LIVING IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati is a major city in Southwestern of Ohio. Located on the Ohio River, it borders both Indiana and Kentucky. With a population over 2 million, the Cincinnati metropolitan area is a major economic and cultural hub. The Cincinnati metropolitan area is the 28th largest economy in the United States, containing the headquarters of multiple Fortune 500 companies. The city is undergoing continued new development and growth and there is something for everyone.

The University of Cincinnati, founded in 1819, is one of the 50 largest colleges in the United States.

Sports

Cincinnati has 3 major league sports teams including baseball (Cincinnati Reds), football (Cincinnati Bengals) and soccer (FC Cincinnati). Cincinnati hosts the ATP Masters Western and Southern tennis tournament each year which attracts the best tennis players in the world. Cincinnati is also home to two college sports teams, University of Cincinnati’s Bearcats and Xavier University Musketeers. We also have a minor league AA professional hockey team, the Cincinnati Cyclones.

Music, Theater and Arts

The Aronoff Center, a large performing arts venue in downtown Cincinnati, hosts multiple touring Broadway shows throughout the year, along with other various performing arts performances. Cincinnati Music Hall, built in 1878, is designated as a National Historic Landmark. It is home to the Cincinnati Opera (the nation’s 2nd oldest opera company), Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (the nation’s 6th oldest symphony orchestra), and the Cincinnati Ballet.
The Cincinnati Art Museum contains more than 60,000 works across 6,000 years of history. It is located in Eden Park, a 186-acre urban hilltop park that offers beautiful overlooks of the Ohio River Valley. In addition to the Art Museum, Eden Park also contains Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Krohn Conservatory, Twin Lakes and a 172-foot high Water Tower built in 1894.

Cincinnati also hosts multiple music events throughout the year, including Bunbury Music Festival.

Recreation & Outdoor Activities

Cincinnati has multiple outdoor activities to suit everyone’s interest.

- **Running:** The city hosts multiple running races throughout the year from 5Ks to marathons and beyond, including the Flying Pig Marathon, which attracts runners from all over the country, and the American Heart Association Heart Mini. There is typically at least one race going on almost every week.

- **Biking:** The Little Miami Scenic Trail, is the 3rd longest paved trail in the United States, running 78 miles and connected to several other trails. This shaded trail runs along the banks of the Little Miami River, and is ideal for biking, running and walking.

- **Canoeing and kayaking:** With multiple river systems and lakes in the region, there are venues for canoeing and kayaking.

- **Hiking:** There are hundreds of miles of hiking trails within a couple of hours of Cincinnati, from easy to difficult. Mt. Airy Forest, Ault Park, Eden Park, Sharon Woods and the Cincinnati Nature Center are within the metropolitan area. Hocking Hills and The Red River Gorge are within a few hours drive.

- **Festivals:** Cincinnati hosts a variety of festivals throughout the year. Cincinnati Riverfest is an annual festival on the Ohio river over Labor Day weekend that has one of the largest fireworks displays in the Midwest. Oktoberfest Zinzinnati is the
largest Octoberfest celebration in the Country and the 2nd largest in the world, behind the original in Munich, Germany. Blink is one of the largest light projection events in the nation. This annual event spans more than 30 blocks and crosses the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge into Northern Kentucky.

Major Attractions

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanic Gardens (home to Fiona!) is one of the oldest zoos in the United States and ranked the #1 zoo in the nation by USA today 2019 Summer Reader’s Choice poll. It hosts an annual Festival of Lights to celebrate the winter season, displaying more than 3 million lights.

King’s Island is a 364-acre amusement park with over 100 rides, 15 roller coasters and a water park with over 35 water slides.

Riverwalk is a 4-mile long trail along the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati. It includes sites such as the Roebling Suspension Bridge, Smale Riverfront Park, Sawyer Point, and crossing over to Kentucky over the Purple People Bridge.

Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, chartered in 1845, is the 3rd largest cemetery in the United States and recognized as a US Historic Landmark. With miles of trails punctuated by trees, ponds, sculptures, and footbridges, it is a great place to walk.

National Underground Railroad & Freedom Center sits along the banks of the Ohio River where thousands of slaves crossed from Kentucky into Cincinnati following the Underground Railroad to reach freedom.

Findlay Market, opened in 1855 and located in Over-the-Rhine, contains locally sourced, artisan and specialty foods with more than 50 full-time merchants. It includes a mix of food stalls and market vendors on the outside and on weekends, a large Farmers Market.