CLEVELAND

From a settlement that began centuries ago on the banks of the Cuyahoga River, Cleveland has grown into a metropolis of close to 3 million people. The heritage of this Great Lakes port includes industrial achievement as well as cultural and scientific advances. The Cleveland area is headquarters for many of the nation's major corporations. The city is also a major banking center; the Fourth District Federal Reserve Bank, one of 12 in the nation, is located here.

Health care is another thriving Cleveland industry. Dozens of hospitals and medical centers are concentrated in the area. University Hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, the MetroHealth Medical Center, and others have attained international recognition for outstanding patient care and contributions to medical research.

Greater Cleveland is dotted with shopping malls, theaters, and opportunities for sports and amusement. The latter include Lake Erie, the 17,000-acre Metropark system; professional baseball, football, and basketball teams; and facilities for softball, skiing, hiking, cycling, picnics, and other activities. More than 60 ethnic groups live in Cleveland; seasonal festivals continue traditions brought to the region from throughout the world.

University Circle

Case Western Reserve University is located in University Circle (http://www.universitycircle.org), a 550-acre concentration of more than 40 cultural, medical, educational, religious, and social service institutions located at the eastern edge of the city. In addition to Case Western Reserve University, which is the largest institution in University Circle, the community includes Severance Hall, home of the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra; the Cleveland Museum of Art, housing one of the nation's finest collections; the Cleveland Institute of Music; the Cleveland Institute of Art; University Hospitals; the Western Reserve Historical Society; the Cleveland Botanical Garden; the Cleveland Museum of Natural History; and many others. All are within walking distance of the university.

University Circle attracts visitors worldwide and from throughout the region to its concerts, theater performances, athletic events, art shows, public lectures, exhibits, and restaurants. Housing, shopping, and recreational facilities are all located in the area.