



General Description for Greater Cincinnati

THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

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Nestled among the hills of the Ohio River Valley, the City of Cincinnati is known for its great beauty with steep hills, wooded suburbs, a picturesque downtown riverfront, and four definite seasons. Awarded by *FORTUNE* magazine as one of the top ten places to live and work, you'll find friendly neighbors, great job opportunities, excellent schools, diverse religions, shopping, safety and lots of things to do - All this and affordable too!

Greater Cincinnati is comprised of 13 counties and the corners of three states - Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana – and is home to almost 2 million people. It features all the amenities of a large, bustling metropolis while maintaining a friendly, small town atmosphere - a unique balancing act - but one that makes the region a remarkably flexible location filled with a wealth of opportunities and options. With a generous share of Fortune 500 companies and a diverse roster of solid small, mid-sized, and larger businesses in its boundaries, Cincinnati offers virtually everything needed for business success.

For year-round fun, families pack such places as The Cincinnati Zoo, Krohn Conservatory, and the UnMuseum for children at the new Contemporary Arts Center, Museum Center, Newport Aquarium, Newport on the Levee and the Peace Bell. There are three casinos for gaming fans to try their luck-Argosy, Belterra and Grand Victoria. In the winter, it's skiing at Perfect North Slopes. In the summer, families flock to theme parks, including Paramount's Kings Island, Coney Island, The Beach Waterpark and LeSourdsville Lake Amusement Park. They also take to spectator sports, including sports games, car racing at Kentucky Speedway and Lawrenceburg Speedway.

The arts are a big deal in Cincinnati. There are galleries, theaters and museums, including the new Contemporary Arts Center and the Freedom Center. Every year in February, the city shows off its rich variety of art during Fine Arts Sampler Weekend featuring more than 100 free visual and performing arts, including the ballet, symphony, opera and Playhouse in the Park

Cincinnati is home to the first professional baseball team in the country, organized in 1869. Today, baseball is an all-time favorite, and the Cincinnati Reds continue to excite loyal fans at the new Great American Ball Park. The rest of the sports lineup includes Cincinnati Bengals football; Riverhawks soccer; Mighty Ducks and Cyclones hockey – in addition to tennis, horse and car racing. College and high school athletics are also hot tickets.