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ABOUT CINCINNATI USA

Top National Attractions

- Newport Aquarium has been named the **No. 1 aquarium** in the Midwest and one of the 25 top-rated attractions in the country by *Zagat Survey's U.S. Family Travel Guide*.
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden was ranked the **seventh-best zoo** in the country by *USA Travel Guide*.
- Cincinnati Art Museum was tied with four museums, including the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York and the Art Institute in Chicago, for **best art museum**, by *Zagat Survey's U.S. Family Travel Guide*. Admission is always free.



- Kings Island, **one of America's best amusement parks** for roller coasters, kids' attractions and an enormous water park, has won numerous awards from *Amusement Today*.
- Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal features seven specialized museums in one amazing and iconic building – from the Children's Museum to some of the top special exhibits in the world. *Forbes Traveler* listed the Cincinnati Museum Center as **one of the most visited museums in the country**.



- The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a Smithsonian affiliate, chronicles the struggle for freedom worldwide, while also telling the story of the Underground Railroad in this region of the United States.
- **America's first professional baseball team**, the Cincinnati Reds, play at Great American Ball Park in downtown Cincinnati from April through September. The Reds were the 2010 National League Central Division champions.

Shopping, Entertainment and Local Culture

- Redeveloped in 2007, Fountain Square is in the heart of downtown Cincinnati. The Square is surrounded by restaurants, shopping and nightlife, and free events and concerts are hosted every day.
- *Zagat Survey* selected Newport on the Levee as the **No. 1 Shopping/Mall Attraction for Families in the United States**. Located across from the Cincinnati skyline in Newport, Kentucky, the Levee features entertainment, the Newport Aquarium, restaurants, shopping, boat tours more.



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- With its first attractions opening in Spring 2011, The Banks Entertainment District, located on Cincinnati's riverfront between the professional baseball team, Cincinnati Reds and the professional football team, Cincinnati Bengals stadiums, and adjacent to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, will feature green space, theme restaurants and shopping.
- Cincinnati is a fun food city: eat like a local by trying Cincinnati Chili, a savory meat sauce served over spaghetti; as well as our famous ice cream, Graeter's. Oprah proclaimed it one of her "favorites." Nicknamed Porkopolis because of the city's history in meat packing, ribs are a staple and Montgomery Inn has made them famous. If you visit a diner for breakfast, order goetta, a Cincinnati specialty of sausage mixed with whole grain oats.



Get to know the rich, diverse history of Cincinnati with the many specialized tours: "Ride the Ducks" tours, architecture walks, Segway tours, food excursions, arts walks, even gangster, brewery and ghost sightseeing ventures.

- Regional shopping offers all of America's favorites, from Macy's (headquartered in Cincinnati) to Apple, Lego, Nordstrom and IKEA.

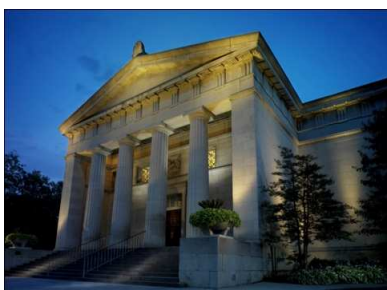
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Accessibility

Cincinnati is a popular destination because it's within a day's drive of 60% of the U.S. population, at the crossroads of several interstate highways.

Cincinnati Accolades

- **Most Affordable** – *Forbes* magazine declared Cincinnati the fifth most affordable metropolitan area in the United States.
- **Safest City** – Cincinnati ranked ninth overall for safest cities.
- **Spot for the Country's Top Ice Cream** – *Fodor's* combed the country for the best ice cream and Cincinnati's very own Graeter's came in third among the 10 shops featured.
- **Best Walking City** – Cincinnati USA was named the **Best Walking City in Ohio** and ranked 10th in the nation, according to *Prevention* magazine.



- **Best City for Nightlife** – *Forbes Magazine* ranked Cincinnati USA **No. 1 for its nightlife** based on the number of restaurants, bars and nightclubs per capita in the region.
- **Top Arts Destinations** – *American Style* magazine ranked Cincinnati No. 5 among its list of 26 top arts destinations, recognizing three of Cincinnati's arts venues: the Contemporary Arts Center, the Cincinnati Art Museum's Cincinnati Wing and the renovated Taft Museum of Art.
- **Cities that Rock** – *Esquire Magazine* ranks Cincinnati as **seventh on its top 10 list of "Cities that Rock."** Cities were chosen based on the talent

in their music scenes, venues and record stores. Cincinnati's musical history includes Syd Nathan's King Records, which produced tracks from James Brown, John Lee Hooker, the Stanley Brothers and Hank Ballard in the 1940s and '50s to Bootsy Collins, Greg Dulli (Afghan Whigs) and Peter Frampton.

