

# COLUMBUS

## Insider's Guide to

*Welcome to Columbus...* a vibrant city bursting with culinary delights, exciting activities to explore and home to the Buckeyes! We've put together the Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Columbus. It's our way of presenting you with everything you need to know about Ohio's capital.

Begin your journey by indulging in the diverse dining scene, discover the art and culture showcased around the city and take a stroll through the historic Short North Arts District.

Whether you're a foodie or an adventure seeker, Columbus promises an unforgettable experience for every visitor. **OH-IO!**

### Arena District

#### **Boston's The Gourmet Pizza**

Pizza  
[www.bostons.com/locations/columbus.html](http://www.bostons.com/locations/columbus.html)

(614) 229-4275

Sports-bar chain serving gourmet pizzas, burgers, wings & salads in a relaxed space filled with TVs.

#### **Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse**

Steakhouse  
[www.jeffruby.com/columbus](http://www.jeffruby.com/columbus)  
(614) 686-7800

Immerse yourself in the glitz and glamour of the gilded age in their vibrant, Art Deco-inspired, award-winning steakhouse. They offer nationally acclaimed U.S.D.A. Prime steaks, seafood & sushi, impeccable service, live entertainment, and an attention to detail that is simply unmatched.

#### **Moran's Bar & Grille**

American  
<https://www.moransbarandgrille.com/>  
(614) 972-7170

Relaxed bar and grill offering comfort food, drinks, and happy hour specials, plus sports on TV.

#### **North Market**

Market  
[www.northmarket.org/](http://www.northmarket.org/)  
(614) 463-9664  
North Market is a 148-year-old vibrant public market made up of Ohio's best independent merchants, farmers, and makers.

#### **Rodizio Grill**

Brazilian Steakhouse  
[www.rodiziogrill.com/columbus/](http://www.rodiziogrill.com/columbus/)  
(614) 241-4400  
Outpost of a Brazilian steakhouse chain offering skewered meats carved tableside, plus a salad bar.

#### **Sunny Street Café**

Café  
[www.sunnystreetcafe.com/](http://www.sunnystreetcafe.com/)  
(614) 222-3008

Sunny Street Café was started by a dad and is run today by his daughter and two sons. It was created for good people who love feel-good food in a comfortable place.

#### **Ted's Montana Grill**

American  
<https://www.tedsmontanagrill.com/>  
(614) 227-0013  
Old West-style steakhouse chain known for its burgers & chops made from bison.

#### **Wario's Beef & Pork**

Sandwiches  
[www.wariosbeefandpork614.com/](http://www.wariosbeefandpork614.com/)  
(614) 914-8338  
Generous meat sandwiches & potato sides offered in a relaxed window-serve spot that has a patio.

## Downtown

### Chouette

French

<https://www.chouetterestaurant.com/>  
(614) 705-2665

Upscale eatery featuring a menu of French specialties and cocktails, plus an outdoor patio.

### Dirty Frank's Hot Dog Palace

Hot Dogs

[www.dirtyfranks.com/](http://www.dirtyfranks.com/)  
(614) 824-4673

This informal restaurant serves beef, vegan and vegetarian hot dogs piled high with offbeat toppings.

### Due Amici

Italian

[www.due-amici.com/](http://www.due-amici.com/)  
(614) 224-9373

Sleek, brick-walled Italian option for pasta, pizza & entrees prepared with local ingredients.

### Good Friends

American

[www.eatgoodfriends.com/](http://www.eatgoodfriends.com/)

Located inside of Jackie O's, the best Midwest-style food made with attitude and gratitude.

### Hank's Low Country Seafood & Bar

Seafood

<https://www.hanksseafoodrestaurant.com/location/columbus/>  
(614) 992-5447

Relaxed, stylish seafood eatery serving crab cakes, oysters and other Lowcountry staples, plus steaks, chicken and chops.

### High Bank Distillery

American

<https://www.highbankco.com/>  
(614) 826-5347

Cocktails featuring house craft spirits pair with elevated pub fare in an industrial setting.

### Mikey's Late Night Slice

Pizza

[www.latenightslice.com/](http://www.latenightslice.com/)  
Specializing in pizza-by-the-slice, they have carved out their niche as the GO TO spot for late night eats.

### Ray Ray's Hog Pit

Barbeque

[www.rayrayshogpit.com/](http://www.rayrayshogpit.com/)  
(614) 378-8920

Authentic BBQ Pit with all of their meats served with sauce on the side. Select cuts of pork, beef, and chicken are dry rubbed and cooked low and slow for the hint of hickory and honesty of oak that only 12 to 16 hours in a hardwood smoker can create.

### The Roosevelt Coffeehouse

Coffee

[www.rooseveltcoffee.org/](http://www.rooseveltcoffee.org/)  
(614) 670-5228

A coffeehouse built to support organizations fighting the injustices of hunger, unclean water, and human trafficking, locally and around the world.

### Speck Italian Eatery

Italian

[www.speckrestaurant.com](http://www.speckrestaurant.com)  
(614) 754-8544

Get ready for some seriously out of this world pasta. At Speck, the intention is to offer their own interpretation of Italian cuisine in a vibrant and eclectic setting.

### Veritas

New American

<https://veritasrestaurant.com/>  
(614) 745-3864

An elevated restaurant offering small plates, craft cocktails and an unparalleled experience.

### Wolf's Ridge Brewing

Brewery

[www.wolfsridgebrewing.com/](http://www.wolfsridgebrewing.com/)  
(614) 429-3936

One of Columbus' premier dining and drinking destinations, winning numerous local and national awards for their food and drink programs that have become synonymous with quality, inventiveness, and approachability.



## German Village

### Agni

Indian  
[www.dineatagni.com/](http://www.dineatagni.com/)  
(614) 674-6600

A 6-course menu highlights the story and culmination of cooking experiences, memories, and culture of Chef Avishar Barua and the team.

### Barcelona

Spanish Tapas  
[www.barcelonacolumbus.com/](http://www.barcelonacolumbus.com/)  
(614) 443-3699

Spanish small plates & paella served in a bustling, sleek space with a greenery-filled patio.

### Butcher & Rose

Steakhouse  
[www.butcherandrose.com/](http://www.butcherandrose.com/)  
(614) 918-9819

Unforgettable steakhouse where culinary mastery meets elegant ambiance. Savor expertly seared steaks and indulgent dishes crafted with the finest ingredients. The extensive wine list perfectly complements each course, allowing you to explore premium vintages and pairings.

### Cento

Italian  
[www.centogermanvillage.com/](http://www.centogermanvillage.com/)  
(614) 696-6565

Cento, a tribute to the 100th Cameron Mitchell Restaurant, is inspired by the intimacy and culinary creativity of the finest restaurants in Italy.

### Chapman's Eat Market

Global  
[www.eatchapmans.com/](http://www.eatchapmans.com/)  
(614) 444-0917  
Inventive global cuisine served in a relaxed restaurant that has vintage-style decor.

### Cobra

Asian-American  
<https://www.cobrabarcolumbus.com/>  
(614) 502-8863  
Casual, Asia-themed, American-Asian hangout dishing up noodles and dumplings in a fast-casual space.

### Comune

Plant-forward  
[www.comune-restaurant.com/](http://www.comune-restaurant.com/)  
(614) 947-1012  
Comune presents plant-forward cuisine: flavorful, satisfying, eminently shareable dishes made from in-season ingredients, sourced from close by.

### Katzinger's Deli

Deli  
[www.katzingers.com/](http://www.katzingers.com/)  
(614) 228-3354  
Long-running New York Style deli serving up classics, including reubens, smoked fish & matzo ball soup.

### Kolache Republic

Café/Sweets/Dessert  
[www.kolacherepublic.com/](http://www.kolacherepublic.com/)  
Corner cafe & bakery specializing in Czech kolache pastries in a variety of sweet & savory flavors.

### Lindey's

New American  
[www.lindeys.com/](http://www.lindeys.com/)  
(614) 228-4343  
Old-school, special-occasion venue featuring a sophisticated American surf 'n' turf menu & a patio.

### Pistacia Vera

Café/Sweets/Desserts  
[www.pistaciavera.com/](http://www.pistaciavera.com/)  
(614) 220-9070  
Quaint cafe with sidewalk seats for homemade macaron, pastries & other sweets, plus light fare.

### Schmidt's Restaurant und Sausage Haus

German  
[www.schmidthaus.com/](http://www.schmidthaus.com/)  
(614) 444-6808  
Voted the official food of Columbus Ohio! Experience this iconic restaurant located in the heart of German Village.

### Sycamore

Global  
<https://www.sycamoregv.com/>  
(614) 407-3071  
Elevated global fare from local sources in a narrow, brick-walled tavern with craft brews & wine.

### The Thurman Cafe

American  
<https://thethurmancafe.com/>  
(614) 443-1570  
Bustling, rustic American haunt with oversized, toppings, loaded burgers & a full bar.



## Short North

### The 1126 Restaurant

Sushi/Japanese

<https://www.the1126restaurant.com>

(614) 725-3435

Hot & cold starters, grilled fare, tempura & sushi highlight the menu at this modern Japanese spot.

### Arch City Tavern

American

[www.archcitytavern.com/](http://www.archcitytavern.com/)

(614) 725-5620

Arch City Tavern offers a glimpse into the magnificent history of Columbus, serving up fresh, locally sourced gourmet food and craft beer in a casual setting of exposed brick and finished wood.

### Basi Italia

Italian

[www.basi-italia.com/](http://www.basi-italia.com/)

(614) 294-7383

Little, lovely, lively, casual restaurant and bar featuring clean simple Italian fare with innovative twists. Cozy interior and warm inviting terrace.

### Brassica

Mediterranean/Lebanese

[www.brassicas.com/](http://www.brassicas.com/)

(614) 867-5885

Locavore pita sandwiches are offered at this bright cafe with a contemporary interior & beer on tap.

### DOMO Sushi Kitchen & Bar

Sushi/Japanese

[www.domoskb.com/](http://www.domoskb.com/)

(614) 456-7005

Almost a decade of experience cooking in the finest restaurants and making sushi.

### The Eagle

Southern

[www.eaglerestaurant.com/](http://www.eaglerestaurant.com/)

(614) 745-3397

House-brined and dredged fried chicken and southern sides are the stars of the show. With "Best Of" accolades around the country, their chicken brings people together.

### Forno Kitchen and Bar

New American

[www.fornoshortnorth.com/](http://www.fornoshortnorth.com/)

(614) 469-0053

Elevated eatery with swanky decor serving stone-fired New American eats for dinner & weekend brunch.

### The Guild House

American

[www.theguildhousecolumbus.com/](http://www.theguildhousecolumbus.com/)

(614) 280-9780

Unique rustic-modern dining room for sampling eclectic, globally inspired seasonal menus.

### Habibi Grill

Mediterranean/Lebanese

[www.habibigrill614.com/](http://www.habibigrill614.com/)

(614) 999-9909

Family owned, authentic Lebanese cuisine. Food made fresh daily; family friendly with a variety of menu options everyone will love.

### The Lox Bagel Shop

Bagels/Breakfast

[www.theloxbagelshop.com/](http://www.theloxbagelshop.com/)

(614) 824-4005

The lox bagel shop produces hand rolled, boiled and baked bagels and bagel sandwiches in the heart of the Short North.

### Marcella's

Italian

[www.marcellasrestaurant.com/](http://www.marcellasrestaurant.com/)

(614) 223-2100

A bustling burst of Italian flavor and energy. The lively atmosphere is perfect for sharing a meal with friends or family, or for a late night snack.

### Martini Modern Italian

Italian

[www.martinimodernitalian.com/](http://www.martinimodernitalian.com/)

(614) 224-8259

Where timeless & innovative dining intersect, blending contemporary Italian style with classic Italian influence. Dine in a cosmopolitan glow with downtown design and metropolitan energy.

### One Line Coffee

Coffee

[www.onelinecoffee.com/](http://www.onelinecoffee.com/)

(614) 564-9852

Brick-accented coffee bar offering house-roasted beans, local pastries & weekend brewing workshops.

### The Pearl

Seafood

[www.thepearlrestaurant.com/](http://www.thepearlrestaurant.com/)

(614) 227-0151

The Pearl is a well-polished culinary jewel that features seasonal seafood, unique shareables, handcrafted cocktails and more in a dining experience influenced by eclectic décor that is stylish and nostalgic.

### ['plas] – Food & Drink

Fine Dining

<https://plasfoodanddrink.com/>

(614) 725-5700

Trendy locale highlighting housemade charcuterie & cheeses, plus Italian cooking & craft cocktails.

### Rooh

Indian

[www.roohcolumbus.com/](http://www.roohcolumbus.com/)

(614) 972-8678

Unique cocktails & elevated Indian cuisine are showcased at this cosmopolitan restaurant & bar.

### SoCal Kitchen + Bar

American

[www.socalkitchenandbar.com/](http://www.socalkitchenandbar.com/)

(614) 300-9500

Seasonal, Southern California-inspired fare is offered with creative cocktails in rustic-chic digs.

## Dublin

### Gene's

New American

<https://www.dineatgenes.com/>

(614) 553-7050

Charming eatery for New American meals and cocktails in a cozy setting.

### Kitchen Social

New American

[www.ourkitchensocial.com/](http://www.ourkitchensocial.com/)

(614) 505-8492

Busy venue serving global bites including pizza, tacos, seafood & sandwiches, plus cocktails & wine.

### North High Brewing Co

Brewpub

[www.northhighbrewing.com/](http://www.northhighbrewing.com/)

(614) 756-0200

North High Brewing offers a unique blend of handcrafted beers, cocktails and food. Relax on their patio or enjoy the atmosphere of their lounge.

### Tucci's

Italian Steakhouse

[www.tuccisdublin.com/](http://www.tuccisdublin.com/)

(614) 792-3466

Steak, seafood, pasta & wine served alongside live music in a stylish space with a patio.

### Vaso

Spanish Tapas

<https://www.vasodublin.com/>

(614) 698-2525

Rooftop eatery with panoramic views serving Spanish small plates, cocktails, wines & craft beers.

## Grandview

### The Avenue Steak Tavern

Steakhouse

[www.theavenuesteaktavern.com/](http://www.theavenuesteaktavern.com/)

(614) 485-9447

An all-occasion steak tavern that glows with sizzle and warmth. Serving fine steaks and tavern fare to family and friends.

### Cap City Fine Diner & Bar

Diner

[www.capcityfinediner.com/](http://www.capcityfinediner.com/)

(614) 291-3663

The Cap City menu follows suit with recognizable favorites like meatloaf receiving unexpected and delightful upscale twists, alongside trendier chef-driven dishes with big flavors. Desserts at this Cameron Mitchell restaurant are retro cool, taste better than you remember and are showstopper sized.

### Chocolate Café

Café + Desserts

[www.chocolatecafecolumbus.com/](http://www.chocolatecafecolumbus.com/)

(614) 485-2233

Bright, casual cafe serving coffee, breakfast & lunch sandwiches, plus sweets & chocolate desserts.

### DK Diner

American

[www.thedkdiner.com/](http://www.thedkdiner.com/)

(614) 488-5160

Mom & pop diner serving up classic comfort food & signature donuts in a snug, no-frills environment.

### Grandview Café

American

[www.grandviewcafe.com/](http://www.grandviewcafe.com/)

(614) 725-1077

Laid-back neighborhood tavern serving American eats & craft brews in a vintage space with a patio.

### La Tavola

Italian

<https://latavolagrandview.com/>

(614) 914-5455

Warm restaurant serving modern takes on traditional Italian fare, as well as beer & wine.

### Taj on Fifth

Indian

<https://www.tajonfifth.com/>

(614) 696-4844

Bistro & bar serving a contemporary take on traditional Indian dishes from curries to naan bread.

### Third & Hollywood

American

[www.thirdandhollywood.com/](http://www.thirdandhollywood.com/)

(614) 488-0303

Trendy haunt serving upscale American fare & a Sunday jazz brunch in an exposed-brick setting.

## Upper Arlington

### Littleton's Market

Market & Café

<https://littletonsmarket.com/>

(614) 826-1432

Curated market and cafe, plus eatery offering gourmet meat and seafood, baked goods and olive oils, plus wine.

### SŌW Plated

Health Inspired

<https://www.sowplated.com/>

(614) 826-0028

Bright eateries dishing up vegan options, cold-pressed cocktails and burgers, plus health-conscious entrees.

### Tupelo Honey

Southern

[www.tupelohoneycafe.com](http://www.tupelohoneycafe.com)

(614) 412-6808

An all-day menu of Southern comfort food with a creative twist, plus craft beers & cocktails.

## North Region

### Calero's Bar & Grill

Salvadoran

(614) 394-8030

Relaxed joint preparing Salvadoran staples like pupusas, as well as steaks, cocktails and beer.

### Refectory

French

[www.refectory.com/](http://www.refectory.com/)

(614) 451-9774

Exceptional contemporary American and classic French cuisine is complemented by Refectory Restaurant's world-class wine cellar, serving for over 40 years!

## Harrison West

### Katalina's

Breakfast/Lunch

[www.katalinas.com/](http://www.katalinas.com/)

(614) 294-2233

Casual cafe known for down-home breakfasts, soups, salads & sandwiches, plus pancake balls.

## Nightlife and Bars

**A&R Music Bar** – [www.promowestlive.com/our-venues/a-and-r-music-bar](http://www.promowestlive.com/our-venues/a-and-r-music-bar)

**Alibi** – [www.alibicolumbus.com/](http://www.alibicolumbus.com/)

**Antique's on High** – <https://www.antiquestonhigh.com/>

**Axis on High** – [www.axisonhigh.com/](http://www.axisonhigh.com/)

**Brass Eye** – <https://thejuntotohotel.com/restaurants-bars/brass-eye>

**The Citizens Trust** – <https://www.thecitizenstrust.com/>

**Cobra** – [www.cobrabarcolumbus.com/](http://www.cobrabarcolumbus.com/)

**Cure Coffee & Cocktails** – <https://cure614.com/>

**Denmark** – [www.denmarkonhigh.com/](http://www.denmarkonhigh.com/)

**Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant** – <https://columbus.funnybone.com>

**Gateway Film Center** – [www.gatewayfilmcenter.org/](http://www.gatewayfilmcenter.org/)

**Getaway Brewing** – [www.getawaybrewing.com/homepage](http://www.getawaybrewing.com/homepage)

**Ginger Rabbit Jazz Lounge** – [www.gingerrabbitjazz.com/](http://www.gingerrabbitjazz.com/)

**Hey Hey Bar & Grill** – <https://heyheybaroh.com/>

**High Bank Distillery** – [www.highbankco.com/](http://www.highbankco.com/)

**Huli Huli** – [www.hulihulipowell.com/](http://www.hulihulipowell.com/)

**Land-Grant Brewing** – <https://landgrantbrewing.com/>

**Law Bird** – <https://www.lawbirdbar.com/>

**Lincoln Social** – [www.lincolnsocialrooftop.com/](http://www.lincolnsocialrooftop.com/)

**Mandrake** – [www.mandrakerooftop.com/](http://www.mandrakerooftop.com/)

**Noir Lounge** – [www.noircolumbus.com/#/](http://www.noircolumbus.com/#/)

**O.H. At Hollywood Casino** – [www.hollywoodcolumbus.com/](http://www.hollywoodcolumbus.com/)

**Pins Mechanical** – [www.pinsbar.com/columbus](http://www.pinsbar.com/columbus)

**Seventh Son Brewing** – [www.seventhsonbrewing.com/](http://www.seventhsonbrewing.com/)

**Shadowbox Live** – [www.shadowboxlive.org/](http://www.shadowboxlive.org/)

**Slammers** – <https://slammersbar.com/>

**Soul at the Joseph** – <https://www.soulatthejoseph.com/>

**Stories on High** – [www.storiesonhigh.com/](http://www.storiesonhigh.com/)

**Sweeney's Walnut Street Tavern** – <https://www.sweeneystavern.com/>

**The Citizens Trust** – <https://www.thecitizenstrust.com>

**Understory** – <https://www.understorycbus.com/>

**Watershed Distillery** – [www.watersheddistillery.com/](http://www.watersheddistillery.com/)

**Whistle & Keg** – [www.whistlekeg.com/](http://www.whistlekeg.com/)

## Sightseeing

**The Book Loft** – [www.bookloft.com/](http://www.bookloft.com/)

**Columbus Commons** – <https://columbuscommons.org/>

**Columbus Museum of Art** – [www.columbusmuseum.org/](http://www.columbusmuseum.org/)

**Columbus Park of Roses** – [www.parkofroses.org/](http://www.parkofroses.org/)

**Columbus Zoo & Aquarium** – [www.columbuszoo.org/](http://www.columbuszoo.org/)

**COSI** – [www.cosi.org/](http://www.cosi.org/)

**Franklin Park Conservatory** – [www.fpconservatory.org/](http://www.fpconservatory.org/)

**Hocking Hills Canopy Tours** – [www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/](http://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/)

**Huntington Park** – <https://huntingtonparkcolumbus.com/>

**National Veterans Memorial and Museum** –  
[www.nationalvmm.org/](http://www.nationalvmm.org/)

**North Market** – [www.northmarket.org/](http://www.northmarket.org/)

**Ohio Expo Center & State Fairgrounds** – <https://www.ohioexpocenter.com/>

**Ohio Theatre** – [www.capa.com/venues/detail/ohio-theatre](http://www.capa.com/venues/detail/ohio-theatre)

**Ohio Stadium** –  
<https://ohiostatebuckeyes.com/sports/2023/6/2/ohio-stadium>

**Otherworld** – <https://www.otherworld.com/>

**Scioto Mile** – [www.sciotomile.com/](http://www.sciotomile.com/)

**ScottsMiracle-Gro Field** – <https://scottsmiraclegrofield.com>

**ZipZone Outdoor Adventures** – [www.zipzonetours.com/](http://www.zipzonetours.com/)

**Zoombezi Bay** – [www.zoombezibay.com/](http://www.zoombezibay.com/)

## Taxis and Ground Transportation

**Columbus OH Limo: Columbus Limo Rentals** – (614) 412-4345

**Ibex Supreme Luxury Transport** – (614) 446-5402

**Luxury Rides LLC Limo & Black Car Service** – (614) 712-1199

**RmanVan Limo & Luxury Cab Services** – (614) 477-0737

**Saini Airport Transportation & Taxi Service** – (614) 588-7767

**Xtreme Limo, LLC** – (614) 483-3300

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