



## Attendee Information

### Your hosts:

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### Time zone change:

Columbus is on Eastern Daylight time (EDT).

### Suggested attire:

We suggest casual, comfortable clothing for the entire trip, including comfortable walking shoes.

### November weather:

The month of November is characterized by mild to cold temperatures, with daily highs around 54°F and lows of 34°F throughout the month.

### Driving into Columbus

If arriving by car, you will park at the first night hotel, the motorcoach will make a drop after our from the final stop on the itinerary to retrieve your car on Saturday in order for you to make your way to Cleveland.

### Diet restrictions/food allergies:

Please alert the Experience Columbus staff to any dietary restrictions/food allergies you may have. Information will be forwarded to our partners to ensure your dining experiences match your needs.

### Schedule:

Please keep aware of the time for prompt arrivals and departures according to schedule below. Times listed are the departure times for the motorcoach.

***\*\*Please note, due to the ever-changing COVID restrictions and compliances the final itinerary may be subject to change. We guarantee a wonderful time in Columbus, even if some attractions need to be swapped out.***

## How Did They Do That? – Wednesday, November 10th

### FAM ITINERARY:

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| <b>Afternoon</b> | <b>Arrive by air or car to Columbus, Ohio check in to Hotel Drury Inn and Suites Convention Center</b><br>88 E Nationwide Blvd<br>Columbus, OH 43215   |
| <b>4:30pm</b>    | <b>Guided Tour with Columbus City Adventures with stop at the Book Loft</b><br>Learn all about Columbus' roots and what makes the city special on a guided hop on tour of the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. Special stop at the Book Loft, one of Columbus' unique shopping destinations.  |
| <b>6:30pm</b>    | <b>Arrive at The Kitchen for Participatory dining event with Co-Op Members</b><br>A night at The Kitchen puts you in a commercial cooking environment with professional tools and the finest seasonal ingredients. We will guide you through every step of creating your meal. Whether you come to a traditional cooking event where we explore ethnic cuisine or you attend |

one of our more whimsical themed nights, you are sure to laugh a lot, make some delicious food, and learn something along the way.

**9:00pm**      **Arrive at host hotel**

**END OF DAY ONE**

**Capital Area Cuisine - Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:45am**      **Breakfast at the hotel, on your own**

**8:15am**      **Arrive in Westerville for breakfast and tour the birthplace of the Temperance Movement**

**10:30am**      **Behind the Scenes Tour of Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**  
The Conservatory displays the world's largest collection of Dale Chihuly's glass artwork in a botanical garden.

**12:00pm**      **Lunch at the North Market**  
An historic public market since 1876. Home to dozens of merchants offering ethnic specialties and locally grown food

**1:30pm**      **Tour of National Veterans Memorial and Museum**  
There's only one Museum in America that honours ALL our Veterans – from all branches of service, and from all eras of our nation's proud history of military service, both peacetime and wartime. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a powerful and personal experience designed to give a voice to every man and woman who answered the call for our country.

**3:00pm**      **Stop at COSI with access to exhibits from the American Museum of Natural History**  
Through a unique and ground-breaking relationship with the American Museum of Natural History, COSI features a permanent AMNH Dinosaur Gallery and other rotating exhibitions. Come see the life-sized model of a massive Tyrannosaurus rex that's certain to captivate the imagination of people of all ages, as well as more specimens from AMNH's renowned dinosaur collection.

**4:30pm**      **Break at Hotel**

**6:00pm**      **Dinner at Schmidt's**  
Award-winning, hand-crafted food by five generations of the family. Enjoy authentic German cuisine with the music from an accordion player

**END OF DAY TWO**

**Art History and Creativity - Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am**      **Breakfast on your own at the hotel**

**8:30am**      **Hotel Pick Up**

**8:45am**      **Take a class at the Ohio Herb Education Center with the Gahanna Convention and Visitors Bureau**  
Known as Ohio's Herb Capital, guests will enjoy a Holiday make-and-take hands-on activity.

**10:00am**      **Tour Columbus Museum of Art with Van Gogh exhibit**  
Explore the world-renowned Columbus Museum of Art. Their collection includes American and European modern art, Impressionism, German Expressionism, Cubism, folk art, contemporary art, glass, photography and more. You will also get to be one of the first to see their Van Gogh exhibition, Through Vincent's Eyes which opens that day!

- 11:15am**      **Tour of Kelton House**  
Begin your time travel back into the 19th century. “Sophia Kelton” will be your personal guide to the home she and her husband built in 1852. She will also share her family’s secret life as conductors on the Underground Railroad and may introduce you to a runaway making her way to freedom in Canada
- 12:30pm**      **Lunch and Spirit Tasting at High Bank Distillery**  
Enjoy lunch at one of Columbus’ newest distilleries, recently awarded the Best Blended Whisky in America for 2021 by the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.
- 2:45pm**      **Pour Your Own Candle at Penn and Beech Candle Co. at Grandview**  
Come pour a candle and experience custom fragrance tailored to you!
- 4:00pm**      **Arrive at the Ohio History Connection for a hands-on Historical Experience**  
The Ohio History Center is filled with fascinating objects that explore Ohio’s history. A guide will give your group access to items that aren’t usually accessible to touch and show you how much you can learn from getting up close and personal with history.
- 5:30pm**      **Downtime at hotel**
- 6:15pm**      **Columbus Blue Jackets Game**

## Be A Kid Again - Saturday, November 13th

- 8:00**      **Breakfast at Hotel**
- 8:30**      **Depart Hotel for Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**  
Bring Luggage at this time. For those who are driving please follow the bus to the stops of the morning.
- 9:00**      **Arrive at Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for Sea Lions Show and animal encounters**  
A recreation and education destination that includes the 22-acre Zoombezi Bay water park and 18-hole Safari Golf Club, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium was named the number one zoo in America by USA Travel Guide.
- 11:00**      **Lunch in Dublin, Ohio**  
Discover Dublin-where Irish is an attitude. Hear from- Josh Bricker of Visit Dublin Ohio about group offerings in the area.
- 12:30**      **Leave for Cleveland**  
Rest stop will be included at the halfway mark.

**END OF FORMAL FAM – Thank you for joining us!**