Ann Arbor possesses the charm of a friendly neighbor and the sophistication of a world traveler all rolled into one. The city’s vibrant culture, diverse population and picturesque landscapes make it a unique and desirable place for visitors and residents alike.

As an integral part of what brings the city to life, the University of Michigan presents ample opportunities to attend events and performances that delight, captivate and enlighten their audiences.

This guide highlights the best of what there is to do in Ann Arbor and on campus, even if for just one day and night.

THE ESSENTIAL 24-HOUR GUIDE TO ANN ARBOR

1. Michigan Theater
   603 E. Liberty Street • michtheater.org
   The renowned historic Michigan Theater hosts the Ann Arbor Film Festival every year, anchoring the film house’s dedication to the art of moviemaking and moviegoing. Its sister cinema, the State Theater, is located just a half block away among the eclectic shops and restaurants on State Street.

2. Nichols Arboretum
   1610 Washington Heights
   lsa.umich.edu/mbg/see/
   A sublime sanctuary in the heart of Ann Arbor, the “Arb” is one of the city’s top destinations. The Arb’s more than 100 acres stretch along the Huron River, serving as a backyard to the University Medical Center and lending some of the best green space in the city.

3. Michigan Stadium
   1201 S. Main Street
   mgoblue.com
   Boasting the largest football stadium capacity in the country—109,901 seats—the “Big House” has plenty of room for Wolverine fans old and new. Except for scheduled tours, game day is the only chance visitors can step inside. Check mgoblue.com for current schedule and ticket information.

4. Main Street
   Downtown • mainstreetannarbor.org
   Quintessential Ann Arbor welcomes visitors on a stroll down Main Street, home to a smorgasbord of unique shops, restaurants and great places to spend an afternoon or evening.
No itinerary is complete without a visit to these landmark stops.

5 **Zingerman’s Deli**
422 Detroit Street • zingermansdeli.com
It is hard to imagine a time without Zingerman’s delectable delicatessen delights. They bring a selection of the world’s best meat and cheeses to the heart of Kerrytown, which they will gladly assemble into an artful (and mouthful) sandwich with one of their fresh hearth-baked breads. Lots of other tasty stuff, too! Named by *Food & Wine* magazine as one of the 25 World’s Best Food Markets.

6 **The University of Michigan Museum of Art**
525 S. State • umma.umich.edu
The University of Michigan Museum of Art houses one of the finest art collections in the country, spanning 150 years of works. The exquisite permanent collection is supplemented by special exhibitions and interpretive programs designed to connect visitors with an amazing artistic experience. Admission is free.

7 **Kerrytown**
North Downtown • kerrytown.org
Kerrytown is a quaint historic district that is home to one-of-a-kind shops, markets, restaurants and entertainment. A neighborhood favorite is the Farmer’s Market, which is open on Wednesdays (May to December) and every Saturday year-round, and features many local vendors.

8 **Gallup Park**
3000 Fuller Road (main entrance)
a2gov.org/government/communityservices/parks-recreation/parks-places/Pages/Gallup.aspx
Ann Arbor loves nature, as evidenced by its more than 140 public parks. Gallup Park is a 69-acre park nestled between the Huron River and Geddes Pond. It features more than three miles of paved trails, playgrounds, picnic areas and a canoe livery.

9 **Matthaei Botanical Gardens**
1800 N. Dixboro Road
lsa.umich.edu/mbg/
The Matthaei Botanical Gardens shares its year-round beauty with Ann Arbor residents through majestic display gardens, natural areas with miles of walking trails, and a 10,000-square-foot Conservatory. Plants from all over the world are featured, as well as a comprehensive collection of indigenous flora.

10 **Hill Auditorium**
825 North University Avenue
ums.org/venue/hill-auditorium
An historic gem, Hill Auditorium is the venue for myriad performances from a wide variety of nationally and internationally distinguished artists, and our very own Life Sciences Orchestra. For the past few years, it has hosted the Ann Arbor Folk Festival.
AUTUMN IN ANN ARBOR
Our fall color palette is a glorious spectacle to behold. Blazing reds, oranges and golds are the perfect visual for an afternoon outdoors.

Some popular fall activities include:
- **Canoeing on the Huron River.** The canoe liveries in Gallup Park and Argo Nature Area are open April through October. [a2gov.org/canoe](http://a2gov.org/canoe)
- **Hiking a trail in any of the splendid parks nearby.** In addition to the Arb and other local parks, hikers enjoy convenient access to the 36-mile Waterloo Pinckney Trail just west of the city. [michigan.org/property/waterloo-recreation-area/](http://michigan.org/property/waterloo-recreation-area/)
- **Antiquing away an afternoon.** Find remarkable treasures in any of the area’s 20-plus antique shops, including local favorites like Treasure Mart. [treasuremart.com](http://treasuremart.com)

WINTER WONDERLAND
The nice thing about wintertime in Ann Arbor is that there are still plenty of fun activities to keep you busy, indoors or out.

Our top picks include:
- **Staying warm inside any store downtown.** There are plenty of cozy spots to choose from, including bookstores of all kinds, specialty shops, cafés, museums, theaters and restaurants.
- **Ice skating & ice hockey games.** Spectator or player? Find it at Yost Ice Arena. [mgoblue.com/yost](http://mgoblue.com/yost)
- **Cross-country skiing & sledding.** Ski trails and sledding hills await you. [arborweb.com/cg/t0403.html](http://arborweb.com/cg/t0403.html)
- **Live performances by artists from around the world.** The University Musical Society’s current season features a variety of music, dance and theater. [ums.org/performances](http://ums.org/performances)

SPRING FEVER
From first thaw to full bloom, this season brings some of the most anticipated events of the year:
- **Ann Arbor Antiques Market.** Open select weekends starting in April, this popular market features over 300 dealers. [annarborantiquesmarket.com](http://annarborantiquesmarket.com)
- **Ann Arbor Book Festival.** Held downtown each May, this festival celebrates the written word and highlights the city’s commitment to literacy. [aabookfestival.org](http://aabookfestival.org)
- **Ann Arbor Film Festival.** The longest running event of its kind, this festival brings a world of cinema to the screens of the Michigan Theater every March. [aafilmfest.org](http://aafilmfest.org)
- **University of Michigan Pow Wow.** Drawing more than 12,000 visitors every spring, spectators can take in performances by skilled singers, dancers and artisans from across the United States and Canada. [umich.edu/~powwow](http://umich.edu/~powwow)

SUMMER’S HERE
Summer is a lively time of year in Ann Arbor, with many festivals in the city and surrounding area. There’s always something to do:
- **Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** Beginning in June every year, this three-week event is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment and community spirit. [a2sf.org](http://a2sf.org)
- **Ann Arbor Art Fair.** In July, the streets of downtown Ann Arbor fill with artists and visitors from across the country to attend this nationally recognized event. [artfair.org](http://artfair.org)
- **Golfing.** Take in the beauty of southeastern Michigan on one of the many public and private courses in and around the Ann Arbor area. [visitannarbor.org/index.php/plan_a_visit/](http://visitannarbor.org/index.php/plan_a_visit/)
- **Outdoor fun.** Hiking, horseback riding, swimming in lakes or neighborhood pools, fishing, or playing at the park—it’s all here!

BELIEVE THE HYPE
Residents agree that Ann Arbor is a walking town. Stroll from Kerrytown to downtown, amble along State Street, or follow the Diag across our scenic campus. Whatever path you choose, it’s easy to find your way and explore the many treasures the city has to offer.

When walking is not an option, Ann Arbor’s bus system is an easy and efficient way to get around. Driving is manageable with use of the public parking system.

Getting around on bike is another popular alternative. Visit [umhealth.me/bikeA2](http://umhealth.me/bikeA2) for bike paths around the city.

Visit [annarbor.org](http://annarbor.org) for more events info.
See map for designated parking structures or visit a2dda.org/parking_transportation/
These are just a few of Ann Arbor’s diverse and distinctive culinary offerings. Visit [http://annarbor.org/index.php/place_to_eat](http://annarbor.org/index.php/place_to_eat) for more ideas.

### TASTE OF ANN ARBOR

Whether a light snack or a sumptuous dinner is on the menu, Ann Arbor has a restaurant to tantalize the most discriminating palate. Here are some of the city’s best establishments:

1. **Angelo’s Restaurant**  
   1100 Catherine Street  
   angeloasa2.com  
   Known for: breakfast

2. **Arbor Brewing Company**  
   114 E. Washington Street  
   arborbrewing.com  
   Known for: award-winning beer

3. **Aventura**  
   216 E. Washington Street  
   aventuraannarbor.com  
   Known for: Spanish tapas and craft cocktails

4. **Blue Nile**  
   221 E. Washington Street  
   bluenilemi.com  
   Known for: Ethiopian cuisine

5. **Café Zola**  
   112 W. Washington Street  
   cafetstation.com  
   Known for: crepes

6. **The Chop House**  
   322 S. Main Street  
   thechophouserestaurant.com  
   Known for: steak and wine

7. **Cupcake Station**  
   116 E. Liberty Street  
   cupcakestation.com  
   Known for: cupcakes

8. **Frita Batidos**  
   117 W. Washington Street  
   fritabatidos.com  
   Known for: Cuban-inspired street food

9. **The Gandy Dancer**  
   401 Depot Street  
   muer.com  
   Known for: memorable dining experience

10. **Gratzi Ristorante**  
    326 S. Main Street  
    gratziarestaurant.com  
    Known for: excellent ambience

11. **Isalita**  
    341A E. Liberty Street  
    isalita.com  
    Known for: Mexican Tapas and margaritas

12. **Knight’s Downtown Steakhouse**  
    600 E. Liberty Street  
    knightsrestaurants.com  
    Known for: steaks and prime rib dinners

13. **Lena’s**  
    2265 Main Street  
    lena-annarbor.com  
    Known for: Latin American-inspired cuisine

14. **Logan**  
    115 W. Washington Street  
    logan-restaurant.com  
    Known for: New American cuisine

15. **Mani Osteria**  
    341 E. Liberty Street  
    maniosteria.com  
    Known for: artisan pizzas and other creative Italian dishes

16. **Mezzevino**  
    120 E. Liberty Street  
    mezzevino.com  
    Known for: small-plate Mediterranean dishes

17. **Pacific Rim by Kana**  
    114 W. Liberty Street  
    pacificrimbykana.com  
    Known for: contemporary Pan-Asian cuisine

18. **Real Seafood Co.**  
    341 S. Main Street  
    realseafoodcoestaurant.com  
    Known for: fresh seafood, including raw bar

19. **Sava’s**  
    216 S. State Street  
    savasrestaurant.com  
    Known for: locally sourced eclectic cuisine

20. **Schakolad**  
    110 E. Washington Street  
    schakolad.com  
    Known for: handmade chocolates

21. **Tomukun Noodle Bar & Korean BBQ**  
    505 E. Liberty Street  
    tomukun.com  
    Known for: table-top grills and classic Korean soul food

22. **Vellum**  
    209 S. Main Street  
    vellumrestaurant.com  
    Known for: seasonal American fare and late-night desserts

23. **Vinology Wine Bar and Restaurant**  
    110 S. Main Street  
    vinologyA2.com  
    Known for: sophisticated wine selection

24. **West End Grill**  
    120 W. Liberty Street  
    westendgrillannarbor.com  
    Known for: Asian-inspired seafood and steak

25. **Zingerman’s Deli**  
    422 Detroit Street  
    zingermansdeli.com  
    Known for: extraordinary deli

### AT NIGHT IN ANN ARBOR

As with many other aspects of living in Ann Arbor, the options of what to do after dark are endless. Here are some of the best places to unwind and be entertained:

A. **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**  
   212 S. Fourth Avenue  
   aacomedy.com  
   Known for: popular local and nationally known comedians

B. **The Ark**  
   316 S. Main Street  
   theark.org  
   Known for: premier acoustic music venue

C. **Aut Bar**  
   315 Braun Court  
   Known for: support of GLBT community

D. **Bill’s Beer Garden**  
   218 S. Ashley Street  
   billsbeergarden.com  
   Known for: seasonal outdoor space

E. **Black Pearl Seafood & Martini Bar**  
   302 S. Main Street  
   blackpearlonmain.com  
   Known for: exotic martinis

F. **Café Felix**  
   204 S. Main Street  
   cafefelix.com  
   Known for: Parisian-inspired cocktails and food

G. **Dominick’s**  
   812 Monroe Street  
   Known for: relaxed outdoor seating areas, great sangria and pizza. Open spring–fall.

H. **Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery**  
   311 S. Main Street  
   jollypumpkin.com/annarbor  
   Known for: relaxed and eclectic brewpub

I. **La Dolce Vita**  
   322 S. Main Street  
   Known for: sublime desserts

J. **Mélangé Bistro Wine Bar**  
   312 S. Main Street  
   melangebistro.com  
   Known for: chic cocktail lounge

K. **Sweetwaters Café**  
   407 N. Fifth Avenue  
   sweetwaterscafe.com  
   Known for: coffee and desserts

University Musical Society  
Venues vary — visit ums.org for schedule and location  
Known for: local to international music, theater and dance series

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