

# 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!**

### Downtown

#### **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 in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Bringing you the best Midwest-style food made with attitude and gratitude.

#### **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.

#### **Milestone 299**

American  
[www.milestone229.com/](http://www.milestone229.com/)  
(614) 427-0276

Unmatched dining with remarkable views of downtown Columbus, the restaurant features elevated comfort food from a scratch-kitchen with the finest and freshest ingredients.

#### **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.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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  
www.the1126columbus.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/  
(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/  
(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/  
(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/  
(614) 456-7005  
Almost a decade of experience cooking in the finest restaurants and making sushi.

### The Eagle

Southern  
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/  
(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/  
(614) 280-9780  
Unique rustic-modern dining room for sampling eclectic, globally inspired seasonal menus.

### Habibi Grill

Mediterranean/Lebanese  
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.

### Hiraeth

Steakhouse  
www.hiraeth614.com/  
(614) 824-4516  
Hiraeth is a wood-fired kitchen with two floors, two unique dining experiences, two bars, and eclectic vibes.

### The Lox Bagel Shop

Bagels/Breakfast  
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/  
(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/  
(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/  
(614) 564-9852  
Brick-accented coffee bar offering house-roasted beans, local pastries & weekend brewing workshops.

### The Pearl

Seafood  
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.

### Rooh

Indian  
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/  
(614) 300-9500  
Seasonal, Southern California-inspired fare is offered with creative cocktails in rustic-chic digs.



## Dublin

### Kitchen Social

New American  
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/  
(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/  
(614) 792-3466

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

## Grandview

### The Avenue Steak Tavern

Steakhouse  
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/  
(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/  
(614) 485-2233

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

### DK Diner

American  
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/  
(614) 725-1077

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

### High Bank Distillery

American  
www.highbankco.com/  
(614) 826-5347

Distillery pub with seasonally inspired takes on modern American cocktails & cuisine. Awarded best cocktails in Columbus four years running.

### Third & Hollywood

American  
www.thirdandhollywood.com/  
(614) 488-0303

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

## Harrison West

### Katalina's

Breakfast/Lunch  
www.katalinas.com/  
(614) 294-2233

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

## North Region

### Refectory

French  
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!

## Upper Arlington

### Tupelo Honey

Southern  
www.tupelohoneycafe.com  
(614) 412-6808

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

## 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/)  
**Axis on High** – [www.axisonhigh.com/](http://www.axisonhigh.com/)  
**The Big Bang Bar** – [thebigbangbar.com/](http://thebigbangbar.com/)  
**Brass Eye** – [thejuntohotel.com/restaurants-bars/brass-eye](http://thejuntohotel.com/restaurants-bars/brass-eye)  
**Cobra** – [www.cobrabarcolumbus.com/](http://www.cobrabarcolumbus.com/)  
**Denmark** – [www.denmarkonhigh.com/](http://www.denmarkonhigh.com/)  
**Ferdinand Lounge** – [www.bistolino614.com/ferdinand](http://www.bistolino614.com/ferdinand)  
**FOMO Columbus** – [www.fomocolumbus.com/](http://www.fomocolumbus.com/)  
**Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant** – [www.columbus.funnybone.com/](http://www.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/)  
**Hadley's Bar and Kitchen** – [www.hadleysbar.com/](http://www.hadleysbar.com/)

**High Bank Distillery** – [www.highbankco.com/](http://www.highbankco.com/)  
**Howl at the Moon** – [www.howlatthemoon.com/](http://www.howlatthemoon.com/)  
**Huli Huli** – [www.hulihulipowell.com/](http://www.hulihulipowell.com/)  
**Lincoln Social** – [www.lincolnsocialrooftop.com/](http://www.lincolnsocialrooftop.com/)  
**Mandrake** – [www.mandrakerooftop.com/](http://www.mandrakerooftop.com/)  
**Mouton** – [www.mouton954.com/](http://www.mouton954.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/)  
**Stories on High** – [www.storiesonhigh.com/](http://www.storiesonhigh.com/)  
**Urban Meyer's Pint House** – [www.urbanspinthouse.com/](http://www.urbanspinthouse.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 Zoo & Aquarium** – [www.columbuszoo.org/](http://www.columbuszoo.org/)  
**Columbus Museum of Art** – [www.columbusmuseum.org/](http://www.columbusmuseum.org/)  
**Columbus Park of Roses** – [www.parkofroses.org/](http://www.parkofroses.org/)  
**COSI** – [www.cosi.org/](http://www.cosi.org/)  
**Franklin Park Conservatory** – [www.fpcconservatory.org/](http://www.fpcconservatory.org/)  
**Hocking Hills Canopy Tours** – [www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/](http://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/)  
**Lower.com Field** – [www.lowerfieldcbus.com/](http://www.lowerfieldcbus.com/)

**National Veterans Memorial and Museum** – [www.nationalvmm.org/](http://www.nationalvmm.org/)  
**North Market** – [www.northmarket.org/](http://www.northmarket.org/)  
**Ohio Theatre** – [www.capa.com/venues/detail/ohio-theatre](http://www.capa.com/venues/detail/ohio-theatre)  
**Ohio Stadium** – [www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ohio-stadium-concerts-and-events/](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ohio-stadium-concerts-and-events/)  
**Scioto Mile** – [www.sciotomile.com/](http://www.sciotomile.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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