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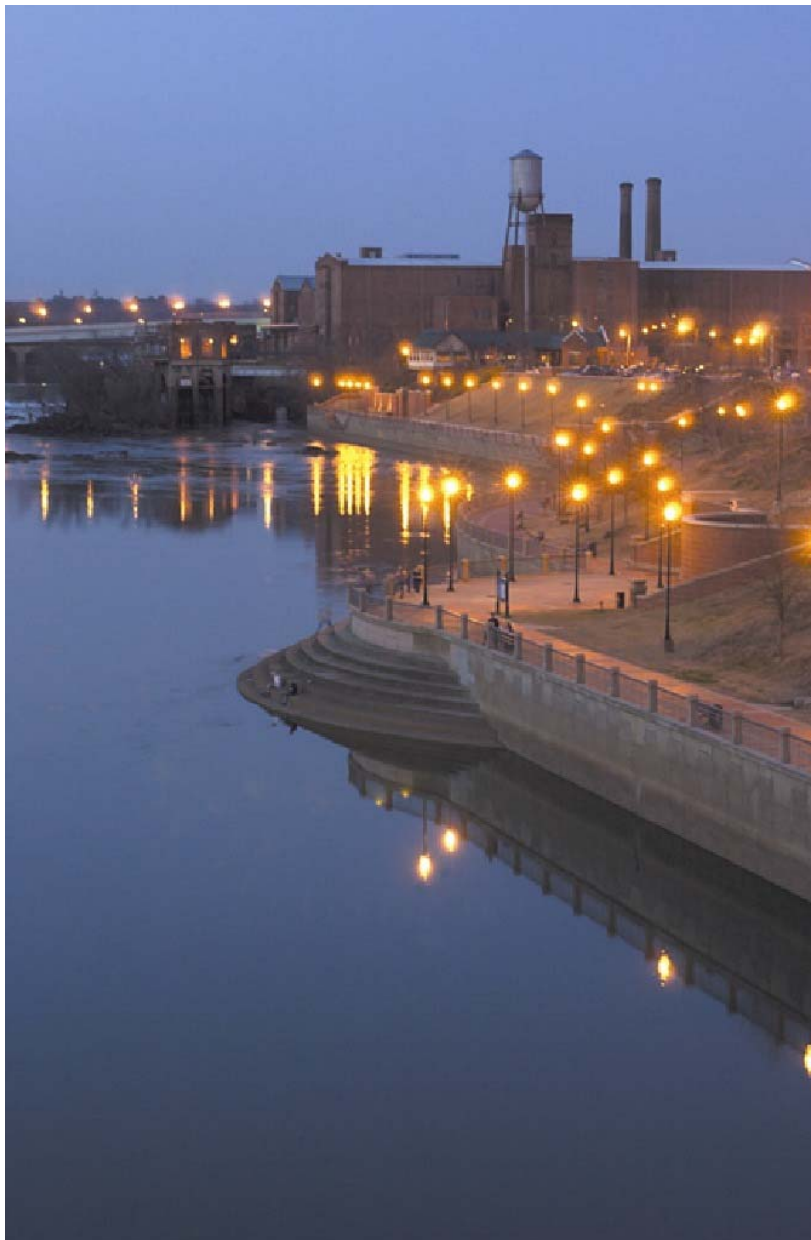
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Partnerships for Successful
Meetings*

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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

HOW TO FIND US

Columbus is connected by four major highways including I-185.



AIR AND GROUND OPTIONS

Columbus Airport—

- Serviced by Delta Airlines
- 15 minutes from Uptown

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport—

- Most major air providers
- 90 minutes from Uptown

Groome Transportation—

- Servicing Columbus since 1996
- 36 round-trips 7 days a week
- \$82 round-trip (current fares)

Rental Car Companies—

- Servicing Columbus and Atlanta airports
 - Avis
 - Budget
 - Enterprise
 - Hertz
 - National
- Servicing Atlanta airport only
 - Advantage
 - Airport Rent a Car Atlanta
 - Dollar
 - EZ
 - Payless
 - Sixt Rent a Car Atlanta
 - Thrifty

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEETINGS IN COLUMBUS

"Your assistance and coordination of our event was an extraordinary additive to the overall success...with over 1,200 attendees and more than 300 performers from around the world, this conference was unprecedented in its scope and diversity. We have received rave reviews—board members, performers and attendees have expressed their appreciation with comments ranging from "this was the best ITG conference they've attended" to "this conference raised the bar for future conferences." ...These comments...reflect directly on your efforts and participation in this event.

*Rob Murray, DMA
2012 Host
International Trumpet Guild
37th Annual Conference*

There are so many great educational opportunities in Columbus Georgia! Whenever we have a group headed that way, the folks at Visit Columbus GA are always there to give us a helping hand with any planning we have questions about. They are always excited to have our groups visit!

Amy Brown
Daniel's Charters and Tours

“The staff at the CCVB go out of their way to make hosting the event as easy as possible. They were on-site ready to assist at the events throughout the conference. The facilities were great and the caterers and wait staff were all eager to please. Everyone wanted to showcase the best of Columbus and what all Columbus has to offer.”

*Patti Cullen
2017– Georgia Planning Association Host
Executive Director
River Valley Regional Commission*

"Five years ago Georgia Thespians was locked into limits in our metro Atlanta conference location. Moving our conference to Columbus has opened up limitless possibilities. We could not have made our move so smoothly without the help of the Columbus Convention and Visitor Bureau. We appreciate your support and guidance.

Frank Pruet
Chapter Director
Georgia Thespians



Bureau Services

Basic Services

On-line Registration & Reservations

Registration Assistance

Customized Name Badges

Tour Itineraries

Welcome Bag, including Visitors Guide & Map

Housing Bureau

Site Inspection Arrangements

Off-site Banquet/Special Event Coordination

Restaurant/Attraction Guides

Calendar of Events

Current News About the Destination

Digital Media

AV Presentations on Attractions

Promotional Materials

On-site Visitor Information Booth

Spouse Program Assistance

Services Listing

Media Support

Press Conference Coordination

News Releases

Access to Regional Media Contacts

Interview Scheduling with Local Media Contacts

Press Kits

Additional Services

Information booths stocked with literature related to the area can be set up on site to provide convenient resources for your attendees.

Convention groups, reunions and special event groups with a signed contract for sleeping rooms in Muscogee County are eligible to receive Visitors Guides at no cost. Your group is also eligible to receive black and white name badges (no logos please) at cost for supplies. See chart below for pricing.

Note: For those groups requesting name badges, a final list of attendees in Excel format is due three (3) weeks prior to pick up date.

<i>Price Chart</i>	
Pin-on Name Badges w/Labels	\$0.25
Lanyard Name Badges w/Labels	\$0.70
Plastic Bags	\$0.30




MEETING PROFILE

HOTEL OPTIONS

HOTEL	FEATURES	ROOM BLOCK	ROOM RATE
 <p>Best Western Plus— Columbus North 4027 Veterans Court, 31909 706-507-1111</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 88 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 2 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—100 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 100/48 ■ Internet Access ■ Dining Room & Lounge ■ Airport Shuttle ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking ■ Pet Friendly 	40 Peak Rooms	\$79 + tax
<p><i>Comments from Best Western Plus:</i> The Best Western Plus offers free hot buffet breakfast, free WiFi, work out facility and outdoor swimming pool. We are conveniently located minutes from all restaurants and shopping needs. We have a hospitality room that will accommodate 100 people and food and beverages can be brought in.</p>			
 <p>Courtyard Columbus 3501 Courtyard Way, 31909 706-323-2323</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 139/12 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 2 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—32 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 49/18 ■ Internet Access ■ Dining Room & Lounge ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Free Parking 	40 Peak Rooms	\$79 + tax
<p><i>Comments from Courtyard:</i> Thank you for considering the Courtyard Columbus as an option for your guests. We are happy to offer \$79 room rate for your guests. Please contact me if you would like to confirm your arrangements with us.</p>			
 <p>Days Inn Columbus Macon 3452 Macon Road, 31907 706-561-4400</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 119 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	40 Peak Rooms	\$55 + tax


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HOTEL	FEATURES	ROOM BLOCK	ROOM RATE
 <p>Doubletree Columbus 5351 Sydney Simons Blvd, 31904 706-327-6868</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 175/1 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 3 ■ Max. Banquet Seating — 150 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 300/100 ■ Internet Access ■ Full Service Restaurant & Lounge ■ Airport Shuttle ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Free Parking 	40 Peak Rooms	\$109 + tax
 <p>Econo Lodge Inn & Suites at Fort Benning 4483 Victory Drive, 31903 706-682-3803</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 80/8 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating — 30 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 30/30 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	30 Peak Rooms	\$69 + tax
 <p>Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus 4510 E. Armour Road, 31909 706-317-3600</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 79/25 ■ Internet Access ■ Airport Shuttle ■ Indoor Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	40 Peak Rooms	\$89 + tax


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HOTEL	FEATURES	ROOM BLOCK	ROOM RATE
 <p>Hampton Inn Columbus North 7390 Bear Lane, 31909 706-256-2222</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 87/2 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 2 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—45 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 45 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental breakfast ■ Free Parking 	25 Peak Rooms	\$83 + tax

Comments from Hampton Inn North: Room rates includes Hot Breakfast every morning and Free WiFi.

 <p>Hampton Inn Columbus South Fort Benning 1 Legacy Way 706-653-9455</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 102 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating— 60 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	20 Peak Rooms	\$93 + tax
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 <p>Home2 Suites Columbus 1664 Whittlesey Road, 31904 706-257-6931</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 81/81 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating— 60 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 60/35 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Free Parking ■ Pet Friendly 	40 Peak Rooms	\$99 + tax
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Comments from Home2 Suites: Welcome to the NEW Home2 Suites by Hilton® Columbus, GA. Create your own space in a modern studio or one-bedroom suite featuring movable furniture and plenty of storage. All suites provide a living area with a sofa bed and kitchen. Stay connected with free WiFi and an iHome clock radio with iPod and MP3 dock. Pack the leash and water bowl—Home2 is your pet's home too. Socialize, grill and connect in the Oasis outdoor living area. Cozy up at the fire pit or take a relaxing dip in the saline pool. Meet new people, eat a free breakfast at our Inspired Table™ or surf the web on your laptop or a business center computer. Pick up snacks and travel essentials at Home2 MKT™. Put a new spin on multitasking at Spin2 Cycle, where you can run on a treadmill while you run a load of laundry

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 <p>Homewood Suites Columbus 6614 Whittlesey Blvd, 31909 706-568-3545</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 91/91 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating — 64 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 100 ■ Internet Access ■ Airport Shuttle ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Evening Social—Mon thru Thurs ■ Free Parking 	20 Peak Rooms	\$99 + tax
<p><i>Comments from Homewood Suites:</i> The following amenities are included in your rate: Homewood Suites is an ALL suites hotel. All of our Spacious Suites come fully equipped with kitchens and queen size pullout sleeper sofas. • Complimentary daily Suite Start hot breakfast and Evening Social featuring a light meal and beverages Mon-Thurs evening. • Complimentary In-Suite High-Speed Internet Access • Hilton Hhonor where guests earn both Points and Miles • Suite Assurance Guarantee • Shuttle transportation in within a 5 mile radius to the hotel (upon availability). • In addition to our core fitness facility we off complimentary usage of Max Fitness gym</p>			
 <p>Hyatt Place Columbus-North 2974 Northlake Pkwy, 31909 706-507-5000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 82/82 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 2 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—35 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 50/35 ■ Internet Access ■ Dining Room & Lounge ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking ■ Pet Friendly 	40 Peak Rooms	\$89 + tax
<p><i>Comments from Hyatt Place:</i> The Hyatt Place hotel may be the perfect hotel for your group stay. The breakfast (am kitchen skillet featuring hot breakfast bowls) is included in the rate. All our rooms are suites. Each room has a separate living room area with a wet bar, mini-fridge, and single-cup coffee maker. Microwaves are available upon request. We offer food 24/7, our gallery menu features soups, salads, sandwiches, flatbread pizzas, and much more. The Hyatt Place hotel is within walking distance to restaurants (walking distance restaurants include Texas Roadhouse, El Vaquero, IHOP, Samurai II, and The Office) and 1 mile from Columbus Park Crossing- strip mall. Easy access to I-185 to Fort Benning. The best rate we can offer is \$89.00 per night plus tax. Thank you!</p>			
 <p>Marriott Columbus 800 Front Avenue, 31901 706-324-1800</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 177/3 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 5 ■ Max. Banquet Seating — 80 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 100/34 ■ Internet Access ■ Full Service Restaurant & Lounge ■ Airport Shuttle ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Free Parking 	10 Peak Rooms	\$93 + tax

Comments from Marriott: We will be happy to extend the military per diem rate of \$93.00 a night. This will not include breakfast within the rate. As to the # of rooms available, we can only offer 10-15 room block

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 <p>Residence Inn Columbus 2670 Adams Farm Drive, 31909 706-494-0050</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 78/78 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—40 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 35 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Evening Social—Mon thru Wed ■ Free Parking 	15 Peak Rooms	\$124 + tax
 <p>SpringHill Suites Columbus 5415 Whittlesey Blvd., 31904 706-576-3773</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 89/89 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 1 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—30 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 30 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	35 Peak Rooms	\$93 + tax
 <p>Wingate by Wyndham Columbus 1711 Rollins Way, 31904 706-225-1000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No. of Rooms/Suites — 84/2 ■ No. of Meeting Rooms — 2 ■ Max. Banquet Seating—25 ■ Theater/Classroom Seating — 30/30 ■ Internet Access ■ Pool & Health Club ■ Continental Breakfast ■ Free Parking 	40 Peak Rooms	\$75 + tax

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



Columbus, GA Whitewater

The world's longest urban whitewater course in the world flows through Uptown—the original heart of Columbus. This course includes class 3 and 4 rapids over 2 miles and takes you past historic downtown and along the banks of Georgia and Alabama. This river restoration project provides excellent whitewater conditions, but also re-establishes the natural habitat of many indigenous species, including the shoal bass, fresh water mussel and spiderlilly. Enjoy the Blue Heron Adventure as well; a dual zip-line across the Chattahoochee River!

Visit the Columbus Museum

Marvel at ever-changing venues of art and artifacts at one of the largest art museums in the Southeast. Noted for its concentration on American art and history of the Chattahoochee Valley, the collection features over 14,000 pieces in permanent and traveling exhibition galleries of fine and decorative art, a regional history gallery, and hands-on discovery gallery for children—of all ages.

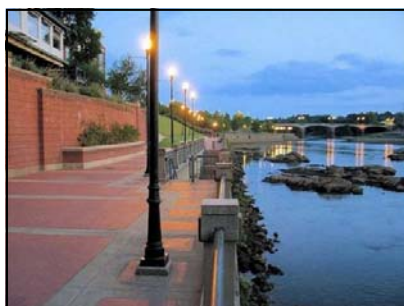


Tour Historic Columbus

Travel through time with a tour of two of Columbus' significant houses located on Broadway, a brick paved street lined with ancient oaks and century-old homes. While on this heritage tour you'll learn about the homes and families who lived there, including the Walker-Peters-Langdon House, which is traditionally considered the oldest house in the original city of Columbus—built in the city's first year (1828). With a basement kitchen, a drying house and "necessary," you'll witness what life might have been like in the mid-nineteenth century in Columbus.

Experience the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park

Here you can trace the footsteps of the Infantryman from the Revolutionary War to events in the Persian Gulf and battles in between. Visitors can see displays of edged weapons, uniforms, and vehicles of the U.S Infantry. While you're here you can experience a movie in the Imax Theater or have target practice in the virtual Rifle Range. The museum includes a gift shop and the Fife and Drum restaurant. World War II Street is located adjacent to the parade field on the grounds and features a WWII-era mess hall, chapel, and General Patton's sleeping quarters, as well as other period buildings.



Stroll the RiverWalk

Navigate the shores of the river on the Chattahoochee RiverWalk. By foot or on wheels—you'll skirt the cityscape, examine historic monuments and markers, and take in the wild beauty of the rolling river and the native wildlife. This 15-mile linear park spans the riverfront from Lake Oliver City Marina south to the National Infantry Museum and then continues into Ft. Benning. Ideal for all types of groups.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



Discover Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center

Tread lightly amid native flora and fauna at Oxbow Meadows, where nature takes its course. Ramble among ponds and vegetation where butterflies and birds, turtles and dragonflies—and the occasional snake or two - reign supreme. Get hands-on at the Environmental Learning Center and experience the region's natural history.

Blast Off at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center

Walk into the Space Center and discover a universe of cosmic wonder and high tech exploration. Travel to unknown worlds through NASA exhibits and interactive displays that educate as well as entertain. Visitors of all ages find themselves right in the middle of the action. Experience the unique, state of the art Omnisphere Planetarium Theatre with Feature Shows, Laser Concerts, Star Shows, and Children's Shows. Team building is at its best with a customized Mission to Mars.



Set Sail at the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus

The nation's only Civil War Naval Museum gives visitors a chance to discover the most pivotal period of naval history. Featured exhibits—follow Admiral Farragut onto a replica of his flagship, *USS Hartford*. Go below deck and see where the sailors slept, ate and passed time. Climb on board the famous ironclad *CSS Albermarle* and brace yourself for combat as the ship comes under attack and the crew scrambles to battle stations. Then, stand at the bow of the *CSS Jackson* and view the 225-foot long hull of the largest surviving scratch-made ironclad in the world.

Be Starstruck at the Springer Opera House

Also known as the State Theatre of Georgia, the Springer Opera House has been a leading Southern cultural institution for over 135 years. As you stroll from the gaslit street into the splendid Edwardian Grand Lobby, you can easily imagine the Nineteenth Century merchants, tradesmen, farmers, steamboat passengers and arts patrons streaming into the theatre eager to catch their first glimpse of Oscar Wilde, Ma Rainey or Lillie Langtry.



Follow the Black Heritage Trail

Trace the passion and progress of Columbus' rich African-American heritage, whose roots run deep as the Chattahoochee River. From a Horace King-built bridge to the Liberty Theatre, this tour, featuring 26 sites of historical and social importance, illuminates the history and development of Columbus' African-American community in a profound, new way.

GOLF OPTIONS

These golf courses are open to the public for your enjoyment. We offer a 36-hole and a 9-hole golf course with tees for all skills, a practice facility with target greens, an area for chipping and pitching as well as bunker play. A separate putting course is also provided for your use. The clubhouses offer fully stocked golf shops and snacks for your enjoyment.

Bull Creek Golf Club (GSGA)

(706) 561-1614 36 holes

Monday and Wednesday-

9 Holes with Cart \$15.00

18 Holes with Cart \$25.00

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday-

9 Holes with Cart \$24.00

18 Holes with Cart \$36.00

Weekends and Holidays-

9 Holes with Cart \$26.00

18 Holes with Cart \$38.00

Range Balls—\$3

Oxbow Creek Golf Course (GSGA)

(706) 689-9977 9 holes

Weekdays-

9 Holes \$11.00

18 Holes \$28.00

Weekends-

9 Holes \$20.00

18 Holes \$25.00

Range Balls—\$3, Small; \$5 Medium; \$7 Large



TENNIS OPTIONS

Cooper Creek Tennis Center is made up of 30 clay courts with lights, a championship court with seating for 500, concessions, restrooms, and a clubhouse. These courts are open to the public.

Cooper Creek Tennis Courts

(706) 653-4645

Daily Court Fees:

Adult - \$2.50 - \$3.00 per hour

Junior/Seniors - \$1.50 - \$2.00 per hour



Columbus Civic Center

- Arena can be configured for a variety of events including hockey, basketball, and exhibits
- 10,000 seating capacity
- Hospitality suites totaling 5,000 sq. ft. which can be reconfigured to as little as 1500 sq. ft.
- Full service kitchen and support personnel, and equipment for move-in



RiverCenter

- 275,000 sq. ft.
- 2,000 seat multi-purpose Bill Heard Theatre
- 430-seat Legacy hall
- 150-seat Studio Theater



CCVB History (select)

Civic Center

- Georgia Republican Party — 5,000
- Jehovah's Witness — 15,000

Trade Center

- International Trumpet Guild — 1,200
- International Trombone Festival — 800

Other

- ISSF U.S. World Cup – International — 800
- Georgia High School Association — 13,000
- 1996 Olympics – International — 30,000



CCVB Benefits

Ambassador Support

- Registration
- Hospitality
- Customized name badges
- Welcome bags
- Tour planning
- Housing bureau



Visitor Information

Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Web Site: <http://www.visitcolumbusga.com>

Georgia Visitors Center

Exit 12, I-185
1751 Williams Road
Columbus, GA 31904
706-649-7455

Ft. Benning Information Center

Benning Blvd. at Custer Rd.
Ft. Benning, GA 31905
706-545-7510

GA Department of Economic Development

75 Fifth Street, N.W.
Suite 1200
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 463-3914

City Services

Emergency Numbers

Police911
Fire911
Ambulance911
Poison Control800-282-5846

Hospitals

Doctors Specialty Hospital706-571-4262
616 19th Street

Midtown Medical Center706-571-1000
710 Center Street

Northside Medical Center.....706-494-2100
100 Frist Court

St. Francis Hospital.....706-596-4000
2122 Manchester Expressway

