

GREATER DETROIT

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SOUTHFIELD LIVING

Located just 20 minutes north of downtown Detroit is Southfield, a city that's home to more than 70,000 residents. Those seeking an urban suburb with easy access to downtown will find that Southfield meets the bill.

Median home values hover near \$150,000 with a strong mix of residential properties, apartments and condos available. The city ranks among the top 10 percent across the state for best suburbs for young professionals as well as for diversity. Southfield Senior High School for the Arts & Technology (Southfield A&T) is the area's flagship high school, with its ancillary elementary and middle schools scattered across the district. With more than 780 acres of park land, two public golf courses, miles of nature and fitness trails, and numerous other recreational activities for every age and interest, Southfield truly has something for everyone.

With a daytime population nearing 175,000, and more than 27 million square feet of office space, Southfield is also a thriving business district. The area is home to 10 colleges and universities, as well as Acension St. John Providence Hospital, which has earned the prestigious "National Top 100 Heart Hospital" designation more than 10 times.

More than 200 restaurants and 20 hotels are located in Southfield, making it a great destination for foodies; those seeking accommodations for out-of-town guests; and attendees of large corporate gatherings. Learn more about life in Southfield.



Located roughly 40 miles west of downtown Detroit is the college city of Ann Arbor, home to the University of Michigan. "A2" is home to more than 120,000 residents and welcomes more than 40,000 students across the academic calendar year. To its honor, Ann Arbor is consistently ranked among the most educated cities in America, making it an excellent location for professionals to call home. Niche also ranks the city as the fourth best city to live in America.

Home buyers have been well rewarded in recent years, with nearly 10 percent appreciation occurring over the past decade. Median home values sit just north of \$320,000, with an increasing number of neighborhoods and communities being developed around the city. As you make your way around, you'll recognize A2 as a cultural hub with plenty to do ranging from the UofM Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History to Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. Be sure to visit historic Kerrytown, a district filled with vibrant culture, markets and good eats ... including must-go Zingerman's Deli!

The area is served by the Ann Arbor Public School District, the 10th best district statewide (of 555) according to Niche.com. More than 18,000 students attend schools ranging from prekindergarten to 12th grade. The district features a student-to-teacher ratio of 15 to 1, with a high school graduation rate of 89 percent. Prominent high schools of note include Pioneer, Huron and Skyline.



BIRMINGHAM & TROY LIVING

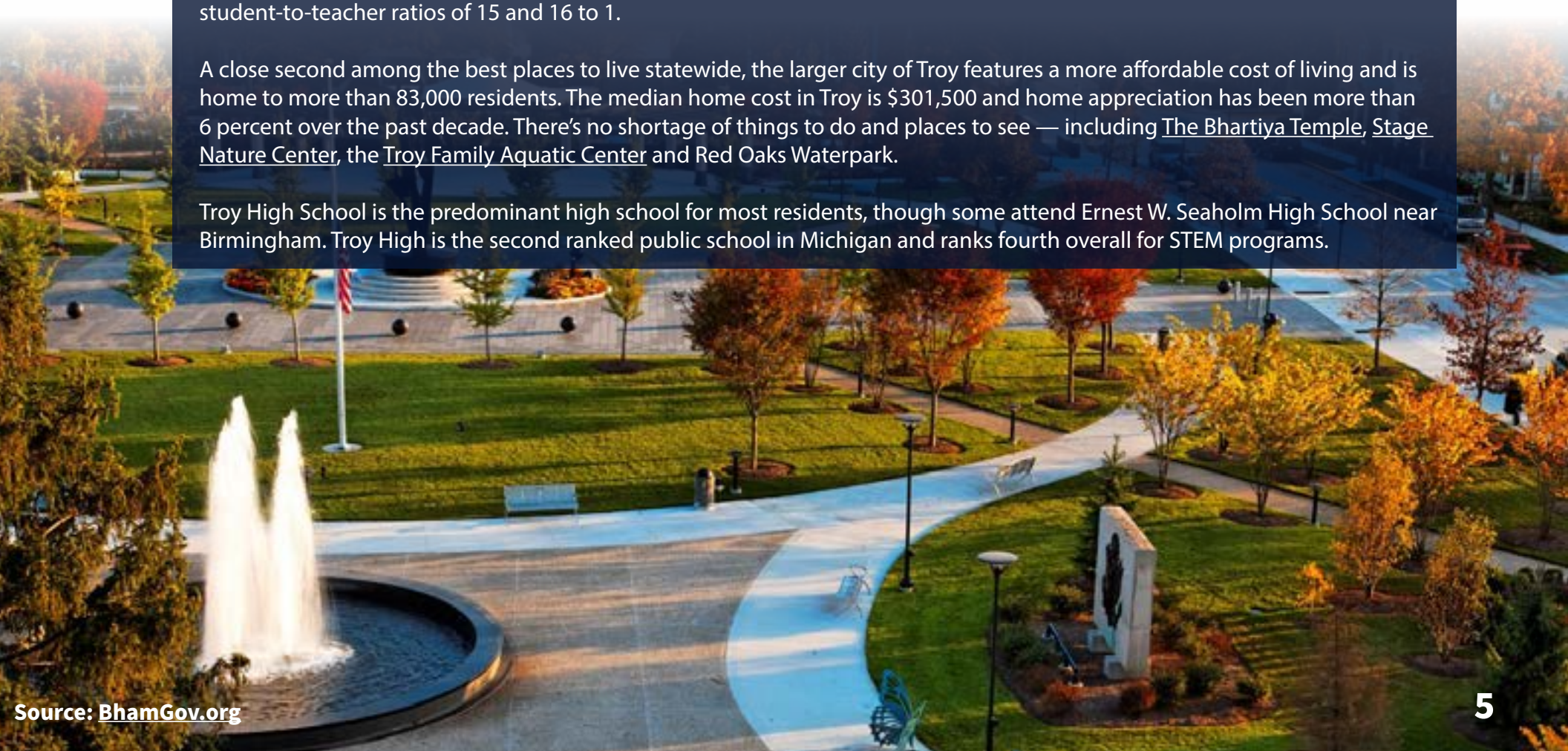
Just north of Southfield are the suburbans of Birmingham and Troy, two of Michigan's best places to call home.

Birmingham — which ranks as the state's sixth best place to live, according to Niche.com — is a suburb of more than 21,000 residents just 20 miles north of downtown Detroit. Nearly three-quarters of residents own their homes, which hold a median value of \$541,500. Needless to say, this location is among the best for high earners across a variety of industries and functions. The town is chock-full of restaurants, coffee shops and parks. A few local favorites include Toast; Afternoon Tea at the Townsend; and Social Kitchen and Bar.

Birmingham is home to the best public schools in Michigan, led by popular Ernest W. Seaholm High School and Wylie E. Groves High School. Each school hosts approximately 1,300 students each year and excels in college prep, with similar student-to-teacher ratios of 15 and 16 to 1.

A close second among the best places to live statewide, the larger city of Troy features a more affordable cost of living and is home to more than 83,000 residents. The median home cost in Troy is \$301,500 and home appreciation has been more than 6 percent over the past decade. There's no shortage of things to do and places to see — including The Bhartiya Temple, Stage Nature Center, the Troy Family Aquatic Center and Red Oaks Waterpark.

Troy High School is the predominant high school for most residents, though some attend Ernest W. Seaholm High School near Birmingham. Troy High is the second ranked public school in Michigan and ranks fourth overall for STEM programs.



PLYMOUTH & NORTHVILLE LIVING

Located halfway between Ann Arbor and Detroit are the suburbs of Plymouth and Northville. Each is home to fewer than 10,000 residents and offers a spacious oasis away from the hustle and bustle of those larger environs.

Plymouth is the slightly bigger suburb with more than 9,000 residents comprised primarily of young professionals and families. The area ranks in the top 10 percent for best locations for families in Michigan and earns high marks from Niche.com for public schools and housing. Top attractions include Kellogg Park, which hosts Music in the Park on Fridays and a variety of other special events like Art in the Park; the Plymouth Fall Festival; Penn Theatre; Plymouth Orchard; and Cider Mill.

Median home value in Plymouth sits near \$309,000, with more than 60 percent of residents owning their homes. The area is served by Plymouth High School and Canton High School, each with approximately 2,000 students year to year, as well as the surrounding middle and elementary school offerings. For those seeking a strong education, a competitive cost of living and a suburban getaway, Plymouth is a great landing spot.

Located just north of Plymouth is the town of Northville, a top 10 location statewide for public schooling and best places to raise a family. Home values hover near \$330,000 on average in Northville, 82 percent of which are owned. Nearly 6,000 people call the area home. Area attractions include Maybury State Park, Three Card Farms and Hines Park (home of the annual Wayne County Lights Festival running from late November through the end of December).

Northville High is the top ranked high school in the county and serves 2,500 students. The student-to-teacher ratio sits near 23 to 1 with 77 percent of students proving at least proficient in math and more than 90 percent doing so in reading. NHS ranks as the fifth best high school in Michigan, as well as seventh best for STEM programs and sixth for college prep across the state.



Rochester, Michigan is a town with more than 13,000 residents roughly a half hour away from downtown Detroit. The area is home to many young professionals and offers a dense suburban feel for those seeking a tight-knit community away from the downtown atmosphere.

Niche.com awards the area high marks for public schooling, family life, and health and fitness. Median home values sit near \$360,000, with home appreciation at 6 percent over the past decade. Rochester offers a competitive cost of living in the highly educated Detroit suburbs. Also of note? The town lays claim to the largest yuletide parade in the state, the Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade, which has been held annually since 1951. The community features a host of parks, trails and recreation stops as well, making it an outdoor oasis for residents and visitors alike.

Rochester is home to an array of local and fine dining options which make it a perfect setting for foodies. Upscale favorites include La Bistecca Italian Grille, 5ive Steakhouse and Aqua Fine Dining — just a few of the top locations serving up traditional surf and turf options. Local cornerstones include Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Banquets, Comari's, and Crawford's Kitchen. A good drink can also be had in Plymouth, as the town boasts an Arbor Brewing taproom, Liberty Street Brewing Company, and Supernatural Brewing and Spirits.

The area and its 17,000 students are served by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools system. The district features a student-to-teacher ratio of 19 to 1 and ranks in the top 10 percent for best school districts, best places to teach, and best districts for athletes statewide. Canton High School is the flagship campus and earns high marks from Niche.com for academics, clubs and activities, food, health and safety, and athletics.



DETROIT DINING

Detroit's food scene continues to expand in quantity of available restaurants and culinary types. Whether you're ready for a night on the town or looking to pick up food for a low-key evening in, the Motor City has options aplenty.

Eater.com lists its top three new restaurants as Mink; Michigan & Trumbull; and Highlands. Located in Corktown, Mink boasts a menu of wine, sake and shared plates. While its menu changes daily, it's often full of items like confit tuna belly, roasted delicata squash, marrow dry-aged beef tartare and a variety of oysters.

Michigan & Trumbull, also located in Corktown, combines an old-school pub vibe with Detroit-style pizza — and it's working! The eatery has 14 distinct signature pizzas including but not limited to: the Packard Pepperoni (red sauce, mozzarella, pepperoni, pickled chiles and housemade hot honey); the Long Drive Home (vodka sauce, mozzarella, parmesan, sausage and banana pepper); and the Mclovin (mozzarella, cheddar, seasoned ground beef, iceberg lettuce, white onion, sesame seed and awesome sauce).

Last but certainly not least is Highlands, located on the 71st floor of the Renaissance Center. On arrival, you'll notice that Highlands is in fact two different restaurants: one a high-end steakhouse overlooking the Detroit skyline and the other — Hearth 71 — a more relaxed, wood-fired grill boasting beer and a riverfront view. The Highlands menu features chilled king crab, charred Spanish octopus, Japanese Kobe beef and of course a variety of premium cut steaks. Alternatively, Hearth 71's fare features fire-roasted eggplant and sesame dip, spicy arugula salad, smashed beef burger, grilled skirt steak and an artisanal cheese board.

TripAdvisor also lists the area's overall top 10 restaurants as: Chartreuse Kitchen & Cocktails; Giovanni's; Selden Standard; Dime Store; Supino Pizzeria; Buddy's Pizza; Wright & Company; Grey Ghost Detroit; Lafayette Coney Island; and Mudgie's.

DETROIT SHOPPING

Motown offers shopping options galore for residents and visitors alike ... VisitDetroit.com lists the top 14 shopping spots across the metropolitan area, segmented by shopping centers and downtown districts:

SHOPPING CENTERS

Fairlane Town Center
Great Lakes Crossing Outlets
The Mall at Partridge Creek
Somerset Collection
Twelve Oaks Mall
The Village of Rochester Hills

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

Birmingham Principle Shopping District
Downtown Ferndale
Midtown Detroit
Downtown Northville
Downtown Plymouth
Downtown Rochester
Downtown Royal Oak
The Village of Downtown Grosse Pointe

DETROIT ARTS & CULTURE

Arts and culture run deep in Michigan! Detroit is home to world-class institutions such as [The Henry Ford Museum](#), which The New York Times has identified as “one of the world’s coolest museums”. It’s a large indoor and outdoor complex with a trio of must-see attractions: [The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation](#); [Greenfield Village](#); and the [Ford Rouge Factory Tour](#). All patrons leave feeling inspired after exploring and enjoying exhibits showcasing American culture and inventions.

Detroit also has a variety of art galleries and museums to enjoy — such as the [Detroit Institute of Art \(DIA\)](#). This museum is home to more than 60,000 pieces including artwork from ancient times through the 21st century. Fun fact: The DIA was the first art museum in the United States to display an original Van Gogh painting!

For a unique and intimate performing arts experience, look out for live productions of Shakespeare in Detroit. This production at sites throughout the city, from traditional theaters to nontraditional spaces, performs before an array of audiences and highlights Detroit’s many historic structures, venues and parks. Shakespeare in Detroit has gained a reputation as one of the most exciting artistic experiences around.

If you’re looking for a jack-of-all-trades venue that provides a plethora of entertainment options, look no farther than the [Michigan Theater](#). Located just outside Detroit, in Ann Arbor, it’s the host of events for all to enjoy: movies, plays, concerts, comedy shows, talks, meetings, parties and weddings. Since the theater was saved from demolition, it has entertained more than 300,000 guests and become an integral part of the community.



DETROIT EVENTS & FESTIVALS

In Detroit, you can expect to have access to many music festivals all year round!

In February, Motown hosts the [Hamtramck Music Festival](#), an indoor concert series across 24 sites. Audiences venue-hop to enjoy the diverse performances from more than 200 artists and bands. For \$15, festivalgoers enjoy three days and nights of live music for the community.

Just north of Detroit, Ferndale hosts the [Ferndale Spring Fever](#), a brand-new multivenue event with national headliners as well as local favorites. The expanding festival will next offer two weeks of live music! As if that wasn't enough, Detroit also hosts the infamous [Movement Music Festival](#), where thousands of people from all over the world gather to enjoy techno and electronic music. Movement is one of the longest-running dance music events in the world and takes place in Hart Plaza, Detroit's riverfront destination.

Are you a film aficionado? Check out the [Ann Arbor Film Festival](#) and its intriguing independent films, from narrative shorts to documentaries to music videos. USA Today voted it Best Film Festival in 2019!

The [Motor City Comic Con](#) is also a great event to attend. With more than 250 comic-book creators, writers and artists as well as 40 actors from television and the movie industry, you're sure to have a great time. You can attend as you are or cosplay as your favorite comic, TV or movie character; the sky's the limit!

DETROIT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

One of the great advantages of living in Michigan is being near so many lakes — and Detroit is no exception.

The Detroit Riverfront, a popular outdoor attraction for all, was named the 2021 Best Riverwalk in the country by USA Today. It runs 3.5 miles east from Joe Louis Arena to Gabriel Richard Park. You'll have access to parks, plazas, pathways, fountains and open green space. On the west riverfront, take advantage of three pathways for walking, running, biking or fishing. For a change of scenery, the Dequinde Cut Greenway offers a recreational 1.5-mile path where you can walk, run or bike and catch a glimpses of stunning public art.

Belle Isle is a great destination to get your nature fix. This island has a nature zoo, aquarium and plenty of open greenery to enjoy a picnic. It's also home to the Anna Cripps Whitcomb Conservatory, which features an array of beautiful and rare flora. Stay until evening to catch a stunning sunset over the Motor City.

Another awesome activity for all ages is tubing on Argo Cascades, a man-made spillway around the dam on the Huron River with nine



Detroit is home to four major league teams, something only 14 other North American cities can boast — even accounting for Major League Soccer franchises. Baseball, football, basketball, ice hockey ... there are plenty of chances to dive into the sports world here and become a die-hard Detroit fan!

The MLB's Tigers play at Comerica Park and have been around since 1894, when they were founded as a member of the minor league Western League. In fact, the Tigers are the only Western League team that still remains in its original city today. The Tigers have brought home four World Series Championships (1935, 1945, 1968 and 1984) and 11 American League pennants (1907, 1908, 1909, 1934, 1940, 1945, 1968, 1984, 2006 and 2012) and four A.L. Central division championships (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014).

The NFL's Lions, who call Ford Field home, were originally based in Portsmouth, Ohio and called themselves the Portsmouth Spartans. Portsmouth officially joined the National Football League in 1930, relocating to Detroit and changing their nickname to the Lions after the 1934 season. While they've never made an appearance in the Super Bowl, the Lions receive great support from the metro area and you can find nearly half a million fans at Ford Field from season to season.

Next up we have the NHL's Red Wings, one of the six original teams in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference. The Wings have brought home the Stanley Cup more than any other NHL franchise in the United States and rank third overall — just below the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs. In fact, Detroit is often referred to as "Hockeytown" because of the franchise's success. As a Detroit area resident, you'll want to make your way to the Little Caesars Arena to watch them play!

Last but certainly not least we have the NBA's Pistons, who also play their home games in Little Caesars Arena. The Pistons have won three NBA titles (1989, 1990 and 2004) and seven conference titles between both the Western and Eastern conferences (1955, 1956, 1988, 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005). Grab your royal blue and red and support your Detroit Pistons!

Greater Detroit is fortunate to host a number of NCAA Division I and Division II college sports programs in the Michigan Wolverines, Eastern Michigan Eagles, Detroit Mercy Titans, Oakland Golden Grizzlies and Wayne State Warriors.

DETROIT MAJOR EMPLOYERS

MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS

Ford Motor Company
General Motors
Lear
Whirlpool
Meijer
ZF North America
The Dow Chemical Company
Federal-Mogul
Kellogg
Cooper-Standard Automotive

HIGHER EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy
Wayne State University
Marygrove College
College for Creative Studies
University of Michigan
Henry Ford College
Madonna University
Lawrence Technological University
Oakland University
Rochester University

Traveling around Detroit is made easy with all of its public transportation options. [The People Mover](#) is Motown's automated light-rail system, which operates on an elevated track in downtown Detroit's business district. This transportation service is easy on your wallet at just 75 cents per ride! You can provide exact change or use People Mover tokens at machines located in stations.

The [QLine](#) is also a great option! This streetcar has 12 stops along Woodward Avenue and stretches from downtown through New Center. A single pass is \$2 for four hours or you can purchase a day pass for \$5. Passes can be purchased online or at QLine stations.

Looking to travel outside Detroit? The [Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport](#) is Michigan's busiest airport and the nation's best, according to a J.D. Power 2019 North America Airport Satisfaction Survey. It offers more than 140 nonstop destinations while shuttling nearly 37 million annual passengers around the globe.

Also, [Coleman A. Young International Airport](#) sits 14 minutes by car from downtown and has a variety of domestic and international flights.



The Second City lies just around four and a half hours away from center-city Detroit. With a large selection of museums, lakefront beaches, attractions and pro sports teams, there's no shortage of activities in Chicago.

Admire some of its tallest and most beautiful buildings to see why Travel + Leisure magazine recognized the city as having the best skyline in the United States. Adventure farther into architectural masterpieces with landmarks such as the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, Cloud Gate, Jay Pritzker Pavilion and the Aqua.

Looking for some fun on the water? Take the Chicago Architecture Foundation's River Cruise or lounge on one of the many lakefront beaches.

Immerse yourself in the Chicago lifestyle by attending one of Chi-Town's many professional sports teams' events. Spend an afternoon at Wrigley Field watching MLB's Cubs or at Guaranteed Rate Field cheering on the crosstown White Sox. Chicago is also home to the six-time NBA champion Bulls! With the pro basketball league's regular season running from October to April, it's the perfect winter activity.

You can't visit the Windy City without indulging in the famous deep-dish delight known as Chicago Pizza. Head over to Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, which has been perfecting this Chicago original for more than 40 years. If you're looking for a unique experience, The Original Gino's East of Chicago serves the popular dish with a twist: Its interior is graced with graffiti by guests.

For a more elegant evening, choose among Chicago's 22 Michelin-recommended restaurants. Oriole, Acadia and Smyth are just a few of the highly acclaimed establishments in Chicagoland. Famous chef Grant Achatz has crafted the Michelin three-star restaurant Alinea, with dramatic smoking dishes and three different seating options, giving you an experience that you and your tastebuds will never forget.

GETAWAYS MACKINAC ISLAND

Mackinac Island is nestled between Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas. To get to this Lake Huron isle, you drive to [Mackinaw City](#) (about four hours away) and hop on the [Mackinac Island Ferry](#) (20 minutes or less).

Once on the island, there's not a car in sight. Instead, visitors travel on foot, bike or a horse and carriage. There's tons to do including diving into the area's history at museums and historic sites; taking a horse-drawn carriage or boating tour; sailboating; kayaking; golfing; or just taking in the relaxing island vibes.

The sun may go down, but that doesn't mean Mackinac's visitors end their day. Immerse yourself in the island culture by participating in a [pub crawl](#). The goal? Collect as many bartenders' autographs as you can!

Each night, starting at 9:30, the [Grand Hotel's Terrace Room](#) is open for dancing. Men wear suit and tie, women dress to impress and jazz music buoys all listeners. Rock, folk, piano and DJs are other music options that downtown tenants play each night.

TripAdvisor lists the following as three of the best restaurants on the island: [Chuck Wagon of Mackinac](#), [1852 Grill Room](#) and [Pink Pony](#).

The Chuck Wagon of Mackinac Island opened its doors nearly 60 years ago, and has been serving up dishes like its blue cheese burger, Mackinac cheesesteak, cheesecake French toast, corned beef hash and eggs, and more ever since.

The 1952 Grill Room serves breakfast on its terrace from 8 to 10 each morn. You can choose from its menu items or a hearty buffet. From 5 to 9 p.m., a pianist plays soothing live music in the background, and starting at 6 o'clock, dinner is served. Menu treats include Italian spring rolls, jumbo lump crab cakes, pan-roasted duck breast, sautéed Michigan Lake Perch and even a Tomahawk steak for two — a 26-ounce USDA Prime with garlic-infused olive oil, Falk salt, grilled asparagus and truffle fries.

Pink Pony is located inside the Chippewa Hotel and is known for its funky cocktails, whitefish dip and burgers. Its whitefish selection is extensive and comes in many forms including smoked whitefish dip, whitefish fingers, Chippewa broiled whitefish, whitefish beurre blanc, beer-battered whitefish and chips, and whitefish tacos. Beyond its whitefish selection, Pink Pony also offers Buffalo chicken dip, coconut shrimp, boursin stuffed chicken, chicken riggies, filet and wild mushroom risotto, and more.

Learn more about [all the fun](#) Mackinac Island has to offer.

Just under four hours from Seneca Falls lies the international destination of Toronto.

Canadians and Americans alike enjoy the three-pronged Niagara Falls along their shared border, with the Niagara River serving as the amiable go-between. Stand less than a yard away from the edge of Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side; take a ride on one of many bike trails; head straight for the aquatic action with the Journey Behind the Falls; and if you're really feeling adventurous ... take a helicopter ride right over the Falls.

Once in Toronto proper, the CN Tower is a must-see. From 1976 to 2007 it was the world's tallest free-standing structure at 1,815 feet. Take in its breathtaking views at the 1,136-foot LookOut level, walk across the Glass Floor at 1,122 feet or hit the high point in the SkyPod at 1,465 feet.

Backyard axe throwing is another thrill in this Canadian metropolis. So grab your flannel, an axe and some friends and give it your best shot. You might even win a group tournament!

Toronto has much to offer in culinary options. Scaramouche Restaurant was ranked the best area restaurant by TripAdvisor.com. Housed in one location, the refined establishment is split into two experiences: The Restaurant and The Pasta Bar. The Restaurant provides an upscale dining experience with foie gras, caviar, duck, sea scallops and steak tartare, while the casual Pasta Bar dishes a variety of meats and, you guessed it, pastas.

There's also Crown Pastries for all the basabousa, borma and warbat your heart desires. Mustafa Turkish Pizzeria serves up variations of pizza which build on a crispy flatbread. For an authentic Mexican street food experience, head to Itacate, a butcher shop featuring traditional items such as pambazo, guajillo and tamales.

Toronto is full of great activities and dining, making it a great day trip for you and yours!



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