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Hugging the Chattahoochee River, the city of Columbus was originally focused on cotton trading and the textile industry. Now, Columbus is a thriving arts-focused city of almost 200,000 and the home of several large corporations, including Aflac, Synovus and TSYS.

The hometown of writer Carson McCullers, artist Bo Bartlett and American blues singer Ma Rainey, Columbus is widely recognized as a growing center for the fine and performing arts. Here you will find the stunning [RiverCenter for the Arts](#), the [Springer Opera House](#), the [Columbus Museum](#), the [Columbus Artists' Guild](#), the [Columbus Symphony Orchestra](#) and the [Columbus Ballet](#), as well as the art, theatre, and music programs and venues of Columbus State University.

Other community landmarks include the [National Infantry Museum](#), the [National Civil War Naval Museum](#), the city's 20-mile [RiverWalk](#), CSU's [Coca Cola Space Science Center](#) and numerous parks and athletic venues. Nearby you will find [Fort Benning](#), [Pasaquan](#), beautiful [Callaway Gardens](#) and the thriving city of Atlanta.

For more information on Columbus and the surrounding area, visit the [New Georgia Encyclopedia: Columbus](#) or the [Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau](#).