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When Ohio's founding fathers in the early 1800's sought a central site for the state's capital, they chose the "high bank east of the Scioto River directly opposite the town of Franklinton." And they named the new village Columbus.

Their choice proved advantageous. Its central location has made Columbus a hub of government, industry, culture and education. Modern office towers and broad avenues ring the heart of the city -- Capitol Square. The Greek Revival State House, with its corner stone laid in 1839, was completed 22 years later. Yet just an invigorating walk away are quaint and quiet neighborhoods where meticulously restored 150-year-old homes and shops testify to the durable quality of life of the town's early settlers. Minutes away from the downtown bustle are the undisturbed woodland trails and green expanses of the extensive city, the convenient and varied shopping areas, and metro park systems. For Columbus, as modern as tomorrow, yet reveres and preserves the best of its manmade and natural heritage!

Its central location, its blend of new and old, will be distinctly advantageous to you, too. Whether your object is a get-away-from-it-all weekend or a smoothly-run convention, Columbus has the facilities, the people, and the attitude to make your visit an experience you'll want to repeat.

You won't be a stranger for long in Columbus, Ohio. Midwesterners have a reputation for friendliness, and Columbus people are no exception. You'll find them eager to make your stay in their city as pleasant as it can be.

The population of Columbus is a cross section of the population of the United States. So much so in fact, that manufacturers frequently test market new products here. Columbus people represent a variety of backgrounds, technologies, interests and occupations, for the city's employment base is wide and diverse.

Influencing the cultural mix, is the fact that Columbus is the home of the world's foremost research laboratory, the largest university campus in the nation, and several smaller, widely diversified colleges and universities. Many corporations have their world headquarters here, including the home offices of 44 insurance companies.

The gamut of popular taste is reflected in the city's diverse offerings of all kinds. Professional baseball and college football; our resident symphony orchestra; live theatre -- on the collegiate, community and professional levels; harness and running races; frequent appearances by touring ballet; opera and theatre companies -- all are part of Columbus cultural and entertainment scene.

Come to Columbus and see how warm a welcome can be.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS



THE CENTER OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, 280 East Broad Street, is full of educational exhibits of interest to all ages.

The futuristic, award winning structure, OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER, at I-71 and 17th Avenue, has pre-Civil War buildings, costumed craftsmen featuring trades of that period.

THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART, 480 E. Broad St., features 16th-20th century European paintings, drawings and prints; 19th and 20th century American paintings and sculpture; Chinese and Japanese ceramics.

In the center of Columbus, Broad and High Streets, is the century old Greek revival STATE HOUSE with the Great Seal of Ohio displayed in stained glass in the dome.

AVENUE OF FLAGS -- Downtown riverfront -- unique display of flags from every state in the union.

The dynamic OHIO CENTER complex in the heart of Columbus. Features five levels of convention conveniences; up to 114,500 sq. ft. of exhibition space; 57,000 sq.ft. of meeting area.

Columbus abounds in strategically located SHOPPING CENTERS, for all manner of tastes and cultures; accustomed to providing almost every shopping, cooking or enjoyment need.

THE CENTRUM at Capitol South, downtown, is for all seasons. Features ice and roller skating, concerts, live music programs, ethnic festivals, outdoor cafes and relaxation areas.

Focal point of FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMONS, Mound and South High Streets, is the 12-foot statue of Benjamin Franklin, for whom the county is named.

THE PARK OF ROSES, adjoining Whetstone Park at the 3900 block of North High Street, has 450 varieties of blooms on its over 35,000 plants.

The METROPARKS of Columbus and Franklin County offer many opportunities for outdoor enjoyment featuring the natural beauty of Ohio woodlands, meadows, wetlands and streams. Six large natural area parks, all within 30 minutes of downtown Columbus, await your visit. Phone (614) 891-0700 for information on locations and programs.

Family entertainment abounds at THE COLUMBUS ZOO. Observe exotic wildlife in natural settings while you enjoy the picturesque gardens. Home of "Colo," world's first captive bred gorilla.



This male Black rhino and his intended mate have been the subject of extensive research into the reproductive physiology of the rhinoceros, undertaken at the Columbus Zoo. Special emphasis has been on semen storage and mapping estrus cycles through vaginal cytology, with intention of breeding the species via artificial insemination.

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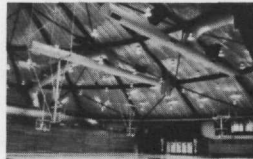
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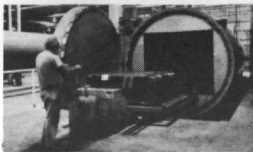
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