New to the area and looking for great places to sightsee, grab a bite to eat, or have some errands to run? Check out recommendations from the ResLife team to help you explore and live in The Queen City! Happy adventuring!
Cincinnati is the perfect size. It is large enough to have all of the attractions of a large city but at the same time, it has been able to maintain the friendliness of a small town.

Xavier University is located just minutes from downtown Cincinnati and is conveniently located off of Highways 71 and 75. From Xavier, it is easy to access neighborhood squares that feature great shopping and dining.
FOOD

Best Brunch
- Red Feather
- Sugar and Spice
- Echo
- First Watch
- Sleepy Bee Cafe
- Hangover Easy
- Pontiac BBQ
- Brontë Bistro
- Taste of Belgium
- Frisch's Breakfast Bar
- Keystone

Favorite Burgers
- Sammy's Blue Ash
- Oakley Pub & Grill
- Quatman's
- City View Tavern
- Frenchie Fresh
- Zip's
- Arthur's
- Gordo's
- Kreuger's
- Tickle Pickle
- Nation Kitchen & Bar

Coffee Spots
- Deeper Roots
- Coffee Emporium
- Rohs Street Cafe
- Brickhouse Coffee
- Lookout Joe
- Red Tree
Favorite Cincinnati Neighborhoods

- OTR (Over-the-Rhine)
- Hyde Park
- Oakley
- Pleasant Ridge
- Mount Lookout
- Northside
- Mariemont

Delicious Lunch

- Ambar India
- Pho Lang Thang
- Mariemont Inn
- Harvest Pizzeria
- Jason's Deli
- Bakersfield OTR
- Eli’s BBQ
- Season's 52
- The Eagle OTR
- Elephant Walk
- Dewey's
- Green Papaya

Restaurants with Great Atmosphere/Views

- Moerlein Lager House
- Montgomery Inn BBQ
- City View Tavern
- Quan Hapa
- Senate
- Yardhouse
- The Pacific Kitchen
- Betta's Italian Oven
- Mt. Adams Pavilion
- Incline Public House
- Aroma's Restaurant and Sushi
COOL THINGS to do

**Parks**
- Ault Park
- Alms Park
- Eden Park
- Krohn Conservatory
- Smale Riverfront Park
- Washington Park
- Bettman Nature Preserve
- Devou Park (best view of Cincy)
- Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park
- Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park
- Woodland Mound Park
- Great Parks of Hamilton County

**Places to Visit**
- American Sign Museum
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Contemporary Art Center
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Taft Museum of Art
- Newport Aquarium
- Cincinnati Observatory
- Fountain Square
- Aronoff Center
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens
- Loveland Bike Trail (can rent bikes)
- Spring Grove Cemetery
- Kings Island: Amusement and Waterpark
- Cincinnati Public Library

Cincinnati Public Library offers The Discovery Pass! The Discovery Pass provides Library cardholders with free passes to arts, cultural, and recreational attractions throughout Hamilton County.
https://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/services/discoverypass.html
Events

- Butterfly Show at Krohn Conservatory (ends in June)
- Final Fridays in OTR
- Spring Concert Series - Free music every Fri/Sat at Fountain Square
- Asian Food Fest
- Workout on the Green - Free Fitness classes every Weds at Washington Park
- Cincinnati Concours d'Élégance
- Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival
- Cincinnati Pride Parade & Festival
- Summer Cinema at Washington Park - Free movies
- Ohio River Paddlefest
- Detective Day
- Glier's Goettafest
- Cincy Blues Fest
- Taste of Cincinnati

Sports

- Northern Wrestling Federation
- Rockstar Pro Wrestling
- Cincinnati Reds
- Belterra Park
- Kentucky Speedway
- Cincinnati Sirens FC
- FC Cincinnati
eSports/Games/Comics
- PiviP tournament and gaming conference at Kings Island - May 18th
- eSports Lounge at GameWorks
- Woodburn Games
- Arcadian Comics & Games
- Rockin' Rooster Comics & Games
- Games Workshop
- The Rook OTR
- 16-Bit - All ages are welcome on Sundays Noon-5pm
- Sci-Fi City
- Boardwalk Hobby Shop
- Coming Soon Xavier's own eSports Lounge at the lower level of Gallagher Student Center (GSC)!
- Anime Ohio - June 28-29

Cincinnati Bucket List:
- Attend an event at Fountain Square or Washington Park
- Take a ride on Carol Ann’s Carousel at Smale Park
- Complete the Cincinnati Chili passport
- Visit the area ArtWorks murals
- Attend a sporting event
- Ride the Dimondback at Kings Island
- Eat at Holtman’s Donuts
- Try Greater’s Ice Cream
- Go on a Self-Guided or Guided Tour
- Walk across Roebling Bridge
- Attend a local church festival
DAY TRIP or
weekend ROAD TRIP

- Mammoth Cave
- Dinosaur World
- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- Hoosier National Forest
- Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
- National Museum of the US Air Force
- Yellow Springs
- Red River Gorge
- Cedar Point
- Louisville Slugger Museum

SHOPPING

Retail/General Merchandise
- City Flea
- The OFF Market
- Kenwood Mall
- Rockwood Commons
- Cincinnati Premium Outlets
- Target
- Walmart

Grocery
- Fresh Thyme Farmer's Market
- CAM International Market
- Jungle Jim's
- Trader Joes
- Findlay Market
- Kroger
- Meijer
- UDF
Health and WELLNESS

Dentist
- Bell Dental Group
- Drs. Sirkin and Kruger, Inc.
- Dr. Elizabeth Plas, DMD

Medical Specialist
- Dr. Pranav B. Sheth, MD - Dermatologist
- The Dermatology Group
- Rose Gynocology Hyde Park
- Julie M. Sroga-Rios, MD - OB/GYN; specializing in PCOS
- Seven Hills Women's Health Center

Manicure/Pedicure
- Ambiance in Rookwood
- Dream Salon and Spa
- Color Me Nails
- Spruce Nail Shop

Place of Worship
- On-Campus Mass in Bellarmine

General Practitioners
- TriHealth Services located on and near campus
- Dr. Steve Cleves - Queen City Physicians/TriHealth
- Dr. Christopher Sweeney at Mercy Health in Kenwood
- Dr. Seema Abbasi at Mercy Health in Oakley
- Little Clinic at Kroger

Eye Doctors
- Lens Crafters
- Cincinnati Eye Institute
- Target Optical

Salons/Barbers
- Alba Beauty Studio (Ask for Scotty)
- Clifton Barbers
- Bang Bang Salon
- Great Clips in Maderia
- Super Cuts in Rookwood
- Aveda Fredrick’s Institute
- Pump Salon

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LAST BUT not least

Cincinnati offers a wide range of activities and experiences. To find more information regarding special events in Cincinnati, please check out http://www.cincinnatiusa.com/.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Xavier University has partnered with local hotels to discount rates: www.campustravel.com/university/xavier

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