

THE ESSENTIAL 24-HOUR GUIDE TO ANN ARBOR

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 MUST-SEE LIST



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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.



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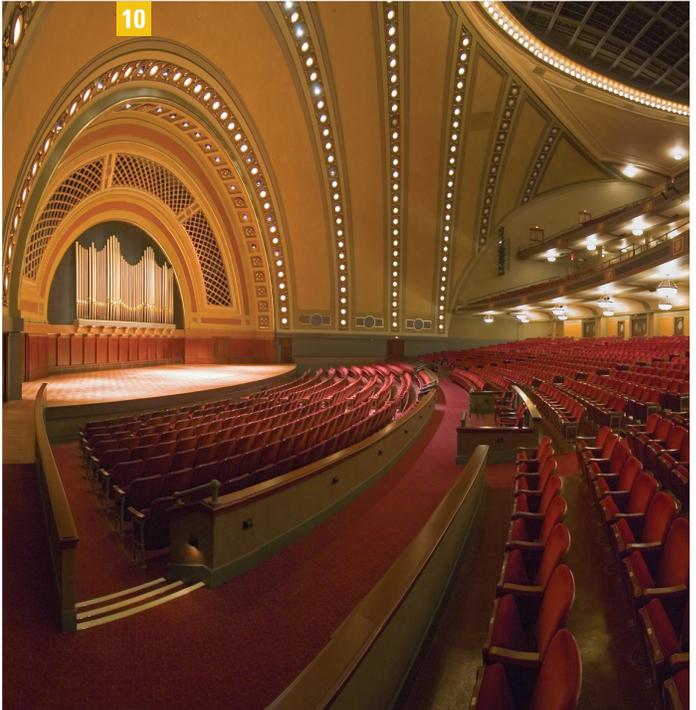
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No itinerary is complete without a visit to these landmark stops.

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
- **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/
- **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

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
- **Cross-country skiing & sledding.** Ski trails and sledding hills await you. 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

ANN ARBOR ON FOOT

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 for bike paths around the city.

Visit annarbor.org for more events info.

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
- **Ann Arbor Book Festival.** Held downtown each May, this festival celebrates the written word and highlights the city's commitment to literacy. 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
- **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

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:

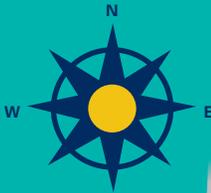
- **Ann Arbor Summer Festival.** Beginning in June every year, this three-week event is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment and community spirit. a2sf.org
- **Ann Arbor Art Fair.** In July, the streets of downtown Ann Arbor fill with artists and visitors from across the country to attend this nationally recognized event. artfair.org
- **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/
- **Outdoor fun.** Hiking, horseback riding, swimming in lakes or neighborhood pools, fishing, or playing at the park—it's all here!

BELIEVE THE HYPE

Ann Arbor continues to rank among the nation's "top", "great" and "best" places to live — cited for being everything from innovative, educated and digital to green, healthy and family friendly. Most recently, a *USA Today* and Gallup poll ranked Ann Arbor #6 for "Best Cities for Well-Being." For more, visit: annarborusa.org/living-here/facts-rankings.

ANN ARBOR

See map for designated parking structures or visit a2dda.org/parking_transportation/



- Campus Hubs and Information Centers
- Museums and Galleries
- Libraries
- Performing Arts Venues/Music and Theater
- Athletics and Recreation
- The Great Outdoors
- Campus Landmarks
- Shops, Hotes, Restaurants and Banks
- Academic Buildings
- Health System buildings
- Undergraduate Housing
- Public Parking
- University Visitor Parking
- Medical Center Patient Parking
- Medical Center Staff Parking

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
angelosa2.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
cafezola.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 Gratzl Ristorante**
326 S. Main Street
gratzlrestaurant.com
Known for: excellent ambiance
- 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
realseafoodcorestaurant.com
Known for: fresh seafood, including raw bar
- 19 Sava's**
216 S. State Street
savasrestaurant.com
Known for: locally sourced eclectic cuisine
- 20 Schokolad**
110 E. Washington Street
schokolad.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 Mélange Bistro Wine Bar**
312 S. Main Street
melangebistro.com
Known for: chic cocktail lounge
- K Sweetwaters Café**
407 N. Fifth Avenue
123 W. Washington Street
604 E. Liberty Street
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

These are just a few of Ann Arbor's diverse and distinctive culinary offerings. Visit http://annarbor.org/index.php/place_to_eat for more ideas.