DETROIT

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Summer in Detroit is alive with musical rhythms, blending legendary icons with hidden treasures. Begin your exploration at the iconic Motown Museum, known as Hitsville U.S.A., where artists like Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross began their careers, bringing the Motown sound to life. Detroit's rich music culture continues outdoors, where the Aretha Franklin Amphitheater showcases live jazz and soulful performances against the stunning backdrop of the Detroit River. Wander further, and you may stumble upon neighborhood festivals or intimate concerts at venues tucked within Corktown or Eastern Market, where emerging local artists capture the city's vibrant energy.

Detroit's outdoors are equally inviting, offering lush escapes and historical landmarks that capture the city's spirit. Belle Isle Park provides serene strolls along trails leading past historic conservatories, aquariums, and peaceful waterfront vistas. Downtown, the Detroit Riverwalk is adorned with significant sculptures, such as the Spirit of Detroit and the powerful Joe Louis Monument, offering picturesque views and opportunities for scenic picnics or leisurely bike rides. Nearby, immerse yourself in Detroit's passionate sports heritage with visits to Comerica Park or Ford Field, where guided tours and summer games illuminate the city's proud traditions in baseball and football. Historic neighborhoods like Corktown invite you on exploratory walks, highlighting iconic sites such as the revitalized Michigan Central Station, now a symbol of Detroit's revival.

Dining and nightlife in Detroit embody a captivating blend of tradition and innovation. Kick-start your morning at Eastern Market, savoring fresh produce or artisanal delights amidst colorful street murals. Experience local culinary icons like Lafayette Coney Island for a quintessential chili dog, or indulge in refined dining at The Whitney, housed in a historic Victorian mansion. Detroit's nightlife also flourishes with hidden gems; visit Baker's Keyboard Lounge, one of the world's oldest jazz clubs, or enjoy craft cocktails atop a chic rooftop lounge overlooking downtown's glittering skyline. From cozy speakeasies in reclaimed historic buildings to bustling eateries in Mexicantown serving authentic cuisine, Detroit's summer nights promise memorable encounters filled with warmth and authenticity.

BEYOND THE CITY

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
Ann Arbor, about forty-five minutes west of Detroit, is a vibrant college town that blends natural beauty with artsy culture. You can kayak or paddleboard down the Huron River and stroll through the leafy Nichols Arboretum for outdoor relaxation. The city's cultural side shines with the University of Michigan's museums, indie bookstores, and frequent live music or theater events, while local art galleries and the famous summer art fair showcase creative talent. Browse unique boutiques in the walkable downtown and Kerrytown districts, then treat yourself to an unforgettable sandwich at the iconic Zingerman's Delicatessen or sample globally inspired farm-to-table cuisine at a local bistro. As evening falls, cap off your day with a craft brew at one of the popular spots where you can soak up the lively, laid-back nightlife of this beloved Michigan city.

FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN
Frankenmuth, about ninety minutes north of Detroit, offers a taste of Bavaria in the Midwest with its gingerbread-style architecture and old-world charm. Stroll down Main Street to admire Bavarian-themed shops and inns, cross the wooden covered bridge, and explore the endless Christmas decor at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland – a holiday store that's magical any time of year. For outdoor fun, take a leisurely riverboat cruise along the Cass River or get your adrenaline pumping on a zip-line adventure through the treetops at the adventure park. Save time to browse the local boutiques for hand-dipped chocolates, cheese, and German-inspired souvenirs, or watch fudge being made at the sweet shops. When hunger strikes, feast at one of Frankenmuth's local eateries and enjoy the famous hearty German cuisine.

LEXINGTON, MICHIGAN
Lexington is a charming village, just ninety minutes northeast of Detroit on Lake Huron's shore, perfect for a relaxed day by the water. Spend the afternoon on Lexington's sandy beach or at the state harbor – you can swim, rent a kayak or boat, or walk the long breakwall for panoramic views of sailboats and the blue horizon. This small town offers plenty of quaint attractions, from boutique shops and an art glass studio to summertime events like Music in the Park and the annual fine arts street fair that highlight local culture. Enjoy fresh Lake Huron perch and casual fare at a lakeside eatery for lunch or dinner.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
Bay City is a historic waterfront town, two hours north of Detroit, where the Saginaw River meets Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay. Get your outdoors fix with a walk along the Riverwalk Pier and through Wenonah Park, a riverfront park perfect for taking in views of boats and maybe even catching a festival or outdoor concert. History buffs can explore the Center Avenue Historic District, a neighborhood lined with ornate Victorian mansions and tree-lined streets that feel like a walk back in time. Downtown, you'll also find one of Michigan's largest antique markets and plenty of vintage shops – a treasure trove for antique hunters and lovers of retro finds – an art deco theater, and local art galleries.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
Holland, two and a half hours west of Detroit, welcomes visitors with a mix of Dutch heritage and lakeside leisure on the shores of Lake Michigan. Outdoor lovers can head straight to Holland State Park to enjoy a wide sandy beach and swim in Lake Michigan, all under the watch of the famous "Big Red" lighthouse – stick around for a gorgeous sunset over the lake if you can. For a change of scenery, explore the nearby dunes by hiking up Mt. Pisgah for panoramic views or wandering the trails at Saugatuck Dunes State Park just down the road. Holland's cultural side shines through its Dutch-inspired attractions: stroll through Windmill Island Gardens to see an authentic 250-year-old Dutch windmill and vibrant tulip gardens (especially stunning during the Tulip Time Festival each spring or visit Nelis' Dutch Village for family-friendly fun and traditional Dutch architecture. The downtown area offers plenty of art galleries, craft boutiques, shops selling Dutch chocolates, cheeses, and wooden shoes, and cozy cafes for a coffee break. You'll find everything from Dutch pastries at local bakeries to farm-to-table dining when it's time to eat. After dinner, stop by a local craft brewery or cocktail lounge, wrapping up your Holland day trip with a taste of the town's friendly nightlife.

SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN
Saugatuck is a postcard-perfect art colony and beach town on Lake Michigan, two and a half hours from Detroit, offering natural beauty and creative flair. Begin your visit at Oval Beach – frequently ranked among the best freshwater beaches – where you can sunbathe on soft sand, swim in the clear lake, or wander the shoreline dunes with views of sailboats on the water. Adventurous souls might hike in Saugatuck Dunes State Park or climb the 300+ steps up Mount Baldhead for a panoramic lookout over the town and harbor. Back in the village, explore Saugatuck's thriving arts scene by browsing the many art galleries and studios lining the streets (the town has long been known as the "Art Coast of Michigan"). You'll find everything from paintings and pottery to handcrafted jewelry in the boutiques, plus various home decor and souvenir shops to duck into between art gazing.

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