

## **WELCOME TO CINCINNATI!**

There's no better backdrop than Cincinnati. Explore the largest collection of Italianate architecture of any neighborhood in America in the Over-the-Rhine Entertainment District. The neighborhood's 360 acres is one of the largest, most intact, nineteenth century urban historic districts in the United States. Today it is home to hot restaurants, boutiques, theatres, galleries, murals and great tours, such as the Queen City Underground Tour.

Stroll along the Banks of the Ohio at Smale Park to see the Roebling Bridge, the prototype for the Brooklyn bridge built in 1865. Or find yourself awe-struck at the stunning examples of Art Deco at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza or Cincinnati Museum Center. Whichever appeals to your historic taste, you'll see why culture reigns in Cincy.

## **SAFETY FIRST**

Travel Safe in Cincy

Safety is a priority in Cincinnati. Read more details about safety measures, guidelines and steps the hospitality community has taken to keep you safe while you meet at [CincyUSA.com/safeCincy](http://CincyUSA.com/safeCincy).

## **IMMERSE IN CULTURAL HISTORY**

Located in the heart of the Banks Entertainment District is the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center -- dedicated to honoring freedom's heroes and recognizing modern-day's struggles. Popular exhibits and experiences at the Freedom Center include the Implicit Bias Lab and the Invisible: Slavery Today exhibit.

Download the free Clermont County Freedom Trail to explore the 42 historical Underground Railroad sites, 22 of which are approved to the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Currently, this self-guided tour highlights Clermont's scenic rolling hills and runs along the Ohio River and includes Cincy icons like the Freedom Center and Harriet Beecher Stowe House.

## **ONLY IN CINCY**

Cincy's attractions are unmatched. Don't leave the city without checking out these places first. If you do run out time, these places alone are worth the trip back.

### **American Sign Museum**

Take a walk down memory lane and experience the only public sign museum in America. The American Sign Museum is an Instagrammer's paradise, taking you through a half century of sign history, from fancy goldleaf glass signs of the early 1900s, through the pre-neon era of lightbulb signs, to neon's heyday in the 1930s-1940s, and on into the plastic era of the funky '50s.

### **Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal**

One of the last great train stations built, Union Terminal is a Cincinnati staple and one of the most widely regarded examples of Art Deco style. (It's even the inspiration for the famed Hall of Justice from the now-classic cartoon, Super Friends.) From welcoming soldiers home from World War II to becoming the home of three museums, an OMNIMAX Theater and the Cincinnati History Library and Archives,

Union Terminal has a rich, abundant history. Its story is still evolving, too, as Union Terminal recently completed a massive \$228 million renovation.

### **Creation Museum and Ark Encounter**

Bible history comes to life at the Creation Museum. Journey through biblical history in this state-of-the-art, 75,000-square-foot museum designed by a former Universal Studios exhibit director. About 45-minutes south on I-75, the Ark Encounter features a jaw-dropping reconstruction of Noah's ark, built to biblical specs. At over 1.5 football fields long and reaching higher than a four-story house, the Ark is one of the largest timber-frame structures in the world. As you explore three decks of cutting-edge exhibits, the biblical account of Noah's ark comes to life.

### **ARTS AND CULTURE REIGNS**

The Cincinnati region's rich cultural offerings are key to its unique identity. From its 18th-century beginnings as a frontier settlement, music was a social and civilizing influence that made the wilderness feel like home. Today, Cincinnati offers one of the most robust cultural scenes in the Midwest, with all five major arts disciplines represented, including ballet, opera, art museum, symphony and theater. It is home to several orchestras, a large community of working artists and artisans, Cincinnati Opera (the nation's second-oldest opera company), Cincinnati Ballet and a variety of museums and theaters like the Cincinnati Art Museum, Taft Museum, Contemporary Arts Center and Playhouse in the Park. Bring your walking shoes and explore some of Cincinnati's stunning mural art. There's more public art in a four-mile radius than any other city in the U.S.

### **FOODIE PARADISE**

Taste Cincy's Favorite Restaurants on Your Free Nights

Cincy is known for its Cincinnati-Style Chili and Oprah's favorite Graeters Ice Cream, but so many more restaurants are quickly becoming local favorites. Grab a coffee at Coffee Emporium, explore the OTR district with dozens of amazing dining options or grab a pint at the new Rebel Mettle Brewery a block from the Convention Center. Plus, the Cincy Region is the gateway to the bourbon trail with the B-line.

Still can't quite decide?

Findlay Market is Ohio's oldest continuously operated public market and one of Cincinnati's most cherished institutions, welcoming more than a million visitors a year. Open Tuesday through Sunday year-round, Findlay Market is home to more than 40 indoor merchants selling meat, fish, poultry, produce, flowers, cheese, deli, and ethnic foods. From April to November, the Market also hosts a thriving farmers market, dozens of outdoor vendors, numerous street performers, and special events on weekends including the OTR Biergarten.

Other local favorites include: Moerlein Lager House, Taste of Belgium, Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse, Nada, The Eagle, Pepp & Delores, Sugar & Spice, Maplewood, Prime Steakhouse and Boomtown Biscuits, Taft's Ale House and Quan Hapa

### **WHAT'S NEW**

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No, not the cartoon character, the new Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area across from Great American Ball Park allows you to walk freely with your drinks between bars and restaurants around the Banks Entertainment District.

#### Hard Rock Casino & Café

Want to have a rockin' good time? Head down to Hard Rock Cincinnati. With over 100 different casino table games the Casino has more than 100,000 sq. ft. of exciting, casino action - everything from poker tournaments to blackjack, craps, roulette, and some of the best slots in town. The original rock'n'roll restaurant has opened its doors too. Located in the hip Pendleton neighborhood, Hard Rock Casino and Cafe offers outstanding food and entertainment in the heart of the action.

#### Andrew J. Brady Icon Music Center

The Andrew Brady Icon Music Center is the newest and (perhaps) most exciting concert venue in Cincinnati. Located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati on the Banks of the Ohio River, you can't get much better location than that. Opened in 2021, Icon has already hosted an incredible lineup of musicians such as - KEM, Jason Mraz, AJR, and the Foo Fighters. Check out who is playing while you're in town.

### **GETTING AROUND**

Whether on foot, by bike or in a vehicle, there are plenty of ways to explore the Cincinnati region.

The Cincinnati Bell Connector is a modern streetcar system offering a unique way to check out what's happening in downtown Cincinnati. The 3.6 mile loop stops at popular destinations located in the Banks, the Central Business District, and Over-the-Rhine and runs every 12-15 minutes and is free to ride.

Biking and scooter riding in the Cincinnati region is safe and easy, too. Hop on a Red Bike at one of the 50 different stations around downtown or explore on a Lime-S or Bird Scooter to quickly get from place to place.

### **WANT TO EXPLORE MORE?**

Find more things to see and do while you're in between sessions at [VisitCincy.com](https://www.visitcincy.com). Enjoy your conference and Cincy is excited for you to experience all the region has to offer.