

DETROIT

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

Motor City or Motown? Detroit boasts dual heritages, one in music and the other in the automotive industry. But there's more to the city: museums, zoos, monuments, fine dining, an array of ethnic cuisine in Greektown and Mexican Town and lots of barbeque and "cheap eats." Explore surrounding towns like Royal Oak, Birmingham and Dearborn or venture across the river to visit neighboring bergs in Canada.

1 MINUTE

Hart Plaza
Jefferson Ave.

This plaza by the river is the site of many downtown events and a popular area for relaxation, but with only a minute to spare, you may just appreciate it for sculptor Isamu Noguchi's iconic fountain. Turned on or off, it's a notable Detroit landmark.

The Fist Monument to Joe Louis
Woodward and Jefferson Aves.

In 1938, boxer Joe Louis trounced German champion Max Schmeling in 124 seconds flat. In so doing, he shattered Hitler's myth of Arian superiority—and rattled American segregationist policies. The 24-foot bronze arm and fist symbolize the physical and mental determination that made Louis one of the greatest sports figures to arise from the Motor City—and an important precursor to the Civil Rights movement.

1 HOUR

Motown Historical Museum
2648 W. Grand Blvd.
313-875-2264 • motownmuseum.com

"Hitsville U.S.A." it still reads above the door of this birthplace of 1960s soul music. Tour the house where legendary producer Berry Gordy, Jr. lived and recorded the great songs of Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Jackson 5 and more.

Morley Candy Makers
23770 Hall Rd., Clinton Twp.
800-682-2760 • morleycandy.com

Michigan's largest manufacturer of candy and chocolates offers a free tour on weekdays. From melting to shaping to coating to cooling to packaging, watch the whole process through a 70-ft. glass observation hallway, and enjoy your free sample at the end of the tour.

The New Detroit Science Center
5020 John R St.
313-577-8400 • sciencedetroit.org

Along with a 3-and-a-half-story IMAX Dome Theatre, this revamped museum now boasts a huge planetarium, demonstrations of a tornado and lightning, an interactive waterfall and (appropriate for the Motor City) a giant visitor-powered V-6 engine.

1 HOUR (CON'T)

Lakeside Mall
14000 Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights
586-247-1590 • shop-lakesidemall.com

A 40-minute drive out of the city will bring you to this local favorite for shopping. Fill your bags from over 180 stores, including Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor, Banana Republic, The Limited, the Gap and Express.

Belle Isle
E. Grand Blvd.

Located 3 miles southeast of the city, this 1,000-acre Detroit River island offers jogging trails, sports facilities, a small golf course, beach, zoo, aquarium and nature center. Its other attractions include the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, with one of the largest orchid collections in the country, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, which features displays on Great Lakes shipping and Prohibition-era Detroit.

1 DAY

The Henry Ford
20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
313-982-6001 • thehenryford.org

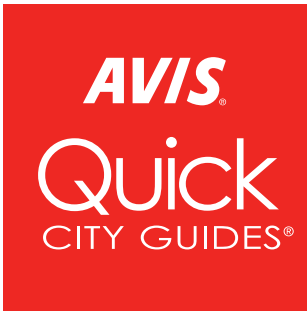
Celebrating America's innovation and achievement, The Henry Ford is more than just cars. The attractions do include a memorable tour of a Ford assembly line, but you can also visit the museum's collection of inventions and artifacts—from recreated historic kitchens to JFK's fateful limousine.

Windsor, Ontario
519-255-6530 • visitwindsor.com

Odd as it sounds, head south to Canada, just over the Detroit River. Aside from having the largest cluster of casinos in the country, this Canadian town with a European feel has a world of museums, galleries, factory tours, shopping, dining and nightlife.

Bricktown
E. Congress St. at Beaubien St. to E. Fort St.

Offering an array of eclectic boutiques, cafes, restaurants and music venues, Bricktown is an interesting mix of restored 19th century buildings and early 20th century warehouses. Check out St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, the oldest standing church in Detroit, the Italian Renaissance style Wayne County Building and the Wayne County Courthouse, where it is rumored that Mae West appeared on a charge of public indecency.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

GOURMET DINING

Carl's Chop House

Look for the '60s-era neon sign to find the oldest, and one of the best-loved, steakhouses in the Motor City. The fare is everything you'd expect for a steak restaurant, but the service and décor are perhaps more classic than the exterior suggests.

3020 Grand River Ave. • 313-833-0700

Cuisine

Across from the Fisher Theatre, a bright blue and yellow 1920s estate welcomes theater-goers to a French meal that is conceivably just as vivid. Newly expanded, the selections include à la carte items as well as two prix-fixe "Progression" menus.

670 Lothrop Rd. • 313-872-5110

Opus One

It's hard to believe, but the building housing this opulent establishment was once a taxi garage. Now, it contains etched glass, beveled mirrors, oak-paneled walls and a symphonic menu of French-inspired cuisine, such as the specialty Shrimp Helene in a crisp filo pastry.

565 E. Larned St. • 313-961-7766

The Rattlesnake

Views of the Detroit River and the skyline on its banks enhance your meal of fine American cuisine at one of the city's premier restaurants. Start with a "Cool" or "Warmed" appetizer of seafood or vegetables, and continue with one of Chef Jimmy Schmidt's flavorful entrées.

300 Riverplace Dr. • 313-567-4400

Bacco Ristorante

Colorful murals, cherry wood accents and crisp linens make a relaxed backdrop for upscale authentic Italian cuisine. The menu changes seasonally. Look for show-stoppers like a starter of beef carpaccio with arugula and lemon, pastas like the strozzapreti norcina with sausage, tomato, wine and black truffles and an array of classic veal preparations.

29410 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield • 248-356-6600

LOCAL FAVORITES

Milt's Gourmet Barbecue

Slathered in Milt Goodson's signature special sauce, the ribs served at this neighborhood BBQ pit are a favorite among locals. Eat in or take out—either way, you might want to save room for delicious homemade desserts.

19143 Kelly Rd. • 313-521-5959

Roma Cafe

Established in 1890, Roma stands as the oldest Italian restaurant in Detroit. Despite the institution's location in the bustling Eastern Market, the space exudes a classic Italian ambience and a robust authentic menu to match. If you're a hockey fan, they offer free shuttle service when the Red Wings are in town.

3401 Riopelle St. • 313-831-5940

Small Plates

Sharing is the rule at this restaurant in the theater district. From chicken skewers to brick-oven thin-crust pizzas to crab cakes, it's an American take on a Spanish style of eating that has quickly made Small Plates a Detroit hot spot.

1521 Broadway St. • 313-963-0497

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Café, Atheneum Suites Hotel

Brash, funky and fun, this Greektown hotspot features a cabaret layout with exposed brick, hefty ceiling beams and décor that harkens from New Orleans' French Quarter. Expect Louisiana-style fare, complete with gator, gumbo, crawfish, ribs and Gulf oysters—and a wide selection of sushi and steaks to boot.

400 Monroe St. • 313-965-4600

Cyprus Taverna

Considered by many locals to be Greektown's best Greek restaurant, Cyprus offers authentic fare in a casual atmosphere adorned with Aegean fossils and folk art. Expect generous portions of antipasti, moussaka, slow-cooked lamb, shish kebob, seafood and more. Be sure to leave room for a piece of baklava and a demitasse of Greek coffee.

579 Monroe St. • 313-961-1550