**Things to Do in Columbia**

<https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/visitor-info/visitors-guide>

[**Main Street District's E-Rover**](http://mainstcolasc.com/yellow-shirts/)

Call City Center Partnership's E-rover to catch a free ride anywhere within the 36-block area bounded by Gervais, Elmwood, Assembly and Marion streets. Call (803) 309-7758 (Monday through Sunday, 7:30 am to 11:00 pm).

**FREE**

[**Riverfront Park**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/riverfront-park/15732/)**, 312 Laurel Street (1.3 miles from hotel)**

**F**ollowed by a leisurely three mile stroll to the end will reward you with a magnificent view of the river water from the waterworks infrastructure cascading down into the canal below.

[**Finlay Park**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/finlay-park/15478/)**, 930 Laurel Street** (0.6 miles from hotel)

Finlay Park is an oasis in the heart of downtown. Finlay has two playground areas, a man-made lake, waterfalls, a fountain, playing fields, a pergola with swings, and a snack bar that is open in the summer. This is one of the largest handicapped accessible parks in the country. The paved paths are also ideal for strollers.

[**State House**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/south-carolina-state-house/15796/)**, 1100 Gervais Street** (0.4 miles from hotel)

The State House offers free guided and self-guided tours Monday through Friday for a bit of history and political insight.

[**Congaree Vista District**](https://www.vistacolumbia.com/), (same area as hotel)

Located along the banks of the Congaree River, the Vista is one of Columbia’s most vibrant arts, dining, and entertainment districts. Once a vital warehouse district filled with textile mills and railroad stations, the Vista played a central role in the growth and development of Columbia. Today, the Vista is again the center of activity as the city’s premier location for commercial, residential, shopping, dining, and cultural offerings with over 45 restaurants and bars, 60 artists’ galleries and specialty shops.

[**Five Points neighborhood**](http://www.fivepointscolumbia.com/assets/images/5pts_visitorsguide17_web_sm.pdf), (~1.5 miles from hotel)

Five Points Association is a village of diverse neighbors ranging from young to old – the heart of Columbia culture for college students, young professionals, families, and senior citizens. Five Points Association offers eclectic boutiques, casual bistros, fine dining, and active night spots, all within this walk-able district.

[**Food Fest**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/event/food-fest/53875/), Thursday, June 7 **Main Street**: The Carolina's Caribbean Culture Festival welcomes you to Columbia as we launch an all new tasteful experience with our daytime Food Fest from 2pm to 8pm on Main St. Come feast and enjoy international dishes that represents many different cultures from around the world like famous Jamaican jerk chicken rice and peas, Indian curry beef to the Latin Cuisines and much more!

**FOR A FEE**

[**Columbia Museum of Art**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/columbia-museum-of-art/15402/), **1515 Main Street** (0.7 miles from hotel)

No trip to Columbia is complete without visiting this National Medial Winning museum.

[**South Carolina State Museum**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/south-carolina-state-museum/16173/), **301 Gervais Street** (0.8 miles from hotel)

The South Carolina State Museum is a state-of-the-art facility featuring four floors of permanent and changing exhibits, a digital dome planetarium, 4D interactive theater and an observatory. The State Museum, the largest and most comprehensive museum in the state, is located along the banks of the Congaree River in downtown Columbia

[**Riverbanks Zoo & Garden**](https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/listing/riverbanks-zoo-%26-garden/15731/), **500 Wildlife Parkway** (3.5 miles from hotel)

Riverbanks Zoo & Garden is home to more than 2,000 magnificent and fascinating animals and one of the nation's most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens.

[**USA Today’s Top 10 Historic Sites in Colombia**](https://www.10best.com/destinations/south-carolina/columbia/attractions/historic-sites/)