

# A DESTINATION ON THE RISE

Columbus, the 15th largest city in the country (right behind San Francisco), is the largest and fastest-growing city in Ohio. It's a smart and open community with a dynamic convention package that fits the needs of every group. Located within a one-day drive or one-hour flight of more than half the U.S. population, Ohio's state capital is easily accessible for all.

Upon arrival, attendees love exploring the place that is fast becoming known as one of the nation's most creative, forward-thinking and exciting cities. Celebrated for its incredible arts, entertainment, fashion and culinary offerings; exciting collegiate and professional sports teams and events; and spectacular riverfront with a sprawling ribbon of parkland on the Scioto Mile through downtown, this city on the move has something for everyone.

At the heart of Columbus' burgeoning downtown and a diverse array of lively urban entertainment districts, sits the 1.8-million-sq.-ft. Greater Columbus Convention Center. Supporting the package are 4,250 rooms available downtown and 2,250 rooms connected/adjacent to the convention center.

#### **GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER**

- \$140 million renovation and expansion completed July 2017
- 373,000 sq. ft. of contiguous exhibit space
- 75 meeting rooms
- Upper-level show offices
- More than 150 pieces of local art
- Indoor, hydroponic vertical Smartfarm

\* Columbus, OH received the highest numerical score among 8 cities in the Midwest in the J.D. Power 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Study, based on 26,124 total responses, measuring the experiences and perceptions of travelers who visited a top 50 U.S. destination, surveyed February-July 2016. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

J.D. Power ranked Columbus "Highest in Visitor Satisfaction in the Midwest"\* on the 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Study. \*



The Center for Association Leadership

Columbus is the proud host of the ASAE 2019 Annual Meeting & Exposition.

Columbus won the \$40 million U.S. Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge

Time named
Columbus among
the country's top
six big cities and a
best place to live for
millennials.

Smart Meetings called Columbus "one of 11 meeting cities that sizzle and satisfy" in 2017.



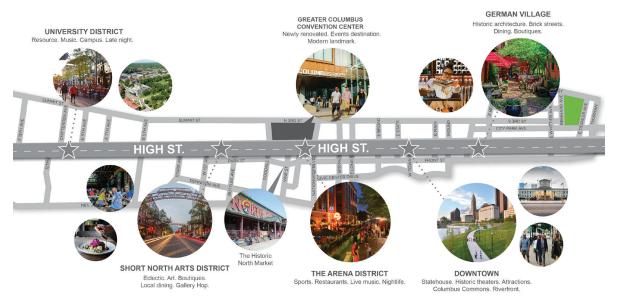






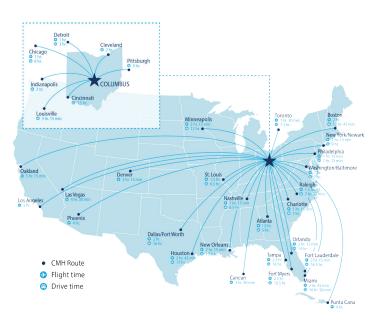
#### **URBAN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS**

Columbus' vibrant neighborhoods offer endless entertainment options. Collectively, these districts are referred to as the "Five on High" as they sit on a five-mile stretch of High Street, packed with hundreds of restaurants, bars, clubs, shops, galleries and more. Convention attendees are at the center of these hip hoods and all are accessible on foot from the Greater Columbus Convention Center or by a short ride on the free CBUS circulator.



#### **GETTING HERE AND AROUND**

John Glenn Columbus International Airport offers nonstop service to 36 destinations and is just 10 minutes from downtown, a short ride on COTA's AirConnect. Once downtown, ride around free on the CBUS Circulator, all-electric Hopper Carts or FreeRide Columbus' open-air golf carts. Alternative transportation services such as Uber, Lyft, CoGo (bike-sharing) and Car2Go offer additional options.





Columbus is home to the largest number of Fortune 1000 companies in the country, including five Fortune 500 headquarters. We are proud that these companies are One of US.











## WILL YOU BE NEXT?