



DESTINATION

C O L U M B U S

Another Columbus Discovery



Columbus, Wisconsin, is a renaissance city. The residents have always known what a great place it is but the rest of the world is quickly finding out as well. The recent excitement and attention generated by the film *Public Enemies* starring Johnny Depp is a reminder that here, history mixes liberally with shopping, dining, and sightseeing.

EVENTS

The city also hosts several special community events that make a visit to Columbus memorable.

One of the more unusual events held each year in Columbus is the Carriage Classic. Held the weekend of June 14–15, the Carriage Classic is one of the finest carriage driving events in America. Over 100 competitors demonstrate their skill driving beautiful horses and ponies hitched to

a variety of antique and new carriages and wagons through a test course. This unique sport tests the abilities of the driver and/or the horse depending on the class. Saturday, June 14, the carriages take to the streets of Columbus for a three-mile tour of residential and



business districts providing a wonderful opportunity for spectators to view the charming horse-drawn vehicles in action.

The founding patrons of the Carriage Classic, Todd and Cheryl Frey, own Colonial Carriage Works, one of the premier suppliers of carriages, sleighs, antique carriage lamps, parts, and driving equipment. Colonial Carriage offers a wide range of new carriages for competitions and commercial use as well as restoration of pre-owned and antique carriages. Whether you own a carriage or just love great hats, you'll enjoy looking at the wide variety of period hats they offer.

The Carriage Classic is held in Columbus Fireman's Park, a lovely setting for events with a meandering creek and delightful historic pavilion. The park is also the site of the Columbus Fourth of July celebration—a wonderful old-fashioned event with a parade, carnival, and music.

DINING

When you need a break, it's time to head to Julie's Java. Offering the finest in fair-trade coffee, Julie's Java is the perfect respite with comfortable, cozy surroundings and a friendly staff. Julie's is about more than just super coffee. Lunch is served daily and features freshly made soups, salads, and sandwiches. Finish off with a tasty pastry.

On your way to or from Columbus be sure and stop at the recently opened Sassy Cow Creamery, seven miles north of Sun Prairie on County Road N. The creamery bottles and sells traditional and organic milk (they maintain two separate herds) and a nice selection of local products at their on-site retail store. They will soon also have heavy cream, butter, and ice cream, all produced in their facility.

Downtown Columbus is a treasure trove of classic, beautifully restored late nineteenth and early twentieth-century buildings. Many now house great shops and restaurants catering to a wide range of tastes.

SHOPPING

The Columbus Antique Mall and Museum is Wisconsin's largest antique mall with over 82,000 square feet of antiques displayed and sold by 222 of Wisconsin's finest dealers in 444 booths in 18 rooms. You'll find special sales and 13,000+ square feet of furniture alone. The antique mall houses the Christopher Columbus Museum featuring a display of memorabilia from the 1893 Columbian Exposition.



More than just antiques, Columbus also has something for every taste. Inhabitz is a must stop for those who like modern, classic, and urban flair in interior design and furnishings. They specialize in leather and fabric furniture with clean elegant lines, unusual conversation furniture pieces, lamps, glassware, serving pieces, and wall art.

If you've never been to Columbus, it's time to go. Whether it's finding that old-time treasure, buying the perfect accent piece for your house, or watching a parade of elegant carriages and horse teams, Columbus is a delight that's worth the drive. Christopher Columbus was a great explorer, now you can be too.

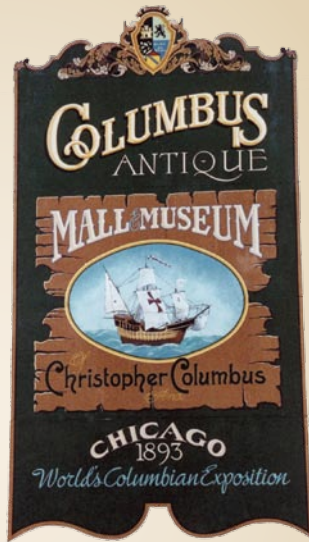
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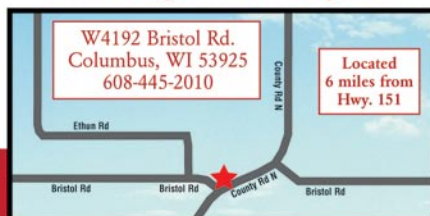
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