



# OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025 Ohio Chamber Tourism Summit  
At the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium Africa Event Center  
Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 1pm to 5pm

## Ohio Chamber of Commerce Tourism Summit:

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| <b>1:00 PM – 1:10 PM</b> | <b>Conference Welcome</b><br><i>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>              |
| <b>1:10 PM - 1:40 PM</b> | <b>Presentation by Jimmy Merkel, CEO &amp; Co-Founder of Rockbridge</b>   |
| <b>1:40 PM – 2:00 PM</b> | <b>Panel of legislators on supporting Ohio's growing tourism industry</b> |
| <b>2:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b> | <b>Presentation by Tom Schmid, CEO at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium</b>   |
| <b>2:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b> | <b>Reception and time to tour the Columbus Zoo</b>                        |