Things to do in Ann Arbor

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What is your name?
Where are you from?
What is your favorite thing to do in your home country or city?
Welcome to Ann Arbor

A small city in Southeast Michigan, that can offer the best of a big city life, without all the headaches.
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**Getting around Ann Arbor workshop**
- Mon 8/19 10:30 AM - 12 PM
- Wed 8/28 1 PM - 2:30 PM
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Dining - Food

Over 300 restaurants
International cuisines
Ann Arbor restaurant database
Three main areas

1. Downtown/Kerry town
2. South University
3. Plymouth mall

Annual events to try out

Restaurant week (Jan/Jun)
Taste of Ann Arbor (Jun)
Dining - Drinks

Must be 21+ to buy alcohol

Bars
- Downtown/Kerrytown
- Outdoor: Bill’s beer garden, Beer Grotto

Breweries
- ABC, Wolverine State Brewery, HOMES, Hopcat

Happy hour
- Discounted drinks, appetizers
Ideal for work, socialization

Downtown/Kerrytown

Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea
Comet Coffee
Roos Roast
Zingermans

South University

Espresso Royale

North campus

Songbird Cafe
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One of the finest university art museums in the country

Represents 150 years of art collecting at the university

Free admission, donation is appreciated
Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

Collection of nearly 100,000 ancient and medieval objects from the civilizations of:
  Mediterranean
  The Near East

Free admission, donation is appreciated
Museum of Natural History

4 research museums: paleontology, zoology, herbarium, anthropology

Digital Dome Theater
expanded
planetarium

Free admission

New building and design
Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum

Science Museum for kids & adults who are still kids at heart

250+ hands-on exhibits

Admission:
$12 adults & kids
$5 after 5 PM Thursdays
Free for babies < 2y

Annual family membership
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Top-ranked Big Ten teams

Student ticket required: Football, Basketball, Hockey

Free admission with student ID: other sports

Schedule and ticketing information
Create your own team and compete with others
Great for having fun and bonding with classmates and friends
Small fee required
Numerous sports offered depending on each season
Working out - On campus

Free access to UM recreational facilities:
- Central Campus Recreation Building (CCRB)
- Intramural Sport Building (IMSB)
- North Campus Recreation Building (NCRB)

Group training Group-X, Small group classes
- More affordable, meet people and make friends

Personal training with certified trainers
Working out - Off campus

Rock climbing at Planet Rock Ann Arbor

Dance classes

Running/biking: 100+ parks and trails

Border-to-Border (B2B) trail following the Huron river

Some trails do not allow bikes
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Movie theaters

Michigan and State Theater
Convenient location
Offer independent and foreign films
Beautiful architecture inside
Relatively cheap (<$10/ticket)
Standard cinemas showing popular movies

**Cinemark**

4100 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Quality 16**

3686 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Ticket price: $6 - 15 depending on day and time

**Discount** for students/day shows/Wednesday
University Musical Society

Non-profit organization

World-class artists: New York Philharmonic, Yo-Yo Ma, Bob Dylan, etc.

Discount tickets for UM students: $12 or $20

2019-2020 schedule
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Kayaking on Huron river

Great way to relax and immerse in nature

3.7 miles, 1.5 hour trip on the river

Kayak rental $21 or $27

Can also bring your own tube and float down the cascades
Nichols Arboretum

2.6 mile loop trail perfect for Walking, Hiking, Biking
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**Yost arena:** public skate starting from **Sept 3**
Skates are available for rental (**$3.00**)  
**Other arenas:**  
Ann Arbor Ice Cube  
Buhr Park Ice Arena
Cross country skiing
Rolling Hills Park, Ypsi
Equipment rental: $4
Park entrance: $5 or $25/y

Alpine skiing
Mt. Brighton
Lift ticket: $50
Equipment rental: $28
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UM compiled list

Arbor web city guide
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Ann Arbor Restaurant Week

Twice a year, January and June

A celebration of dining in the community

Cost: $15 for lunch
     $28 for dinner

Check [website](#) for participating restaurants
Once a year in **June**
Most restaurants in downtown participate
Usually **$1** to **$4** per dish
Great way to **sample food** from popular/fancy restaurants
Shakespeare in the Arb

Every June, Thur-Sun
Organized by LSA Residential College
Audiences follow actions to different locations in the Arb
Student ticket: $10
Ann Arbor Summer Festival

Three-week event from late June to early July

Cost: free, donation is appreciated
Ann Arbor Art Fair

1,100+ artists, 500,000+ visitors from across the country

Thurs-Sun in mid July

Free to enjoy, artworks cost money
Trick or Treat on the river

Dress in costume, paddle down the river, and collect candies

Mid/late October, Sunday

Free, pay regular price for kayak or canoe rental

Beware of pirates!
Ann Arbor twist on **Mardi Gras**

Fusion of giant, hand-made puppets, live music, jugglers, and costumes

When: **first week of April**

More information: [website](myraklarman.com)
Summer orientation events

- Guided Tour of Rec Sports Facilities: Thurs, Aug 15 & Sat Aug 17
- Birthday celebration: Fri, Aug 16
- Guided Tour of Ann Arbor: Sat, August 17
- Ice cream social: Fri, Aug 23
- Bed Bath & Beyond: Fri, Aug 23
- IKEA shopping trip for Graduate students: Sun, Aug 25
- North Campus tour: Mon, Aug 26
- Kerrytown District guided tour: Sat, Aug 31

Complete calendar and more information
Beyond orientation

International Picnic: Sunday, Sept 8
Monthly Coffee Hour
Trips
• Sleeping Bear Dunes: Saturday, Sept 28
• Chicago: Saturday, Oct 12
• Outlet shopping: Saturday, Nov 9
Intercultural Leadership Seminar: Monday, Oct 14
International Student Lunch Conversation
Monthly Birthday Celebration
And many more...
Campus Information Center

Michigan League and Pierpont Commons
Great resources for visitors
Free publications and maps including
“What Every Driver Must Know,” visitor guide, AATA bus schedule, campus and city maps

Website
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