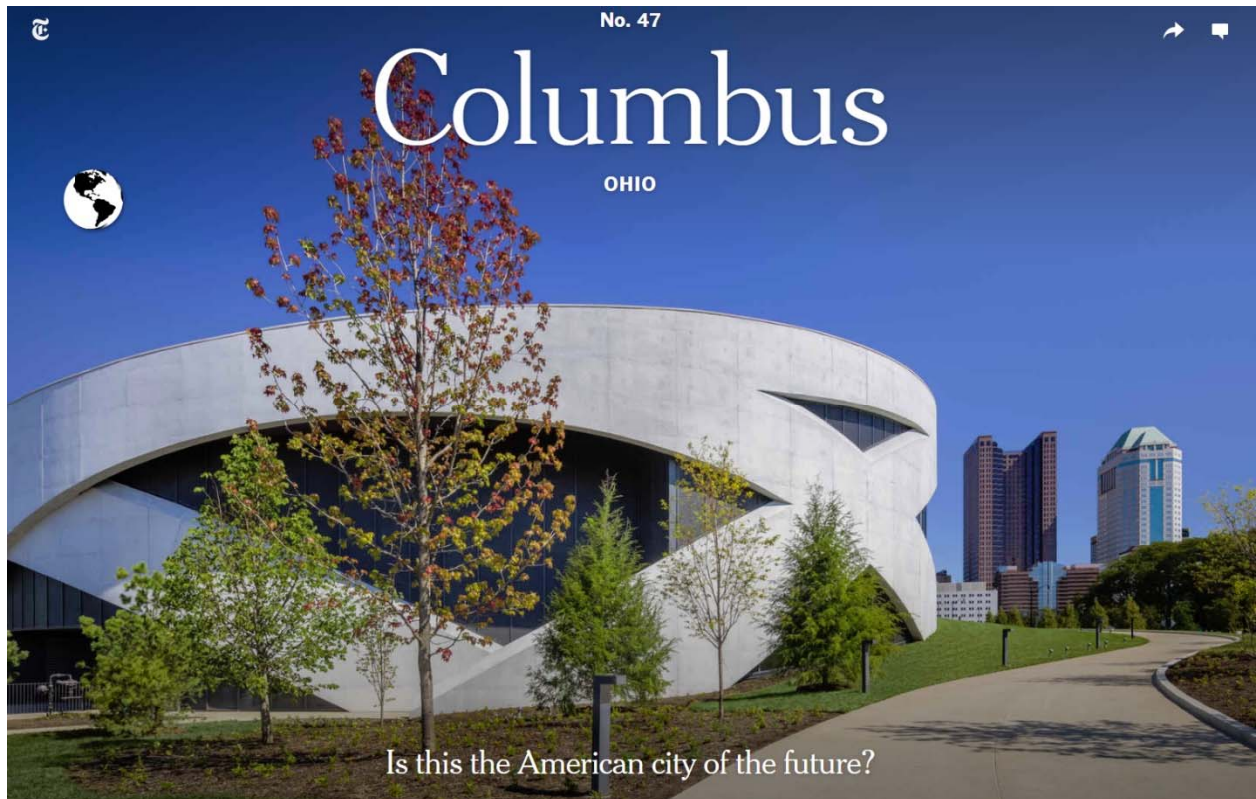


52 Places to Go in 2019

• No. 47 Columbus



The National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus. Brad Feinknopf

With a revitalized riverfront and booming downtown, Columbus is already one of the nation's fastest-growing cities. Now, it's poised to become the model for the future of innovative urban transportation, with self-driving shuttles carrying travelers along the Scioto Mile, which recently completed a massive revitalization, adding 33 acres of riverfront green space for festivals, water sports and outdoor art. (The newly opened National Veterans Memorial and Museum also sits on the Scioto Peninsula.) Among the newest dining options are Veritas, which specializes in small-plate offerings; Service Bar, run by the young chef Avishar Barua, a veteran of New York's Mission Chinese and WD-50; and in the North Market neighborhood, veggie-forward Little Eater. The ultracool Short North Arts District offers access to the city's notable local businesses like the new fashion store Thread and the original Jeni's ice cream store. But don't skip Italian Village and German Village neighborhoods, where innovators and dreamers have opened destination shops like Stump Plants and Vernacular and bars like Cosecha.

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