

# experience COLUMBUS

## CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

*As an important stop on the Underground Railroad, Columbus is rich in African-American heritage.*

### 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.



*Kelton House*

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.

Admire artwork by Columbus’ esteemed African-American artists Elijah Pierce and Aminah Robinson at the **Columbus Museum of Art**. Children—and adults, too—can learn to create art like Pierce’s woodcarvings in the new interactive Center for Creativity.

Enjoy live jazz from one of the world’s finest big bands, the **Columbus Jazz Orchestra**. Start with an all-access tour of the historic Southern Theatre and meet Byron Stripling, the former lead trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra. After the concert, go on stage for an exclusive opportunity to meet the 17-member band.

### DAY TWO

Explore historic **German Village**, a charming restored neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Brick streets lead to bakeries, several of Columbus’ top restaurants and unique shops, such as the 32-room Book Loft.

Take a rare look inside the **Pontifical College Josephinum**, the only pontifical college outside of Italy. The Catholic seminary isn’t typically open to the public, but groups are welcome if you call in advance. Examine priceless books published before the 16th century, then admire the stained glass windows illuminating St. Turibius Chapel. Enjoy lunch at the refectory, where seminarians dine three times daily.

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. The surrounding Mount Vernon Avenue neighborhood is rich with musical history: Sammy Davis Jr. gave his first performance at the **Lincoln Theatre**, which reopened spring 2009 after a \$13.5 million restoration.

Taste wines made with grapes from around the world at **Camelot Cellars** on-premise winery. Create your own wine from start to finish. Begin at the fermentation process, then bottle, cork and even design the label for your own private wine reserve.



*Camelot Cellars Winery*

### DAY THREE

After breakfast at the nearby **North Market**, learn how the ornate **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral** was painstakingly decorated by Italian artist Bruno Salvatori. You’ll be surrounded by colorful mosaics, each with millions of miniature pieces of Venetian glass—all laid in by hand and surrounded by 24-karat gold leaf.

On your way out of Columbus, stop at **Historic Roscoe Village**, an 1830s canal town in Coshocton where you can try your hand at old-fashioned crafts. Surrounding the village are several Underground Railroad stops.

**Time your visit with one of these 2011 special events:**

- Juneteenth Celebration, June 17-19
- Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival, June 17-19
- Jazz & Rib Fest, July 22-24

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