COLUMBIA, MO

CONVENIENCE: Home to the University of Missouri, Columbia College and Stephens College, Columbia is a vibrant college town with urban amenities. It is centrally located in the heart of mid-Missouri with Interstate 70 providing an easy route to both Kansas City and St. Louis. Columbia’s central location results in higher attendance for you. Columbia Regional Airport is serviced by American Airlines offering daily flights connecting from Dallas and Chicago. Kansas City (KCI) and Lambert-St. Louis airports are each located 2 hours away from Columbia. Ground shuttle is available from both major airports.

CHOICE: With 37 hotels representing more than 3,700 rooms, our lodging options can accommodate any budget. In addition to an array of hotel options, Columbia has more than 200 restaurants, many of them uniquely local. Our dynamic restaurant community and fantastic shopping opportunities make Columbia what you expect!

FUN: Imagine the sounds of laughter drifting through your group during a night out at Columbia’s own comedy club or while working their way through a series of fun and challenging obstacles designed by the University of Missouri’s Venture Out Teambuilding Program.

VALUE: Columbia’s meeting and lodging facilities are very reasonably priced. Our sales staff is happy to assist you in securing proposals and setting up site visits, saving you valuable time. Our commitment is to ensure that all meetings, big or small, receive our undivided attention and service excellence.

COLUMBIA HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF HOSTING SUCCESSFUL EVENTS SUCH AS:

- NRA Bianchi Cup
- National Association of Women in Construction
- PGA Missouri Open
- American Chemical Society Conference
- Edward Jones Financial Seminars
- International Symposium on Radioactive Pharmaceuticals

Columbia named in FORBES 25 Best Places to Retire in 2015

Ranked 3rd best city for Jobs in 2014, FORBES

Consistently listed among the Top 10 College Towns, LIVABILITY.COM
ATTRACTIONS

OUTDOORS
- Shelter Gardens
- MKT Trail
- Flat Branch Park
- Stephens Lake Park
- Rock Bridge State Park
- Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AREA
- Boutiques & Specialty Shops
- Innovative, Local Cuisine
- Award Winning Galleries
- Nightclubs & Live Music Venues
- Ragtag Cinema
- JW “Blind” Boone Home

CAMPUS AREA
- Stephens College
- Columbia College
- University of Missouri
  - Museum of Art & Archaeology
  - Museum of Anthropology
  - Mizou Botanic Garden
  - Historic Francis Quadrangle

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE
- Bo. Co. Historical Museum & Village
- Columbia Cemetery
- Firestone Baars Chapel
- Jewel Cemetery State Historic Site
- State Historical Society of Missouri
- Stephens College Costume Museum & Research Library
- Stephens College Historic Quadrangle

ROCHEPORT
- Katy Trail/Missouri River
- Antiques
- Les Bourgeois Winery & Bistro
- Mighty MO Canoe & Kayak Tours
- Drew’s Guide Service & Missouri Boatworks

MEETING SPACE

HOTELS ~ Less than 1,000 SQ FT
- Baymont Inn & Suites
- Comfort Suites
- Days Inn
- Residence Inn by Marriott
- Staybridge Suites
- Wingate by Wyndham

HOTELS ~ Less than 5,000 SQ FT
- America’s Best Value Inn & Suites
- The Broadway by DoubleTree
- Holiday Inn East
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Howard Johnson
- Quality Inn
- The Tiger Hotel

HOTELS ~ 5,000 - 10,000 SQ FT
- Courtyard by Marriott
- Hampton Inn & Suites

HOTELS ~ 10,000+ SQ FT
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Holiday Inn Executive Center
- Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

ALTERNATE VENUES
- Columbia Expo Center (20,000+ SQ FT)
- Memorial Union & Student Center (29,000+ SQ FT)
- Reynolds Alumni Center (9,200+ SQ FT)
- Missouri Theatre (1,200 seating + lounge space)
- Jesse Hall (1,700 seating)
- Bur Oak Brewing Company (450 seating)
- Logboat Brewing Co.
- Les Bourgeois Winery & Bistro (300+ seating)

ACTIVITIES

- The Columbia Art League
- Tiger Trolley Tours
- Venture Out
- Columbia Culinary Tours
- Paint the Town
- The Canvas on Broadway
- The Mud Room

COLUMBIA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU CAN HELP!

- Arrange site inspections of meeting space and hotels
- Obtain proposals and room blocks from hotels
- Act as a liaison between the event rights-holder and the local host organization
- Provide information booth at your event that includes Columbia and area visitor guides and maps
- Assist with press release distribution as well as promotion on our web site and social media channels
- Provide a complimentary service package customized for your group