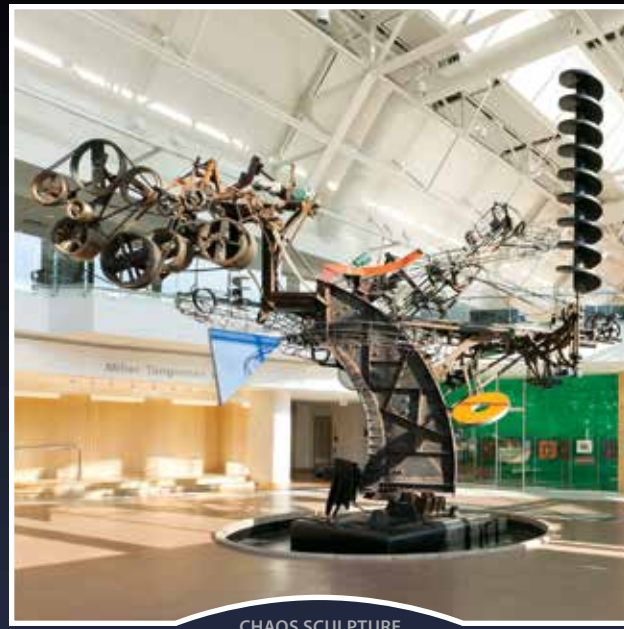
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THE HOPE RIDE



LIBRARY PLAZA



CHAOS SCULPTURE

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THERE'S AN ENERGY HERE

You'll notice right away there's something different about this place. Whether you are exploring the rural reaches of Bartholomew County or the city of Columbus, you'll sense there's a special kind of energy. You'll notice the sleek, striking lines of schools, libraries, churches, office buildings, and fire stations. The architecture is stunning, but it is merely a symbol of the community spirit and collective energy of the people who choose to live here. Early residents made a decision to strive for excellence when they commissioned the stunning Bartholomew County Courthouse in 1874. Courthouses are commonplace, but there's none finer than this old beauty. This outstanding building established a legacy for all the public buildings that followed.



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Photos : Bartholomew County Courthouse, Ethnic Expo, Farmer's Market



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"authentic, unique, and unspoiled"
"a small-town architectural mecca"

Photos : Luckey Climber at The Commons, Mill Race Park, AT&T Switching Center



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EVERY BRICK TELLS A STORY

Visit a one-of-a-kind community that embraced the future and chose architecture as the way to express its optimism. Since the early 1940s, some of the world's finest architects have left their impressions on this special place. This small, friendly town is a virtual museum of modern architecture with works by some of the most enduring names in architecture, like I.M. Pei, Richard Meier, Robert Venturi, Eiel and Eero Saarinen, Harry Weese, and Deborah Berke, just to name a few. Not into architecture? You'll still find inspiration in this community's bold resolve to create a city that is both beautiful and livable.

Photos : Hope Bike Ride, City Hall, North Christian Church



WHY COLUMBUS IS "A MUST SEE"

National Geographic Traveler's "109 Destinations Rated" issue ranks Columbus 11th on its list of historic destinations worldwide and describes Columbus as "a world-class collection of modern architecture by master architects ... it is authentic, unique, and unspoiled ... this town is truly part of America's architectural heritage."

Ranked 6th in nation for architectural design

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| 1 Chicago | 6 COLUMBUS |
| 2 New York | 7 Portland |
| 3 San Francisco | 8 Seattle |
| 4 Boston | 9 Philadelphia |
| 5 Washington, D.C. | 10 Minneapolis |

Selected by a poll of members of the American Institute of Architects

Photos : Library Plaza, Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans, Cummins Headquarters



COLUMBUS IN THE MEDIA

The Columbus story has been featured in *Architectural Digest*, *The New York Times*, *Condé Naste Traveler*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Travel+Leisure*, *USA Today*, *Time*, *Smithsonian*, *National Geographic*, *Dwell*, *Preservation*, *Midwest Living*, *Casa Vogue Italia*, *Elle Decor*, and *The Washington Post*.

A TOWN LIKE NO OTHER

"The greatest designers...a veritable who's who of modern masters, have done more than sixty public buildings here."
Susan Stamberg, NPR Weekend Edition
"Columbus is a small-town architectural mecca."
Chicago Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin
"Columbus is a creative community that truly gets it."
Richard Florida, author of The Rise of the Creative Class

Photos : Jean Tinguely's Chaos I, The Commons, Fire Station 6 by William Raw

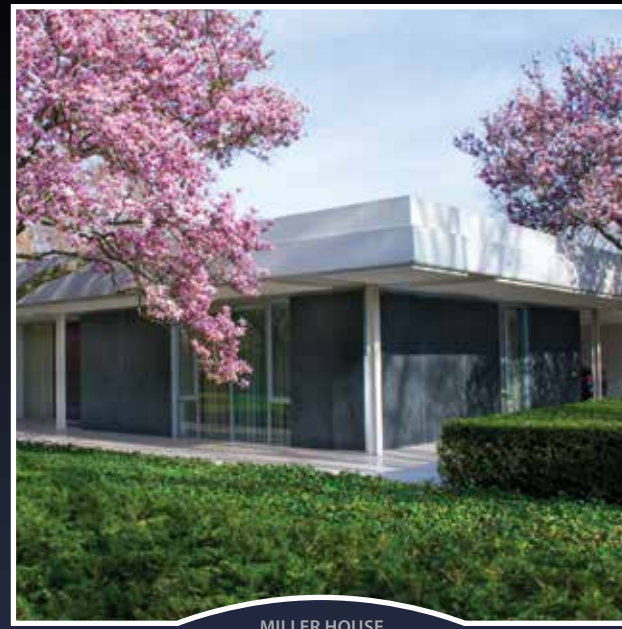


SECOND STREET BRIDGE

GREGORY BOERGE



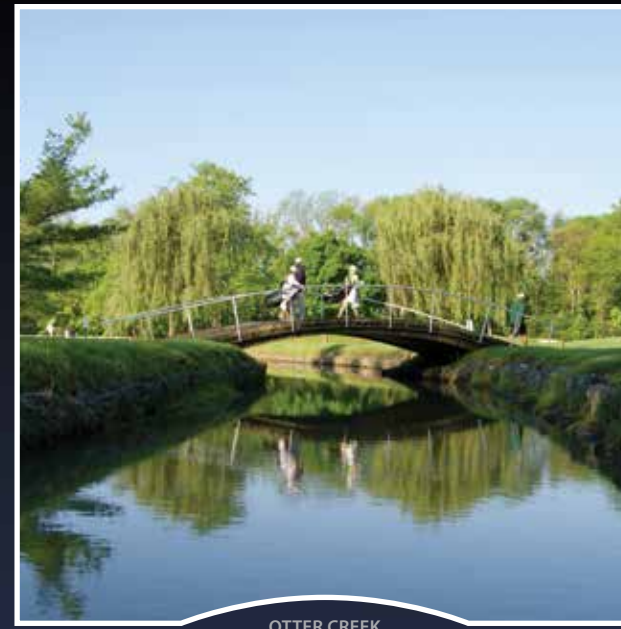
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MILLER HOUSE



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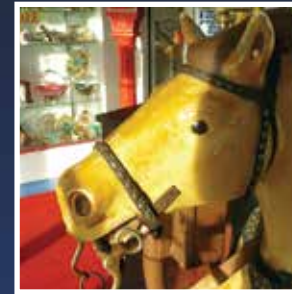
OTTER CREEK



DINING



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START YOUR VISIT at the Visitors Center in downtown Columbus. See a free video, view the Chihuly glass chandelier, shop in the large gift shop, get answers to all your questions, and learn about the variety of tour options available.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED to guarantee a seat on tours. Tours often fill to capacity, make reservations online at: WWW.COLUMBUS.IN.US

Please arrive 30 minutes in advance of the tour to check in and view an introductory video.

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Visitors Center / 506 5th Street / 800.468.6564

9-5 Mon - Sat / 12-5 Sun (closed Sundays Dec -Feb)

Times are subject to change without notice. Indiana is on Eastern Time.

Photos : Second Street Bridge, Chihuly chandelier at Visitors Center, Visitors Center Tour Bus

GUIDED ARCHITECTURE TOURS : The Visitors Center offers guided two-hour city tours on a spacious bus. You'll see historic and contemporary buildings and four National Historic Landmarks, while hearing the colorful stories of the people who shaped the community.

TOUR BY CELL PHONE : See Columbus on your own schedule. Use a colorful guide and your cell phone to listen to recorded messages describing the buildings and public art and their stories. Available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

ARCHITECTURE TOUR, Mar -Nov
Tue -Fri at 10 am / Sat at 10 am & 2 pm / Sun at 2:30 pm

ARCHITECTURE TOUR, Dec -Feb
Sat only at 10 am

Photos : architecture tour group, First Christian Church, Japanese student visitors

MILLER HOUSE AND GARDEN TOURS : One of the country's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist residences, designed by Eero Saarinen, interiors by Alexander Girard, and landscaping by Dan Kiley. Designated a National Historic Landmark and donated to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the house epitomizes the international Modernist aesthetic, with an open and flowing layout, flat roof, and vast stone and glass walls.

The Miller House and Garden is maintained and cared for by The Indianapolis Museum of Art. Tours at Miller House and Garden are made possible through the Columbus Area Visitors Center.

MILLER HOUSE TOUR, Mar -Nov (*begins at Visitors Ctr.*)
1 pm and 3 pm : Tue - Sat / 1 pm : Sun

MILLER HOUSE TOUR, Dec -Feb (*begins at Visitors Ctr.*)
1 pm and 3 pm : Fri and Sat only

Photos : Miller House and Garden

FUN FOR ALL AGES : Enjoy the indoor playground at the COMMONS, featuring the 35-foot-high Luckey Climber. Visit KIDSCOMMONS, a three-story museum where kids can climb, make giant bubbles, and slide down the world's largest toilet. Step back in time at ZAHARAKOS, a restored Victorian ice cream parlor and museum. Explore more than 40 pieces of public art, including works by DALE CHIHULY, HENRY MOORE, Jean Tinguely, Rudolph de Harak, Robert Indiana, and Dessa Kirk.

Enjoy award-winning LANDSCAPE DESIGNS by famed designers that soften the modern edges. See blocks of shady trees, bountiful flowering pots, and surprising pocket and alleyway gardens. Shop the thriving seasonal farm stands and downtown FARMER'S MARKET.

CANOE, RAFT, or KAYAK the Driftwood River. Walk or bike over 20 miles on the PEOPLE TRAILS.

Photos : kidscommons, soccer tournament, Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor

A GOLFER'S DESTINATION : Play the 27-hole OTTER CREEK GOLF COURSE, designed by Robert Trent Jones and Rees Jones, and voted among the best public courses in the nation. Then, nearby try links-style golf at TIMBERGATE GOLF COURSE, the unique course designed by Indiana-native Fuzzy Zoeller.

A SHOPPER'S DESTINATION : EDINBURGH PREMIUM OUTLETS draws shoppers from across the Midwest. Right next door, at Exit 76 ANTIQUE MALL, you can explore unexpected treasures at Indiana's largest antique mall. Nearby, you'll find independently owned, one-of-a-kind shops, as well as a dozen other antique shops.

Photos : NCAA Women's Golf, Edinburgh Premium Outlets, Exit 76 Antique Mall in Edinburgh

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Days Inn	(812) 376-9951
Hampton Inn	(812) 526-5100
Hilton Garden Inn	(812) 526-8600
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Edinburgh	(812) 526-4919
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