



# Athens, GA

## October 26 - 28, 2021

### What is the Leadership Visit?

The Leadership Visit is an annual fall trip coordinated by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce to another nationally recognized city for a diverse delegation of leaders from Columbia and Boone County. The visiting delegation meets with leaders from the host community to openly discuss challenges and opportunities their community is facing.

### What are the primary goals of the Leadership Visit?

1. Introduce the delegation to innovative programs and impactful projects that may be adapted for our community.
2. Facilitate exchange of best practices and lessons learned among participants.
3. High-level networking and relationship-building among business and civic leaders.

### Why Study Athens?

Nicknamed the Classic City, Athens is best known as the home of the University of Georgia. The city has also built a name for its thriving music industry, booming arts district, outstanding public and private schools as well as high-quality colleges and universities. Columbia and Athens share many commonalities such as population size, median age, and being home to major universities. In terms of business openings and population increase, Athens has outpaced the national average for decades. Specific sessions for the Leadership Visit are currently being developed and may include entrepreneurship & retention of local business, tourism, education, DEI, and more.

### Who can attend?

Registration is open to Chamber members who are interested in coming together to share ideas and make positive changes in our community. Attendees have historically included leaders and decision-makers from our business, education, government and nonprofit sectors.

### How do I register?

The cost is \$2,200 per person. All details are coordinated for attendees, including charter flight from Columbia, hotel in downtown Athens, ground transportation and most meals. Registration is limited and based on availability and receipt of full payment. Upon submission of registration form and payment, trip registration is non-cancellable and non-refundable.



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## Registration Form

### Attendee Information:

**Name** (as it appears on driver's license) \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark here if you DO NOT want us to share your email with other attendees.*

### Charter Plane Company Information:

**Date of Birth :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight :** \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Options:

**2,200 - Single occupancy hotel room      2,100 - Double occupancy hotel room**

### Deposit/Payment Information:

**Charge my registration to credit card. Name on card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check enclosed for total registration amount (payable to Columbia Chamber of Commerce)**

**My registration is included in my Leadership Visit sponsorship**

☐ **I need a receipt**

**By providing your payment information, you acknowledge that trip registration is non-cancellable and non-refundable. If you need to discuss options for changing the name of the registrant later, please contact Lily White.**



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