

Great Things to See in Michigan

[Detroit Institute of Art](#) [1]

Located in Detroit (50 minute drive east of Ann Arbor), the DIA holds one of the country's greatest collections of art. There are giant murals by Diego Rivera, as well as works by Cezanne, Matisse, Rembrandt, Picasso, and Van Gogh.

Comerica Park and Greek Town

The Detroit Tigers Baseball Team's home stadium is called Comerica Park. It is located in Detroit not far from Greek Town. Greek Town is a small area of Detroit that is famous for Greek restaurants. Some people enjoy having dinner at Greek Town and then walking over to Comerica Park to watch a baseball game.

[Frankenmuth](#) [2]

This city (2 hour drive northeast of Ann Arbor) was founded by German immigrants and it remains largely a German community to this day. One of the most famous things Frankenmuth is known for is its fabulous chicken dinners at either Zehnders Restaurant or the Bavarian Inn. Frankenmuth's brewery gives free tours to the public with complimentary beer tasting. Bronner's Christmas Wonderland sells Christmas goods all year round with an elaborate outdoor Christmas display.

[Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island](#) [3] (pronounced Mak-en-aw)

Mackinac Island is a summer resort island (5 hour drive north of Ann Arbor). No cars are allowed, and visitors make their way around the island by foot, bicycle or carriage. The island is home to a number of historic hotels, shops, and beautiful scenery featuring limestone cliffs. Mackinac Island is also famous for its delicious fudge. There are daily ferries to and from Mackinac Island from Mackinac City. Fort Mackinac is an original 18th century British and United States military outpost. There are regular reenactments of historical battles in this living museum.

[Soo Locks, Sault Saint Marie](#) [4]

Sault Saint Marie is located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan bordering Canada. There are four enormous locks that allow large cargo boats to cross between Lake Superior and the rest of the Great Lakes. There are regular tours through the locks for an admission fee.

[The Henry Ford](#) [5]

Located in Dearborn (40 minute drive east of Ann Arbor), the Henry Ford is the history destination that brings the American Experience to life. It offers three unique experiences. Greenfield Village is an outdoor museum of old famous buildings celebrating America's growth and changes throughout its short history. There you will find the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop, Thomas Edison's Laboratory, and an early

Ford assembly shop among other examples of industrial America in the early 20th century. The Henry Ford Museum is a large museum full of antiques ranging from toys and furniture to cars and trains, showcasing the industrial and manufacturing history of America and Detroit in particular. For an even more hands-on look at manufacturing, you may want to take the Ford Rouge Factory Tour, where you can visit historic auto-related landmarks and get a behind-the-scenes look of the Rouge complex.

[Dow Gardens, Midland](#) [6]

Started by Alden Dow of Dow Chemical Company, these gardens are extensive and diverse. One can see a variety of plants, landscapes, and trees. It is a beautiful and unique place to visit year-round.

[Holland, Michigan](#) [7]

In late April and early May, the tulips are in bloom at the annual Tulip Festival. Before walking around the beautiful colorful tulips, buy a pair of klompen (wooden shoes) made to withstand the muddy tulip fields.

[Henry Ford Estate](#) [8]

There are guided tours of Henry Ford's home or you may walk around the grounds on your own exploring the gardens, paths, fields, waterfall, and lake.

[National](#) [9] & [State Parks](#) [10]

There are several beautiful parks in Michigan including Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Isle Royale National Park, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, and Sleeping Bear Dunes.

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