

QUICK AND FUN DAY TRIPS

Historic Worthington

Just a mile south from the wedding site lies historic Olde Worthington, a small but select group of shops and restaurants. Look for brunch at Le Chatelaine, and head across the street to House Wine and the Candle Lab for an afternoon of fun.

Insider Tip: If you're looking to get your body moving, drive north 3 miles to Highbanks Metro Park and walk or run the numerous trails through open fields, flint lined creeks, and steep curving hills.

The Wex & Short North

If you're willing and able manage a short drive south of the wedding site, you'll be sure to have a great day full of food and fun. First stop, head to the Wexner Center for the Arts, a leading center for contemporary art. The Wex is host to a rigorous schedule of internationally acclaimed exhibitions, films, and performances.

Next up, head to the **Short North** for Jeni's Spendid Ice Creams, annually ranked as one the best artisanal ice creams in the country. Jeni's, with it's seasonally changing menu of locally sourced flavors, is a must for any trip to Columbus. Then head to The North Market, Columbus's large open downtown market, where you can sample great beers, wine, cheese, meats, and produce, while enjoying the nearby Goodale Park and the acclaimed Pizutti Collection.

Insider Tip: If you're interested in a fancy meal in the Short North, head to Rigsby's or Till (vegan), where chefs at both James Beard nominated restaurants prepare some of the best fine dining in Columbus. If you're looking for a casual bite and a beer, go to The Rossi Bar. If health food is a must, try Northstar. Craving latin food? Don't miss El Arapazo, nestled downtown along Pearl Alley.

German Village

Head further down High Street, past downtown into German Village. Settled by German immigrants in the late 19th century, German Village is an enclave of cobblestone streets lined with adorable brick houses, independently owned shops and some seriously great food.

First stop, Pisticia Vera, this French bakery and patisserie offers freshly baked macarons, croissants, cannele and other treats, all of which are truly top-notch. Once you've fueled up with coffee and sweets, head to The Book Loft, a local house that operates it's 32 rooms as a delightful book shop. Take your book and walk down 3rd street to Schiller Park, named after German poet, Fredrich von Schiller, to enjoy a picnic and one of the Actor's Summer Theater performances of Shakespeare in the Park.

<http://parks.columbus.gov/SchillerPark.aspx>

Insider Tips: If you're interested in a fancy meal in German Village, head to Barcelona or G. Michaels. If you're looking for a romantic casual summer bite and hand crafted cocktails, you'll fall in love with Harvest Pizza and Curio. Just want a quick sandwich? Katzinger's Deli is not to miss.

Feeling Adventurous/Looking for More?

If your schedule allows for an extra day in the area, a short day trip to the Hocking Hills region is your best bet. Located amidst the scenic rolling hills of southern Ohio, just 45 minutes from Columbus, Hocking Hills, with it's cliff side hikes and waterfalls, is a wonderful way to spend a day with a few friends. Located just outside Chillicothe stands the Great Serpent Mound, the world's largest surviving example of Native American mound building.