

experience COLUMBUS

DISCOVER OHIO – A HUB & SPOKE TOUR BASED IN COLUMBUS

Centrally located in the heart of Ohio, Columbus serves as a convenient home base for a variety of interesting day trips.

NORTH

DESIGN A TOPIARY, LEARN OHIO'S PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY AND DISCOVER THE AMISH WAY OF LIFE

Create your own topiary at Delaware's **Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse** and explore greenhouses and outdoor gardens. Experience life as a farmer at **Stratford Ecological Center**, where you can do everything from feeding animals to helping with crops. Also in Delaware, you can gaze at the galaxies at **Perkins Observatory** or take an art class at the **Delaware Arts Castle**.



Delaware Arts Castle

Learn about the 29th U.S. President Warren G. Harding—one of eight presidents hailing from Ohio—at Marion's **Harding Home**, his Victorian mansion restored to its 1891 grandeur. Nearby is his final resting place, **Harding Memorial**, which resembles monuments in Washington, D.C. For mouth-watering fun, pop over to the **Wyandot Popcorn Museum** and see the world's largest collection of popcorn antiques.

Visit the site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall's wedding at **Malabar Farm** in Mansfield. This sprawling country estate was home to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield, who also was a pioneer in sustainable farming. Be a farmhand for a day or enjoy a meal of locally grown ingredients. Walk through re-creations of Old and New Testament stories at the **Living Bible Museum**, Ohio's only life-sized wax museum.

Witness a simpler way of life in the world's largest **Amish** community in Holmes, Wayne and Tuscarawas counties. Sample Amish-made cheese and watch as it's made at **Heini's Cheese Chalet**. Try a jam and cheese sandwich—an Amish specialty—and other Ohio-made goodies at the Heini's Gourmet Market test kitchen. Shop alongside the Amish at **Lehman's**, which specializes in non-electric and old-fashioned items such as butter churns, oil lanterns and hand tools—necessities of everyday life for the Amish. Don't leave Amish country without seeing Ernest Warther's intricate woodcarvings, described as "priceless" by the Smithsonian, at the **Warther Museum** in Dover.

SOUTH

MAKE MUSIC WITH A WASHBOARD, EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND SHOP FOR BARGAINS

Try your hand at making music with one of the washboards produced by hand at the **Columbus Washboard Company** in Logan. This is the only place in the United States still producing washboards, which are still used by the Amish for washing clothes, as well as by musicians and even in unique furniture.

For an outdoor adventure, head to Mt. Sterling's **Deer Creek State Park**, which offers boating, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding and golfing. Further south, the picturesque **Hocking Hills** region features breathtaking landscapes dotted with caves and waterfalls. Stop by the college town of Athens, home to the **Dairy Barn**, an arts center with exhibits, festivals and educational programs.

Shop for bargains at **HomeWorks at Jeffersonville**, a home-oriented outlet, and **Prime Outlets**, which features a large food court and major brands such as Coach, Williams Sonoma and Pottery Barn. Only a 10-minute drive separates the two. Search for antique treasures in nearby **Waynesville**, called "The Antiques Capital of the Midwest."



Prime Outlets

EAST

GO ON A SAFARI, HANDCRAFT A BASKET AND CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER

Go on a guided safari through **the Wilds**, one of the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation centers in the world. Located on nearly 10,000 acres, it's home to more than 25 species of free-roaming Asian, African and North American wildlife.

Relax in style at **Cherry Valley Lodge**, a scenic resort outside Newark. Splash away at Cherry Valley's indoor CoCo Key Water Resort or relax at its full-service Banyan Leaf Spa.

Head to Zanesville to tour the **John and Annie Glenn Historic Site and Exploration Center**, the childhood home of the celebrated astronaut and senator. You'll be greeted by characters from Glenn's early life, dressed in the style of 1944. Groups of up to 30 can stay for a catered dinner.

Take a paddleboat cruise down the Muskingum River aboard the **Lorena Sternwheeler** June through October. Back on land, shop for hand-painted crocks at one of Muskingum County's many pottery purveyors. See how pottery is made from start to finish and even paint your own pottery at **Hartstone Pottery**, one of only a few remaining producers of hand-painted pottery in the United States.

Weave your own basket with one-on-one help from an expert at **Longaberger Homestead** in Frazeytsburg. Get inspired by watching the professional basket-makers at work, then peruse the factory store.



Longaberger Homestead

Travel back in time to a charming 1830s canal town at **Historic Roscoe Village** in Coshocton. See costumed interpreters at work and try your hand at crafts, such as rope-making, candle dipping and weaving.

Go behind the scenes and learn interesting facts about wine on a guided tour of **Raven's Glenn Winery**, just 7 miles from Historic Roscoe Village. Sample the wines at the tasting bar before dining at the onsite Italian restaurant, which overlooks the Tuscarawas River.

WEST

TASTE GOURMET FOODS, EXPLORE A FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME AND CELEBRATE THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE

Savor Amish comfort food at Plain City's **Der Dutchman**. Be sure to save room for dessert: There's a huge selection of made-from-scratch pies. Shop for home and garden accessories, Amish cheese and other souvenirs in the expansive gift shop.

Delve into military history at the **United States Air Force Museum** in Dayton. Featuring 300 aircraft and missiles, it covers all aspects of flight—from the Wright Brothers to modern spacecraft. Go behind the scenes on a guided tour of the museum's restoration area.

Stroll through the nearby college town **Yellow Springs**, home to boutiques, galleries and restaurants. Hike through some of Ohio's most beautiful landscape at **Clifton Gorge State Park**.

Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie Style home in Ohio, the **Westcott House** in Springfield. After a \$5.3 million restoration, everything—from the art glass to original hardware and hand-decorated walls to massive outdoor urns—has been returned to its 1908 appearance.



Westcott House

Time your visit with one of these 2011 special events:

- **Longaberger Heritage Days**, a ABA Top 100 Event in North America, features a basket collectors market, Sept. 9-10 in Frazeytsburg.
- **Dickens Victorian Village** brings Old World English charm to downtown Cambridge every holiday season. See engaging depictions—designed by Ohio artists and dressed in period clothing—of Dickens-era figures such as Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim.
- The **Little Brown Jug**, the country's most prestigious three-year-old pacing race, is set for Sept. 22 in Delaware.

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