

experience COLUMBUS

HISTORY COMES ALIVE IN COLUMBUS

As Ohio's state capital and a former stop on the Underground Railroad, Columbus is rich in history.

DAY ONE

Experience living history at the **Kelton House**, a restored Underground Railroad stop filled with original furnishings. "Sophia Kelton" will greet you at the front door and tell you about the family's life in the 1860s. Sophia also has a "secret" she might share with you—if you can keep it. You can even spend more time with Sophia during tea with finger sandwiches and truffles.



Go back in time at the Kelton House

Feel what the long journey to the New World was like for slaves in the interactive permanent exhibit "Cargo: The Middle Passage" at **The King Arts Complex**, a cultural center devoted to promoting African-American heritage.

Climb aboard the **Santa Maria**, the world's most authentic replica of Christopher Columbus' ship. Learn about the teamwork it took to survive while crossing the Atlantic.

Figure out "whodunit" at the entertaining "Dickens of a Mystery" at the **Ohio Village**. Enjoy a hearty meal while you interact with a historic cast of characters and strive to solve the mystery of this Ohio Village original theater performance.



Solve a "Dickens of a Mystery"

DAY TWO

Step inside a private home and garden on a guided tour of historic **German Village**, a charming restored neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Brick streets are lined with unique shops, bakeries and coffee houses.

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Be a guest at "Miss Emma's Table," named for a local socialite who lived beside the **Ohio Statehouse** in the 1800s. You'll be treated to an old-fashioned boarding-house style meal inside the immaculately restored Statehouse. After your meal, a guide dressed in 1800s period clothing will take you on a tour where you'll meet prominent figures from Ohio's history, including "Mrs. John Rankin," the wife of Ohio's noted Underground Railroad conductor.



Meet historical figures at the Ohio Statehouse

Next, get an insider's look at the opulent **Ohio Theatre**, located across the street from the Statehouse. See a light show, hear tunes on the Mighty Morton Theatre Organ and learn about its 80-year history.

Hear fascinating tales—including how Columbus was home to the first-ever gas station—on a city tour, narrated by a step-on guide from the **Columbus Historical Society**.

Enjoy live jazz from one of the world's finest big bands, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra**, in the gilded Southern Theatre, which originally opened in 1896.

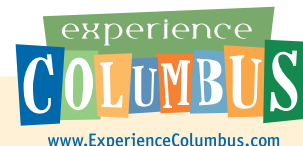
DAY THREE

Enjoy breakfast at the **North Market**, a public market filled with unique shops, fresh food and flowers. Since opening in 1876, it has survived fire and the Depression to become the city's only public market.

On your way out of Columbus, stop at **Historic Roscoe Village**, a charming 1830s canal town in Coshocton. See costumed interpreters at work and try your hand at crafts, such as rope-making, candle dipping and weaving.

Time your visit with one of these 2011 special events:

- Holidays at the Ohio Statehouse, held every December
- Village Lights in German Village, Dec. 4
- Dickens of a Christmas in Ohio Village, Dec. 9-10 and 16-18



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