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A TOWN LIKE NO OTHER

"As I neared Columbus, I perked up, knowing that I was close to something that is unmatched in small-town America." * *Los Angeles Times*

"Columbus is a small-town architectural mecca."
* *Chicago Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin*

"Columbus...is a veritable museum of modern architecture." * *Smithsonian magazine*

"...Columbus is one grand, landscaped park."
* *USA Today*

"Columbus is the nation's finest example of how enlightened corporate titans and local citizens have discovered that the place of art is at the root of, not just the expression of, economic vitality." * *Worth magazine*

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a big-minded small town

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an inspiring creative culture

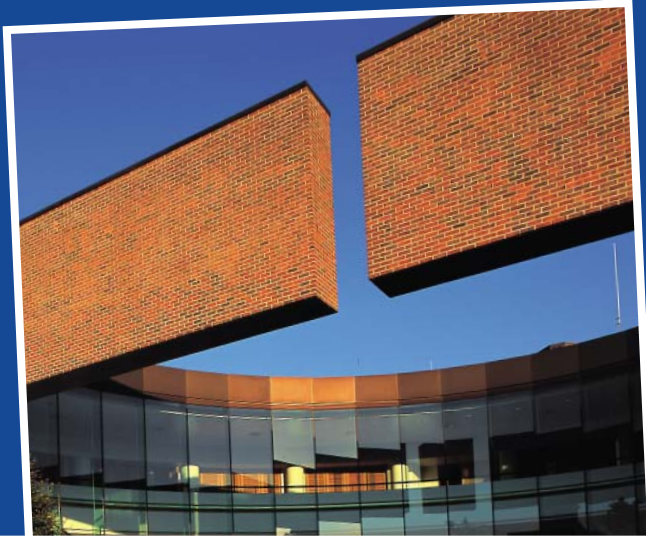
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THERE'S AN ENERGY HERE

Instantly, you'll know there's something different about this place.

It starts when you first approach the city, as you drive over the fire-engine red bridge and glimpse the Bartholomew County Courthouse, a stunning old beauty, built in 1874. This beautifully-restored building set a high standard for all the public buildings that would follow.

Your curiosity will grow as you notice the sleek lines of the office buildings, schools, churches, and the dozens of architecturally-significant buildings. The architecture is merely a symbol of the community spirit and the collective energy of the 40,000 people who choose to live here.

EVERY BRICK TELLS A STORY

Visit Columbus, Indiana, a one-of-a-kind community that embraced the future and chose architecture as the way to express its optimism.

Since the early 1940s some of the world's finest architects have left their impressions on this special place. This small, friendly town is a virtual museum of modern architecture with works by some of the most enduring names in architecture, like I.M. Pei, Richard Meier, Robert Venturi, Eliel and Eero Saarinen, just to name a few.

Not into architecture? You'll still find inspiration in this community's bold approach to creating a community that is both beautiful and livable.

“unmatched”

Los Angeles Times

TOP 10 U.S. CITIES FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

SELECTION BY POLL OF MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

- 1 CHICAGO
- 2 NEW YORK
- 3 SAN FRANCISCO
- 4 BOSTON
- 5 WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 6 COLUMBUS, IN
- 7 PORTLAND
- 8 SEATTLE
- 9 PHILADELPHIA
- 10 MINNEAPOLIS



MORE THAN 40 PIECES OF PUBLIC ART

More than architecture delights the eye in Columbus. Here you'll discover a fine collection of public art, including the works of:

- › Henry Moore
- › Jean Tinguely
- › Dale Chihuly
- › Robert Indiana

AWARD-WINNING GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES

Innovative landscape designs soften the city's modern edges. Here you'll see blocks of shady trees, meticulously trimmed shrubs, and bountiful flowering pots. Additionally, outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy award-winning parks and trails, surprising pocket and alleyway gardens, farm stands and farmer's markets, and colorful residential gardens.

“a jewel
in the region”



NUMBER 11... IN THE WORLD

The Nov/Dec 2008 National Geographic Traveler ranks Columbus 11th on their list of historic destinations **worldwide** and writes, “a world-class collection of modern architecture by master architects... it is authentic, unique, and unspoiled... this town is truly part of America's architectural heritage.”

COLUMBUS HAS ALSO BEEN FEATURED IN :

- › new york times
- › smithsonian
- › chicago tribune
- › national geographic
- › los angeles times
- › dwell
- › usa today
- › wallpaper
- › time
- › preservationist

even more to explore...

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TOURS (MAR-NOV)

10 am : Mon-Sat * 2 pm : Sat. * 1 pm : Sun.

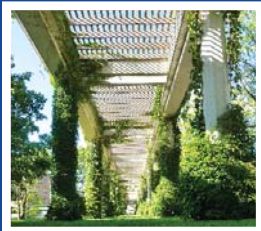
VISITOR CENTER HOURS (MAR-NOV)

9 am - 5 pm : Mon-Sat * 12 pm - 4 pm : Sun

TOURS (DEC-FEB) : 10 am and 2 pm : Sat only

HOURS (DEC-FEB) : 9 am - 5 pm : Mon-Sat (CLOSED SUNDAYS)

OTTER CREEK : VOTED BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSE IN THE STATE



BEGIN YOUR VISIT AT THE DOWNTOWN VISITORS CENTER

START YOUR VISIT at the Visitors Center in downtown Columbus. See a video, exhibits, and Dale Chihuly's "Yellow Neon Chandelier with Persians." The friendly staff will help you with anything you want to know. The Visitors Center features Chihuly glass, Chihuly prints and merchandise, Columbus merchandise, books on architecture, tour maps, and many products from area artisans.

GUIDED ARCHITECTURE TOURS : The Visitors Center offers guided two-hour city tours on a spacious, modern bus. You'll see both historic and contemporary buildings, along with four that have been designated National Historic Landmarks, visit two interiors, and hear the colorful stories of the people who shaped the community.

TOUR BY CELL PHONE : Purchase a card set to tour the town on your own schedule. Use your cell phone to hear recorded messages that describe structures and their stories in the downtown, and take home the keepsake cards.


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