

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

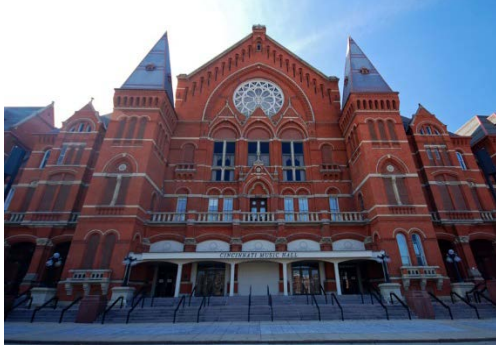
### Sports

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest opera company), **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** (the nation's 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Red River Gorge

- *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 Oktoberfest celebration in the Country and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Blink 2019



### 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.



Cincinnati Zoo Festival of 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 **Roebing 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.