

# Destination Facts

## 1. Taxes

- a. How much is the total cumulative hotel tax?  
16.75%
- b. How much is the F&B tax?  
6.75%
- c. How much is the average F&B gratuity?  
22%

## 2. Airport

- a. How many miles from the airport to downtown ?  
8 miles
- b. Is there public transportation, such as a bus or subway available?  
Yes, a bus/taxi/shuttle
- c. How much does the public transportation cost?  
COTA Bus: \$1.75
- d. What is the shuttle bus fare from the airport to downtown?  
\$17.00
- e. What is the taxi fare from airport to downtown?  
\$25.00
- f. How many daily flights into the airport? 140-150
- g. How many daily flights out of airport? 140-150
- h. Is the airport a hub for any carrier  
NO.
- i. What are the major carriers serving airport?  
-Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Southwest  
United & US Airways

## 3. Hotels

- a. How many committable hotel rooms downtown on peak night?  
2,900
- b. How many committable hotel rooms downtown on peak within  
walking distance to convention center? 550
- c. How many headquarter hotel properties? 2
- d. How many rooms available on peak night at the largest  
headquarter property? 550
- e. Can you list hotels by rating?? 5 star , 4 star, 3 star? Experiencecolumbus.com

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### 4. Convention Center

- a. How many total gross square feet of exhibit space at Convention Center? 410,000 sq ft
- b. How much of this exhibit space is contiguous? 336,000 sq ft
- c. How many total gross square feet of meeting space is available at the Convention center? 107,000 sqft
- d. How many meeting rooms does the convention center have? 65
- e. How big is the largest meeting room? 74,000 sq ft
- f. How many ballrooms does the convention center have? 3
- g. How big is the largest ballroom? 74,000 SQ ft
- h. When was the last renovation or expansion? 2010 . . .
- i. When is a future renovation/expansion scheduled? N/A
- j. Is there free Wi-Fi at the convention center?  
Yes, 2 hot spots in the food court only
- k. Is there an exclusive in-house Electrical provider? yes
- l. Is there an exclusive in-house AV provider? no
- m. Is there an exclusive in-house decorator? no
- n. Is there an exclusive in house caterer? Yes, Aramark
- o. Is the convention center a union property? No
- p. If union property, can you provide estimated pricing list? N/A
- q. Here are a list of labor unions with whom planners will be required to work at the convention center: N/A

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### 5. Off Site Venues

- a. How many off site venues within walking distance can host up to 2,000 people? 3, Nationwide, LC Pavilion, Columbus Commons
- b. How many off site venues within a ten-minute bus transfer can host up to 2,000 people? 3, Aladdin Shrine, Cosi, Ohio Union
- c. How many restaurants are within walking distance of the convention center? 200+
- d. Can you list 3-5 local attractions and there whereabouts?

#### Attractions-Farms, Parks & Gardens

##### Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

1777 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43203  
Phone: 614-645-8733

Toll Free:

Fax: 614-645-5921

Description: Botanical garden, Chihuly artwork, cafe, gift shop

[www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)

#### Attractions-Museums

##### Columbus Museum of Art

480 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Phone: 614-221-6801

Fax: 614-221-0226

Description: Great experiences with great art for everyone!

[www.columbusmuseum.org](http://www.columbusmuseum.org)

##### COSI

333 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Phone: 614-228-2674

Fax: 614-629-3150

Description: COSI is Columbus' dynamic hands-on science center.

[www.cosi.org](http://www.cosi.org)

#### Attractions-Wildlife

##### Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

4850 W. Powell Rd.  
P.O. Box 400  
Powell, OH 43065

Phone: 614-645-3550

Toll Free:

Fax: 614-645-3465

Description: The Columbus Zoo is a world of