



Tour Name

Detroit's Rise, Fall & Renewal

Tour City

Detroit

Tour Snapshot

Detroit may have filed for bankruptcy but it's still a city rich in history, architecture, and innovation. See which buildings have been restored and which await renewal on this Detroit tour led by a passionate and proud local.

Highlights

- Explore the fascinating city of Detroit with a local guide
- Discover the rise, fall, and renewal of this seriously underrated city
- Marvel at all of Detroit's vacant buildings and what the future might hold for them
- Admire the classic and cool architecture of some of Detroit's best landmarks
- Listen to local stories as your sip on a drink at a local brewpub

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, fares for a ride on the People Mover, and one beer (or coffee, tea, or soft drink) at Detroit Beer Company.

Exclusions: Tips and gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 2 hours
- Meeting point:
1555 Broadway Detroit, MI 48226
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///lace.cubs.appear](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=///lace.cubs.appear)
- Starting time: 4.00 PM
- Ending point:
Detroit Beer Company, 1529 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226

Full Itinerary

Get the local lowdown on a city that's seen its fair share of drama in recent years on this historical Detroit tour that takes you through the city's crazy past. Begin your Detroit tour at a cafe on Broadway, where you'll meet your local guide and head out onto the streets. From the minute you leave the meeting point you'll start seeing some famous Detroit landmarks, such as the 95-year old Detroit Athletic Club, the renovated Opera House, the vacant Wurlitzer Building, and the fine new downtown YMCA. Your local guide will be telling you all you need to know about these spots, and what they mean to the city of Detroit.

Continuing on your tour in Detroit, see the site where one of the biggest department stores in the US once stood. When it closed in the 1980s, it left a hole in the city that hasn't been filled. There are not many stores in the old retail district, but apartments and lofts have brought some new life to the area.

Next on this Detroit city tour, the Compuware Building from 2002 is worth a visit, for its 15-story atrium and colorful fountain. Outside that building you'll see a panorama that includes landmarks like the 47-story Penobscot Building from 1928, the Guardian Building from 1929, and the Renaissance Center from 1977, which is home to the tallest hotel in the entire Western Hemisphere (72 floors!) as well as the headquarters of General Motors.

Then you'll see Campus Martius Park in the heart of downtown, which opened in 2004 and features an ice-skating rink in winter and activities year-round. It recently won an award as the nation's most transformative urban park, and is a fine example of how Detroit is making a serious comeback.

A visit to the Guardian Building gives you a picture of the greatness of Detroit in the late 1920s. The lobby and banking room of this art-deco skyscraper are truly incredible. We'll take a stop here, and then we take a ride on the elevated People Mover, which has been moving people around downtown Detroit since 1987.

From the Michigan Avenue Station, see the \$800 Million MGM Grand Casino and hotel that were completed in 2008, and the new Rosa Parks Transit Center (named for "the mother of the Civil Rights Movement") with its dramatic canopies.

If the weather is nice, we'll walk to a nearby hotel that's a great example of Detroit's rise, fall and renewal. When it opened in 1924 it was the tallest hotel in the world and one of the fanciest, but it closed in the 1980s and stood vacant for more than 25 years on a prominent street corner. Detroiters were thrilled when it reopened after a \$200 million renovation as the wonderful, a proud moment in Detroit's history! A block down from here is one of the world's tallest vacant buildings at 36-storeys high. Your leader will tell you stories of its past and how it awaits a new life.

Next, we visit the area near Grand Circus Park, which is full of examples of Detroit's rocky history. Here we'll find even more vacant buildings as well as legendary parks and music venues that have hosted the like of Bruce Spingsteen and Detroit's own Eminem. This gives us many more opportunities for your guide to let you in on all the local secrets behind them. It's one thing simply seeing these buildings, but to get to know the history behind them makes the experience even more special, especially when it comes from the mouth of a local!

Our last stop will be at a local brewpub, where you can sip on a local beer or soft drink and continue to chat about Detroit with your local guide. The first drink's on us!

Additional information

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, fares for a ride on the People Mover, and one beer (or coffee, tea, or soft drink) at Detroit Beer Company.

Exclusions: Tips and gratuities for your guide.

Dress standard: Dress casually and comfortably. Wear shoes that are good for a fair amount of walking. Depending on weather,

you may want to have a jacket, hat, or an umbrella.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: On the occasional day when a steady heavy rain might dampen the mood on a walking tour, we will start from the same location but we will stay dry by using Detroit's public transport.

Closure of sites: On a very rare occasion, the People Mover or one of the venues that we usually visit may be unavailable.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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