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Columbus offers captivating experiences for art enthusiasts, especially at the Columbus Museum of Art, which houses collections ranging from Impressionist masterpieces to contemporary artworks. Interactive exhibits encourage visitors to engage creatively, ensuring a personalized, hands-on encounter. For a more avant-garde experience, visit Otherworld, an immersive 32,000-square-foot installation featuring surreal, sci-fi-inspired spaces and intriguing puzzles. By night, adults can enjoy special themed events with music, art performances, and a lively social atmosphere.

Wander through German Village, a beautifully preserved 19th-century neighborhood filled with charming brick houses, quaint shops, and atmospheric cafés. Schiller Park hosts open-air Shakespeare performances in the summer, enhancing the neighborhood's historic allure. Food lovers will appreciate authentic German cuisine at spots like Schmidt's Sausage Haus, famed for bratwurst and cream puffs. Meanwhile, the Short North Arts District presents a modern, energetic scene filled with galleries, vibrant restaurants, and cocktail bars. Additionally, a historic public market downtown, North Market, provides culinary delights with an eclectic mix of artisanal vendors offering local and international dishes.

Columbus is rich with green spaces ideal for leisurely summer exploration. Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens beautifully blend natural beauty with art, showcasing vibrant gardens, tropical plant collections, and striking glass sculptures by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. Explore the Scioto Mile, a picturesque stretch of

riverside parks and trails with scenic views and interactive fountains for urban relaxation. The Columbus Park of Roses in Whetstone Park is another summertime highlight, with thousands of blooming roses spread across a serene landscape, offering a fragrant and colorful retreat in the city.

BEYOND THE CITY

AMISH COUNTRY, OHIO

About one hour and forty-five minutes northeast, Holmes County's Amish Country presents visitors with a unique cultural immersion into a simpler lifestyle. Quaint towns like Berlin and Walnut Creek are dotted with shops selling handcrafted furniture, quilts, baked treats, and artisanal cheeses. Travelers can savor authentic Amish cuisine at charming eateries, experience traditional crafts, or leisurely tour picturesque countryside roads shared with Amish horse-and-buggy traffic, making this a peaceful and insightful cultural getaway.

DAYTON, OHIO

Just an hour and fifteen minutes west lies Dayton, renowned as the cradle of aviation history. Visitors can spend the day at the expansive National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, displaying countless historical aircraft, from early Wright Brothers' inventions to advanced military jets and retired presidential planes. Dayton's rich aviation heritage extends beyond the museum, with additional historical attractions like Carillon Historical Park complementing the day, along with scenic outdoor spaces along the riverside.

CEDAR POINT, OHIO

Two hours and fifteen minutes north of Columbus, Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky beckons thrill-seekers and families alike. Known internationally for its impressive collection of roller coasters and rides, Cedar Point combines adrenaline-pumping attractions like Millennium Force with family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and picturesque lakefront relaxation on Lake Erie. With excitement for all ages, it's an ideal day trip filled with exhilarating adventures and memorable moments.

CANTON, OHIO

Canton, approximately two hours northeast, is home to the iconic Pro Football Hall of Fame, celebrating American football's legends and rich history. Guests can explore interactive exhibits featuring memorabilia, trophies, and in-depth stories of the sport's greatest athletes and teams. This museum commemorates outstanding athletic achievements and provides insight into football's enduring cultural significance, making it a must-visit destination for sports enthusiasts and families alike.

THE WILDS NEAR CUMBERLAND, OHIO

An hour and fifteen minutes east, The Wilds near Cumberland offers visitors an extraordinary wildlife experience reminiscent of a safari. This expansive conservation area, spanning thousands of acres, features open-range habitats for rare and endangered species such as giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and bison. Guided safari tours allow guests close-up views of animals in naturalistic settings, while additional experiences, including ziplining and horseback riding, provide adventurous ways to appreciate the park's conservation efforts and scenic beauty.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Approximately an hour and fifteen minutes north, Mansfield offers an intriguing visit to the historic Ohio State Reformatory, famed as the filming site of the classic film "The Shawshank Redemption." Visitors can explore its imposing Gothic architecture, tour former prison cells and administrative areas, and learn about its storied past and cinematic connections. The surrounding area also provides additional attractions, such as Kingwood Center Gardens and Malabar Farm State Park, ideal for rounding out a day filled with history, beauty, and movie lore.

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