



# Uncover a Whole New Downtown

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## Downtown Outings and Itineraries

### “Saks in the City”

- Saks Fifth Avenue – 101 W. Fifth Street
- Via Vite Restaurant – 520 Vine Street
- Tiffany & Co. - 505 Vine Street
- Brooks Brothers – 505 Vine Street
- Mike and Carol Trotta – 406 Walnut Street
- Palm Court at Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza – 35 W. Fifth Street

So you've seen *Sex in the City*, but have you lived it? Begin the day by treating yourself to valet parking at **Saks Fifth Avenue**. Try on those Jimmie Choo shoes you've been dreaming about or explore the variety of handbags ranging from Dolce and Gabbana to Dior and Juicy Couture. After so much shopping, you're sure to have worked up an appetite so head for lunch at **Via Vite** on Fountain Square. If the weather is nice, be sure to ask for a seat on the balcony overlooking the Genius of Water. With soups such as leek and potato with truffle oil or salads like grilled asparagus with roasted beets and goat cheese, even the most discriminating palette will be pleased. If you're looking for something a bit more filling, pastas and entrees are also available. After a brief respite, it's time to continue shopping at **Tiffany & Co.** and **Brooks Brothers**, both located across from Fountain Square. Before you stop for the day, visit **Mike and Carol Trotta** for fine service and fine clothing. It's a couple of blocks away on Walnut Street. Now it's time to de-stress with drinks at the **Palm Court** located inside the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. It's an Art Deco masterpiece, and they serve a mean Cosmopolitan!

### “Stamp your Passport”

- Café de Paris -17 Garfield Place
- Contemporary Arts Center – 44 W. Sixth Street
- Akash India - 24 E. Sixth Street
- Nada Restaurant -600 Walnut Street
- Nicholson's Pub & Tavern - 625 Walnut Street

With this itinerary, you can visit several different countries without having to use your passport. Begin your day at **Café de Paris** where you can practice your French while ordering your morning coffee, espresso and croissant. Sit outside in Piatt Park, read the paper and watch the passerbys. There's no better way to learn about a culture than by watching, right? After breakfast, leisurely stroll the streets of downtown Cincinnati. Go ahead, window shop, look around because you never know what you may find. Spend the rest of the morning inside the **Contemporary Arts Center** where you are sure to see something from a world-class artist. The CAC's building was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Zaha Hadid. When it's time for lunch, stop in **Akash India** for their exotic lunch buffet. Or visit **Nada**, just across the street from the CAC. Try their prickly pear margarita or mahi mahi tacos. If the weather outside is lovely, be sure to enjoy their patio dining. If that's not enough world traveling for you, then stop in **Nicholson's** just down the street from Nada where you'll find authentic Scottish charm, food and spirits. Pull up a seat at the 80 foot mahogany bar and sample a single malt scotch.

## **“Saturday Guy’s Day”**

- Straus Tobacconist - 410 Walnut Street
- Batsakes Hat Shop -1 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- City Cellars -908 Race Street
- Jeff Ruby’s Restaurant – 700 Walnut Street
- Great American Ball Park – Riverfront

It’s time for the guys to hang out – downtown. Begin your day by visiting **Straus Tobacconist**. Step into their walk-in humidor and their knowledgeable sales staff can help you find just the right handmade cigar. Follow this with a stop at **Batsakes Hat Shop** which is no ordinary hat shop. Their client list includes the late Luciano Pavaratti, George Bush, Bill Cosby and Bob Dylan, and their hat selection is the tops! If you have time, stay for a shoe shine. Need to fill your wine cellar at home or just want to pick up a bottle or two of something new, then check out **City Cellars**, an urban wine store that stocks wine you won’t find at Kroger. Take a break at **Jeff Ruby’s** restaurant and enjoy their outdoor patio. You can light up one of your cigars and take in the people-watching. End your day with a game at the **Great American Ball Park**, home of the Cincinnati Reds.

## **“Discount Shopping Day”**

- TJ Maxx -18 W. Fourth Street
- Fourth Street Boutique -133 W. Fourth Street
- Tower Place Mall’s Food Court – 28 W. Fourth Street
- Fountain Square – [www.myfountainsquare.com](http://www.myfountainsquare.com)
- Graeter’s – 511 Walnut Street

If you’re looking for a day of shopping that will be fun, but easy on the pocket book, this is the outing for you. Browse the racks at **TJ Maxx** to find a deal on designer brands, jewelry, home accessories and lots more. Just across the street, you’ll find the **Fourth Street Boutique**, one of the best thrift stores in town and proceeds benefit Dress for Success. If it’s time for lunch, then visit the **Food Court at Tower Place Mall** where you’ll find a variety of fast food from Chinese to Japanese and more. If you happen to be shopping on a Saturday, then end your day at **Fountain Square** for a free double feature. It’s just the like drive-in but without the cars. Free Movie Nights on Fountain Square runs throughout the summer. If it happens to be your birthday, then you are in for another treat – a free scoop of one of their many world-famous, handmade ice cream flavors at **Graeter’s** located on Fountain Square.

Note: For Tower Place Mall hours visit <http://www.towerplace.com/>. Additionally, Fourth Street Boutique operates Tues. – Fri. 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **“Family Friendly ”**

- Cincinnati Fire Museum -315 W. Court Street
- Izzy’s Deli - 800 Elm Street
- Main Library – 800 Vine Street

Load up the kids in the mini-van and make your first stop the **Cincinnati Fire Museum**. Try your hand at the bucket brigade, or take a seat in a fire truck, wail the sirens and flash the lights. It’s a lot of fun and a great way to learn fire safety. Time for lunch? Then walk to **Izzy’s**, a Cincinnati tradition known for their corned beef, homemade soups and potato pancakes. Finish the day with

a trip to the **Main Library** for story time or browsing the collection. Monday through Thursday at 3:00 p.m. a children's librarian will read aloud from a favorite book.

Note: For hours as well as special events visit <http://www.cincyfiremuseum.com/> , and for a complete list of library programs and hours visit <http://www.cincinnati.org/main/>

### **“Nostalgic”**

- Hathaway's Coffee Shop – 441 Vine Street
- Carew Tower -441 Vine Street
- Carriage Ride, boarding around Fountain Square
- Dixie Terminal Building – Fourth and Walnut Streets

In the mood to get a feel for authentic Cincinnati? Then start your day at the counter at **Hathaway's Coffee Shop** in the Carew Tower where many of the wait staff have served Cincinnatians for decades. Try one of the daily specials topped off with a handmade milkshake is sure to hit the spot. Now that you've seen the **Carew Tower** at street level, it's time to get a higher perspective. Take the elevator to the Observation Deck and take in the view of the city from its tallest building. The Carew Tower might just seem familiar to you. That's because it was used in the opening credits of the daytime drama *The Edge of Night*. You can even learn a little history in the process. For example, the designers of the Carew Tower were the same people who built the Empire State building in New York City. Be sure to take in the art deco themes, friezes and decorative metal used throughout. When you finish exploring Carew Tower, walk across the street to Fountain Square and hop in a **horse drawn carriage**. There's nothing like touring downtown in an old fashioned horse and buggy. Finally, you can't leave without a visit to the **Dixie Terminal Building**, located on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets. Built in 1921, it once served as a street car terminal as well as stock exchange. Be sure to admire the Rookwood Pottery façade. This building might seem familiar too – a scene from the movie *Rain Man* was filmed inside.

### **“Saturday Morning”**

- Shadeau Bread -1336 Main Street
- Coffee Emporium -110 E. Central Parkway
- Findlay Market -1801 Race Street
- Wooden Nickel -1410 Central Parkway

Explore Cincinnati in the early hours and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Begin your day by visiting **Shadeau Bread**, known for its homemade breads and pastries. Treat yourself to a pastry in the morning and pick up a freshly baked loaf of bread for tonight's dinner, then make the short trip to the **Coffee Emporium** for your caffeine fix. After your appetite is filled, drive to **Findlay Market**, the area's oldest continuously running public markets. Pick up some of the area's freshest produce for dinner, buy some flowers or find something to snack on. You're sure to find plenty to do, between shopping, people watching and enjoying the various street performers. Round out your day by making the quick drive to the **Wooden Nickel** and browse the unique collection of antiques and stained glass, you might just discover something you can't live without!

NOTE: Shadeau Bread is closed Sunday. More information regarding hours and events for Findlay Market can be found at <http://www.findlaymarket.org/>

### **“I Love Cincinnati”**

- I Love Cincinnati Shoppe – 28 W. Fourth
- Carew Tower Observation Deck – 28 W. Fourth Street

- Skyline Chili - 643 Vine or 254 E. Fourth Street
- Gold Star Chili – 28 W. Fourth Street
- Cincinnati Reds or Cincinnati Bengals
- Graeter’s – Fountain Square

When in Cincinnati, do as the locals do. Make a day of eating, shopping and playing at places that are unique to Cincinnati. Start your day at the **I Love Cincinnati Shoppe** in Tower Place Mall to pick up your Cincinnati-style gifts and souvenirs. Now take a break from shopping and journey up to the top of the **Carew Tower** for an unprecedented view of downtown. Hungry? You must sample Cincinnati’s world famous chili. Both **Gold Star** and **Skyline** are hometown favorites. Depending on the season, catch a baseball or football game. With two major sports teams in town, the **Reds and the Bengals**, you’re sure to have a good time. Lastly, no trip to Cincinnati is complete without trying **Graeter’s** ice cream. Featured on Oprah, this “French Pot” ice cream is to die for! Stop by downtown’s gathering place, Fountain Square for a double dip cone before you head home.

### **“Riverfront Town”**

- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center - 50 E. Freedom Way
- Ingredients Restaurant - 21 E. Fifth Street
- International Friendship Park – 1101 Eastern Avenue
- Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame & Museum – 100 Main Street

Cincinnati was once known as one of the most bustling riverfront towns in America, in fact it was the steamship building capital of the states. This outing is geared to exploring our historic riverfront. Begin at the **Freedom Center**, just steps away from the Ohio River. You’ll learn the history of the Underground Railroad as well as stories and accounts from some of the era’s greatest freedom fighters. Next, dash over to **Ingredients** for pizzas, salads and sandwiches made to order. It’s a casual grab-and-go environment so you can pick up the perfect treat to take to the **International Friendship Park** located along the riverfront. Find a picnic table for eating your lunch, then take a stroll along the riverfront and let the kids play at the giant playground at Sawyer Point. While you’re at the riverfront, you can also visit the **Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame**. It’s the next best thing to Cooperstown, providing history, hands-on activities and memorabilia that will suit any baseball fan’s fancy.

Note: For events, ticket prices and hours for the Freedom Center visit:

<http://www.freedomcenter.org/> , Ingredients is open M – F 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m, Sat. and Sun from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Information regarding the Reds Hall of Fame can be found at <http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/cin/ballpark/museum/index.jsp>

### **“Over-the-Rhine”**

- Gateway Quarter Shops – Vine Street between Central Parkway and 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Lavomatic Restaurant – 1211 Vine Street
- Enzo’s – 1106 Race Street
- Ensemble Theatre – 1127 Vine Street
- Know Theatre – 1120 Jackson Street
- Below Zero Lounge – 1122 Walnut Street

Historic Over-the-Rhine provides you with a full day of activities all within easy walking distance. There’s even a convenient parking lot at 12<sup>th</sup> and Vine streets. Begin your day at **Park + Vine**, Cincinnati’s only green general store. Just a few doors down you’ll find **Little Mahatma** filled with jewelry and folk art. **Metronation** and **Mica 12/v** both carry fine gifts, clothing and home

accessories. A store called **Outdoor** specializes in outdoor furniture and another shop called **A Lucky Step** has the hippest contemporary furniture. Need a quick lunch, then stop in **Enzo's**. Want to linger a bit over lunch, dinner or brunch? Then visit **Lavomatic Café**, a French urban restaurant with rooftop dining. End your day at the **Ensemble Theater or Know Theatre**. It's Cincinnati's version of "off Broadway". After the theatre, stop in **Below Zero Lounge** for a nightcap before heading home.

Note: To find information and more points of interest, visit: <http://www.gatewayquarter.com>