Cleveland

There's no question that Cleveland is a town devoted to sports. With three professional teams – each with their own distinct legacy – Cleveland is home to countless sports legends and a die-hard fan base that knows the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

In a League of Their Own

- Fans of America's favorite pastime can catch a baseball game at <u>Progressive Field</u>, home to the <u>Cleveland</u> <u>Guardians</u>. Visitors can enjoy a taste of local flavors as the stadium features grub from Cleveland favorites including Happy Dog, Great Lakes Brewing Co. Melt Bar & Grilled and Barrio Tacos.
- <u>Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse</u> is home to the 2016 NBA Champion <u>Cleveland Cavaliers</u> and <u>Cleveland</u> <u>Monsters</u> hockey team. Guests to the newly renovated FieldHouse immediately feel the transformation as they enter through an all glass façade reflecting the Cleveland skyline. More spacious concourses lead to new fan hospitality destinations, featuring specialty food and beverage and cutting-edge technology.
- Visitors who bark like a die-hard <u>Cleveland Browns</u> fan at <u>FirstEnergy Stadium</u> are sure to make fast friends. Win or lose, the team promises a premium stadium experience complete with cold beer and lots of energy. Tailgating starts early in the Muni Lot, so football fanatics should pack a cooler and get to know the locals as they await kick-off.

Sporting Events: Eleveland's Got Game

- The National Basketball Association's top talent will head to Cleveland to compete in the <u>2022 All-Star</u> <u>Game</u>, Feb. 18-20. This is sure to be a star-studded weekend as top names in sports, music and entertainment flock to The Land to see and be seen at the slam-dunk contest, celebrity game and rising stars competition.
- The top tennis athletes will compete in the second <u>Tennis in the Land</u>, Aug. 21-27, 2022. The event is a Women's Tennis Association 250 event and part of the U.S. Open Series. A temporary stadium court will be constructed in view of the downtown skyline at the riverfront Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica.
- After hosting the <u>NCAA Women's Basketball</u> Championship in 2007, Cleveland will again welcome the NCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball Tournament Final Four in 2024. The city will also host the 2025 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships First/Second Rounds and 2026 NCAA DI Men's Wrestling Championships.
- Cleveland will host the <u>2024 Pan-American Masters Games</u>, an Olympic-like sports festival for athletes over 30 years old held every four years in the Americas. It features nearly 20 medal-contending sports including track and field, tennis, basketball, pickle-ball and cycling. The event is expected to be the largest international gathering in Northeast Ohio's history, bringing over 7,500 athletes from more than 50 countries.

Pay Homage to the Legends

- Fans can relive all the great moments in football history at the <u>Pro Football Hall of Fame</u> in Canton, a short drive from Cleveland. The newly renovated museum pays homage to the greats of the game and features interactive exhibits that put visitors in the center of the gridiron action. Highlights include the immersive "A Game for Life" theater experience, which features holographic representations of Hall of Fame legends Joe Namath, George Halas and Vince Lombardi, and a growing collection of artifacts from the Black College Football Hall of Fame.
- The Pro Football Hall of Fame campus is expanding with the <u>Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village</u> development. Phase I of the project is complete with the new <u>Tom Benson Hall Of Fame Stadium</u> and <u>National Youth Football and Sports Complex</u>. Phase II is underway and includes construction of a Hilton Tapestry Hotel, an esports entertainment complex and an indoor football-themed waterpark.

- Travelers can step into the restored ticket booth of League Park one of the oldest ballparks in the world

 to visit the <u>Baseball Heritage Museum</u>. This free museum features exhibits and rare memorabilia from some of baseball's greatest players like Babe Ruth, Bob Feller and Joe DiMaggio. This museum also presents the rich history and diversity of baseball with programs, uniforms, signed baseballs and other keepsakes from various Latin and Women's leagues and the championship Negro League Buckeyes.
- Visitors to Cleveland can quickly garner a sense of place at the <u>Cleveland Starts Here®</u> exhibit at the Cleveland History Center. Sports fans can get a glimpse at rarely seen images, films, art and historical artifacts, including signage from the historic Municipal Stadium, original souvenir programs and LeBron James' 2016 NBA Championship shoes.

Gear Up!

- Tourists can wear their pride around town and back at home following a stop at <u>CLE Clothing Co</u>. The memento-filled shop, with locations on the corner of East 4th Street and Euclid Avenue in Downtown, in the Uptown district of University Circle and in Crocker Park in Westlake, stocks keepsakes from CLE t-shirts and team hoodies to Ohio LOVE buttons, car magnets and wooden cutting boards.Fans whose love extends beyond Cleveland, to the state of Ohio, can step into the historic <u>5th</u> <u>Street Arcades</u> for Ohio-themed apparel at <u>We Bleed Ohio</u>.
- <u>Johnnyville Woods</u> creates custom-engraved baseball bats for any sports enthusiast. Shoppers are encouraged to include hand-written signatures, crests and logos from their favorite team to create one-of-a-kind pieces to be passed down from generation to generation.
- Thrill-seeking adventurers can stop by <u>Geiger's</u> to prepare for any terrain. Visitors can suit up with expert camping, travel and fitness gear from brands like Patagonia, Sorel, The North Face, GoPro and Marmot.

Experience the Urban Outdoors

- Known as the "Emerald Necklace," the picturesque Cleveland Metroparks encircle the city with more than 24,000 acres of greenspace in 18 reservations, which offer more than 300 miles of trails for biking, running, hiking and general enjoyment. The <u>Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront Reservation</u> encompasses Wendy Park at Whiskey Island, Edgewater Park, East 55th Street Marina and Gordon Park for visitors who may be interested in taking a dip into Lake Erie after a good workout.
- The <u>Cuyahoga Valley National Park</u> and the <u>Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail</u> offer 19.5 miles of trails along the historic canal. Bikers, runners, walkers and the like are encouraged to step outside for a breath of fresh air on this trail, which runs through forests, fields and wetlands as it winds through the Cuyahoga River valley.
- Take in Instagram-ready views of the city skyline and Lake Erie from the <u>Oasis Marinas at North Coast</u> <u>Harbor</u>, located behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The area boasts 53 transient slips for day-trippers and day-dockers alike.
- Thrill-seekers can catch some rays while learning to stand-up paddleboard via <u>Aloha SUP</u> and <u>41° North</u> <u>Kayak Adventures</u>; the latter of which also offers kayaking lessons.
- <u>Great Lakes Watersports</u> on the West Bank of the Flats rents jet skis, boats and kayaks to the adventurous, while <u>River Cruiser Kayaking</u> offers tours of area waterways, including the Cuyahoga River, Ohio Erie Canal and the Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation.

