

## Local Attraction in Detroit Metro Area of Michigan

Welcome to Detroit Metro area and I hope you will have fun visiting many interesting places and having a life enriching experience, while you are attending BSNA convention. BSNA convention is being held at Auburn Hills Marriott in Pontiac, Michigan, which is in the north central part of Detroit Metro area. Here are some of my favourite attractions, which are within couple of hours of Auburn Hills Marriott hotel. Distance mentioned for each attraction is from the hotel. Best way to visit these places is by car and rental car companies (Enterprise rent a car etc) are located close to the hotel. Uber and Lyft can also be used.

1. Bharatiya Hindu Temple, Troy: <https://www.troy-temple.org/> (3 miles)  
Newly renovated temple is a very popular attraction and some activities going on all the time. (Free).
2. Great Lake village outlet Mall, Auburn Hills: <http://www.greatlakescrossingoutlets.com/> (8 miles)  
Nice big mall with lots of outlet stores, restaurants, movie theater etc.(Free).
3. Birch Run Outlet Shopping center, Birch Run: <http://www.premiumoutlets.com/> (58 miles)  
If you like shopping, this is the place you want to go. Lots of factory stores. (Free).
4. Frankenmuth- a German Town: <http://www.frankenmuth.org/> (65 miles)  
Close to Birch run is Frankenmuth. The town presents itself as a authentic 19th century German Town with a huge Christmas Market, which is open all year. Lost of other attraction around. (Free).
5. Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak: <https://detroitzoo.org/> (10 miles)  
Nice zoo with lots of animals. The Penguin exhibit is awesome. (\$\$).
6. Detroit Downtown: <http://downtowndetroit.org> (27 miles)
  - a. Rencen & General Motors Headquarter: Tallest building in Detroit, right by Detorit river, houses GM headquarter and has a 200 feet tall winter garden. You will also be able to see GM's latest vehicle in the museum, which is generally open to public. (Free).
  - b. Detroit Riverfront: Take a walk along Detroit River on the newly opened Riverfront walkway and enjoy the beauty of Detroit river and city of Windsor skyline across the river. Riverfront walkway is almost 3 miles long
  - c. Lions Football Ford Field, Detroit Tigers Comerica Park: Sports arena where kids will enjoy the tiger and lion statue. (Free)
  - d. Cobo Hall: Huge convention center with nice riverfront exhibition area. (Free)
  - e. Detroit People Mover (DPM) and M2-Rails: Ride DPM to go around downtown (75 Cents per ride). Newly opened M2 rails goes from Downtown to Wayne State University. (\$3)
  - f. Casino (Greektown, MGM and Motor city): Detroit has three casinos and are either in downtown or very close by. Admission is free. Kids not allowed in the Casino.(Free)

- g. Detroit Princess Riverboat: I have heard it's good cruise boat for dinner and it is right next to GM Rencen. (\$\$)
7. Belle Isle Park, Detroit: <https://www.belleisleconservancy.org/> (30 miles)  
While you are visiting Detroit downtown, you may want to swing by to Belle Isle, which is a state park with lots of natural beauty, fountain and beaches. You will be just stone throw away from Canadian border. This park is tucked right in the middle of Detroit river.
8. Windsor, Canada just across the Detroit River: <http://www.citywindsor.ca> (30 miles)  
City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, is just across the Detroit river (Nadia Ke Paar) and has nice riverwalk, parks and shopping area. You could take either Tunnel or Ambassador bridge (toll ~\$3). Please bring your Passport, green card and other travel documents to cross the border.
9. Ford Rouge Plant /Henry Ford Museum/ Greenfield Village, Dearborn:  
<https://www.thehenryford.org/> (25 miles)  
Ford Rouge Plant has tour available to see FORD F-150 truck being assembled on the factory floor. This self paced tour and can take around two hours. Cost is around ~\$15-\$20 for the tour. Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield village are also part of the same complex but can be visited separately.
10. Drive along Lake Huron (one of the great lakes), Port Huron:  
<http://www.greatlakescircuitour.org/tours/lhct.html> (60 miles)windsor  
Michigan is surrounded by four of the five great lakes and if you like, you can drive to port huron and drive along Lake Huron coastline and enjoy scenery.

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