Whether you’re looking for an adventure or a memory-filled vacation, it’s time you visit Michigan—a place we love sharing! Your trip begins at www.michigan.org.

A Great Day in Grand Rapids, “Cool Brews. Hot Eats.”

Grand Rapids has developed a reputation for culture and cuisine. “Beer City USA”—a title Grand Rapids won in national polls—is home to more than 40 breweries along the Ale Trail.

Other noteworthy stops around town include the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, which honors the city’s native son and 38th president of the United States, the Grand Rapids Art Museum and DeVos Performance Hall.

From downtown, it’s worth making the 10-minute drive to the 158-acre Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park to walk paths lined with more than 200 works by masters such as Auguste Rodin, Edgar Degas and Anish Kapoor, garden-lined paths, several indoor/outdoor gardens and “American Horse,” the 24-foot-tall sculpture based on Leonardo da Vinci’s original 1482 drawings.

West Michigan Meandering

Visit the community of Frankfort on Lake Michigan’s Betsie Bay. Known for its world-class salmon fishing, pristine dunes, beaches and spectacular sunsets. Tour the 1858 Point Betsie Lighthouse. Continue your drive along Lake Michigan to the Victorian port city of Manistee. Here, you’ll find numerous year-round resorts for golf and winter sports. Its elegant mansions, opera house and other ornate structures recall the robust lumber boom.

Continue south and take a dune buggy ride, stroll soft sand beaches and explore the “art coast” as you make your way through Michigan’s picturesque Beachtowns. Enjoy sailing, boating, fishing, water sports, scuba diving—as well as Native American and Dutch culture.

In Kalamazoo, enjoy great restaurants, nightlife, shopping—and take time for a history lesson at the Gilmore Car Museum or the Air Zoo (Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum).
City vibes, entertainment, culture and factory tours
Venture out into Detroit—the automotive capital of the world—where you’ll find a whole world of discovery. Explore world-class museums, shop at the state’s largest malls, share local customs and sample rare delicacies. Enjoy casinos, championship sports and all kinds of ethnic eats. Check out the Motown Museum where you’ll stand in Studio A—the very place where legendary artists recorded much-loved music known as “The Motown Sound.” Enjoy dinner in Greektown, known for its ethnic restaurants and thriving nightlife. View the impressive collection of galleries at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Stroll to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Spend a day at The Henry Ford, a collection of museums that celebrate innovation and invention. Stroll through Greenfield Village, a massive indoor/outdoor history museum complex. Tour the famous Ford Rouge Plant and watch workers assemble the F-350 pick-up truck. Fine dining and unmatched cultural offerings are staples of Ann Arbor. This vibrant, cosmopolitan city—home to the acclaimed University of Michigan—is known for “Big Ten” sports and surging celebrations featuring live music, dance, theater and outdoor interactive events.

In Lansing, Michigan’s Capital City, you’ll tour the Michigan Historical Museum and the E. Odell Resource Center. The city is home to trendy microbreweries, distilleries and Michigan State University in neighboring East Lansing.

Head north to Flint and embark on a journey of discovery and imagination at the Flint Cultural Center, which offers seven venues for exploration and learning. At nearby Frankenmuth—Michigan’s little Bavaria—you’ll experience a taste of old Europe. Tour Midland’s 170-acre Dow Gardens and the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum—home of the USS Edson—in Bay City. Enjoy waterfront restaurants, trendy boutiques, golfing, fishing and boating along Michigan’s eastern shoreline, known as the Blue Water Area. Explore the Huron Lightship Museum in Port Huron and the Huron County Nature Center & Wildlife Arboretum in Port Austin. Michigan’s northeast Lower Peninsula, known as the “Sunrise Coast,” offers great charter fishing, hiking trails, the 443-mile Sunrise-Straits Birding Trail, and excellent rivers for canoing and rafting enthusiasts. Spend a day at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and explore the area’s maritime history with Alpena Shipwreck Tours.

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**Detroit**
Ann Arbor
Lansing
Flint
Great Lakes Bay
Charlevoix
Sault Ste. Marie
Upper Peninsula
Charlevoix Traverse City
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Alpena
Mackinaw City

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**Alpena**

**Mackinaw City**

**Mackinac Island**

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**Head north to Mackinac Island—voted one of the “Top 10 Islands in the U.S.” by Trip Advisor**

Mackinac Island is a nostalgic place where transportation is by foot, bicycle, horseback or carriage—no cars are allowed. Explore the natural wonders, historic sites, monuments and trails of the Mackinac Island State Park. Step back in history at the 1780 Fort Mackinac, bicycle the island’s eight-mile perimeter, stroll past Victorian-era cottages, enjoy a leisurely carriage ride, explore the Butterfly House and other island museums. Visit Grand Hotel with the largest porch in the world (660 feet) and its impressive 220-foot serpentine swimming pool. The island’s Mission Point Resort offers guests a number of lakeside amenities including a full-service spa and fitness center and is a popular spot for yoga on the lawn. Experience the island’s exquisite cuisine and thriving nightlife—and be sure to stop by one of the many fudge shops.

**Head to Hemmingway Country**
Return to the Lower Peninsula across the Mackinac Bridge and travel the winding “Tunnel of Trees” scenic drive along Lake Michigan. Shop and lunch in the Victorian-era resort towns of Harbor Springs, Petoskey and Charlevoix, which enjoy “million-dollar sunsets.”

**Continue to Traverse City—Cherry Capital of the World**
Few places combine scenery, food and arts like Traverse City on Grand Traverse Bay. The region is known for cherry production, recreational fishing, boating, hiking, trails and many four-season sports as well. Check out festivals, browse downtown shops, dine at a variety of restaurants, golf a championship course and visit one of the area’s many wineries.

**Sleeping Bear Dunes**
You’ll find one of the most impressive dune areas anywhere just west of Traverse City at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Miles of sugar-sand beach, bluffs that tower 450 feet above Lake Michigan, lush forests, clear inland lakes and unique flora and fauna make up this national treasure. These towering dunes afford spectacular views across the lake. An 1871 lighthouse, three former U.S. Life-saving Service stations, coastal villages and picturesque farmland reflect the park’s rich maritime, agricultural and recreational history. Take a hike for spectacular shoreline views, motor along the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, or tackle a strenuous dune to Lake Michigan.

**Grand Traverse Bay Winery Tour**
Northwest Michigan’s temperate weather and fertile soil create ideal conditions for wine production. Wind down your stay in the Grand Traverse area by touring the dozens of wineries on the Leelanau Peninsula, Tribute Trail or Old Mission Peninsula Wine Trail. The wines from both have been recognized by international wine enthusiasts as superb award-winning wines.