



Expat Essentials

Living in Columbus,
Ohio

\\ Your Bite-Sized Relocation Guide

Columbus, Ohio

Columbus, Ohio or the Discovery City, as the locals know it, is a vibrant city that offers a wealth of opportunities for expats seeking a friendly, affordable, and exciting life in the USA. In Columbus, your career flourishes amidst a **thriving commercial real estate market** fuelled by innovation and collaboration. Where affordability reigns supreme, offering spacious homes and a comfortable cost of living compared to major UK cities, **Columbus is the perfect move for Cost Managers seeking a dynamic city that seamlessly blends urban energy with small-town charm.**

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Finances

Let's talk finances. Columbus boasts a **lower cost of living**, sales and tax compared to other major cities. In fact, unlike the average American, who shells out 8.25% in sales tax, **Columbus boasts a combined 7.5% tax** thanks to the absence of a city sales tax, meaning more take-home pay in your pocket to explore Columbus' world-class art and restaurant scene.

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Career Opportunities

The city's vibrant commercial real estate market, spanning office, industrial, and multifamily sectors, is brimming with potential for qualified international professionals. In particular, **cost management is considered a valuable occupation**, especially if you possess expertise in niche property types or development stages unfamiliar to local professionals. This sought-after skill set could position you to **earn more** while also opening doors in companies involved in international real estate transactions, seeking your understanding of global markets and cost management practices.



Housing

Columbus offers a **diverse housing market** catering to various lifestyles, from bustling downtown living to quiet suburban neighbourhoods. Housing options range from charming historical districts to modern suburbs, all at attractive price points. With a strong international presence thanks to its universities and diverse neighbourhoods, **Columbus's bar and restaurant scene is bustling** with award-winning gastropubs, trendy speakeasies and rooftop bars suitable for all budgets.

Be prepared to provide additional documentation such as proof of employment, visa status, and financial statements. Understanding landlord-tenant laws and any expat-specific regulations can be tricky. **But not to worry**, the experienced team at Capstone America is well-versed in supporting expats through international relocations and can advise you on navigating these requirements smoothly.



Visas



Although Ohio itself has no specific visa requirements, you'll still need a valid US visa to live and work. There are various types of visas available, each with its own eligibility requirements and application process. Consider exploring options like **H-1B (skilled workers)**, **family-based visas** should you already have loved ones in the US or a Green Card sponsored by your new employer.

With years of experience relocating expats to the USA, Capstone America can expertly guide you through the process, recommending suitable visa options based on your unique situation and ensuring a smooth transition to your new life in Columbus.



— — → Ready to embark on your **Columbus** adventure?