



*Come, We Go Michigan!*  
*2022 UH Road Warriors-Bruddahood Tour #2*  
*"The Big House", Saturday, September 10th*



*September 4th-12th, 2022*

*7nts/9days from: \$2,895 per person double; \$3,795 single*

*Wow, what a way to open the Rainbow Warriors' 2022 road series, Football Saturday at Michigan's "Big House". Not only are we supporting the University of Hawaii's new Head Coach, Timmy Chang, his staff, and our beloved Rainbow Warriors, but also enjoying a tour of the "Great Lakes State".*

*It begins with a 2-night stay in Ann Arbor, home to the University of Michigan. It is a bustling university town abundant in the arts, culture, and technology. Steps from our hotel, enjoy its inviting downtown, unique shops, restaurants, pubs, and nightlife.*

*From here, Frankenmuth, Michigan's "Little Bavaria", a famous immigrant community, settled by German Lutherans in 1845. Enjoy the towns' Bavarian-inspired architecture, culture, and charm. Shoppers will enjoy the Bavarian-themed shops as well as Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store. Feeling hungry, choose from a variety of German favorites.*

*We then make our way to Detroit, the "Motor City" to discover and experience how it blends old and new. It is after all, where Henry Ford founded his automobile company. Detroit's music industry has also left its legacy here with the Motown sounds of Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, and the Jackson 5. Accommodations are at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel, a four-star, non-smoking casino hotel walking distance to Comerica Park and Ford Field.*

*And then, the icing on the cake, Football Saturday at the Big House. Very few college football stadiums can match the game-day experience that Michigan Stadium provides. It is one of the most historic and recognized sporting venues in the country and we will be there to cheer on our Rainbow Warriors, Coach Timmy Chang, and his staff.*

*Come, join us on this unique and fun filled 7-night tour!*

### **Itinerary/Details**

#### **Day 1 – September 4th, 2022, Sunday – Depart from Honolulu**

**United Airlines #383 Departs Honolulu 8:20 pm – Arrive Denver 6:57 am + 1**

Please meet your Panda Travel representative at the United Airlines check-in kiosks and counters located in Terminal 2, a minimum of 2 hours prior to the flight departure time. Bag fees are payable at check-in.

#### **Day 2 – September 5th, 2022, Monday – Denver – Detroit- Ann Arbor**

**United Airlines #4649 Departs Denver 10:00 am – Arrive Detroit 2:44 pm**

Please make your way to the baggage claim area. Once everyone is set, we are off by charter but to our hotel, Residence Inn by Marriott Ann Arbor Downtown. Ideally located in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor, we are steps from over 60 restaurants, popular shops, and exciting entertainment. Our room block consists of studio king suites, a king bed along with a sofa bed and fully equipped kitchen. The drive time is under 1-hour.

Welcome to Ann Arbor, home to the University of Michigan. After check-in, the remainder of the afternoon and evening is free. Do get out and enjoy time exploring this small, cool, artsy college town.



**Accommodations: Residence Inn by Marriott Ann Arbor Downtown Hotel**  **free**

#### **Day 3 – September 6th, 2022, Tuesday – Ann Arbor (B)**

After breakfast at our hotel, please meet your Panda Travel escorts at the designated time as we are off for a full day of touring. Our local step-on guides will be with us for the full day.

The morning begins with a short drive to Ypsilanti to visit the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. The museum tells the story of local pioneering automobile companies including Tucker and Kaiser-Frazer. Opened in the 1990's this site was originally home to one of the first Dodge dealerships. In later years it was converted into a Hudson Sales and Services franchise.

Some of the cars on display include the 1952 Hudson Hornet, known as the Fabulous Hudson Hornet with the 1952 NASCAR Championship win by Herb Hornet. Another unique car is the 1991 Chevrolet Caprice police car and a Tucker automobile movie prop from the movie, Tucker: The Man and His Dreams.

Enjoy time to explore as the museum has a collection of other automotive accessories, engines, signage, etc. The museum staff is also quite knowledgeable and available to answer questions.

From here, a visit to the Matthai Botanical Gardens, on the campus of the University of Michigan. It offers a beautiful indoor conservatory, walking trails, extensive formal gardens, and a gift shop. With over 700 acres, the offerings change depending on the month and season.

In September, the gardens with more to offer include, **The Gateway Garden of New World Plants**, featuring ornamental plants from both North and South America while **The Medicinal Garden** speaks to the connection between plants and health. **The Marie Azary Rock Garden** features “succulent and creeping mats that can thrive in a rocky environment”. There is also the **Urban Pocket Garden** scented with honeysuckle and the **Sitting Garden**, a relaxing spot to appreciate North American native plants chosen to

provide a “visual feast”. Lastly, the **Bonsai and Jenjing Garden**, with more than 70 plants, works of art. It combines Asian styles with influences from the U.S. and Europe.

As we approach lunchtime, a visit to the Kerrytown Market and Shops, a neighborhood not far from downtown Ann Arbor. This historic market district offers a unique collection of shops and eateries. From jewelry, paper and toys to delicious sausages, smoked fish, soups and salsas, shopping here is a different kind of experience. Enjoy free time to browse, shop, and have lunch on your own.

Our last stop on tour and a highlight to be long remembered, a guided tour of the “Big House”. Michigan Stadium is currently the largest college football stadium in the country at a capacity of 107, 601.

Our tour begins by pulling right up to the stadium, meet our stadium guides and up the elevator to the club/press box level. As you step out, you will be greeted by photos of iconic announcers in Michigan history. Among them, the legendary Keith Jackson whose unique voice was synonymous for decades calling some of college football’s greatest plays. “The Big House” was coined by Jackson when at an opening game he said, “Welcome to The Big House”. It stuck from that point on.

As you enter the press boxes, take a moment, and think of the folks who have sat in these seats as they announced the play by play, some nail biting games. By the way, the views from here are fantastic.

You will also get to see some of the luxury suites and then in another section of the stadium, behind two plain doors, the game day locker room. As you stand here, think of players that stood in this very same spot, Tom Brady, Heisman’s winner, Desmond Howard, and Charles Woodson, just one of only two players (with Hall of Famer Marcus Allen) to win a Heisman Trophy, AP Rookie of the Year Award, AP Player of the Year Award, and a Super Bowl title in his career. Close your eyes and envision what it feels like to be here for a fiery halftime speech or the tears after losing a hard-fought game.

Does it get better, yes it does as we now head down the tunnel and on to the field. Imagine what it must feel like to look up into the stands as a player and hear the roar of the crowd, a surreal moment.

One interesting tidbit, the playing field sits about four stories below street level and the seats that seem so high up are right about at street level.

Wow, what a day as we make our way back to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free.



**Accommodations: Residence Inn by Marriott Ann Arbor Downtown Hotel**  **free**

#### **Day 4 – September 7th, 2022, Wednesday – Ann Arbor-Frankenmuth (B/L)**

After breakfast, please meet in the lobby with your luggage by the designated time. We bid a temporary good-bye to Ann Arbor, knowing we will be back in a few short days, standing alongside our beloved Rainbow Warriors.

Our day begins with a drive to Frankenmuth with a drive time of approximately 1.5 hours.

Welcome to Frankenmuth, aka “Little Bavaria”. The area was settled in the 19th century by Lutheran immigrants from Franconia, Germany, and the town – in its timber-framed architecture, beer and sausage festivals and German spoken as a second language – has retained more than a flavor of the old country.

Once here, we begin with a stop at Bonners Christmas Wonderland, the world’s largest Christmas store, the size of 1 ½ football fields. It’s a shopper’s dream with over 50,000 trims and gifts. The sights, sounds and spirit of Christmas surround you. Enjoy free time to browse and shop.

From here, off to the Bavarian Inn Restaurant to get a taste of traditional German baking with a hands-on pretzel rolling experience. Make sure you have your cameras on hand, ready for before and after selfies.

Follow along as the baking experts lead you through the proper pretzel-rolling techniques as you build your own pretzel. There's nothing quite like biting into doughy warm pretzels that you've just baked. Do enjoy your hot, fresh twisted treat.

Now, lunch time and on tap the signature Frankenmuth Combination Luncheon that includes samples of Frankenmuth chicken, Jäger Schnitzel and Sauerbraten. It is served with Kartoffelkäseknödel (potato cheese puffs), homemade bread, coleslaw, desert, and choice of listed drinks.

After lunch, do stop by the Castle Shops in the restaurant's lower level. You will find a wide selection of items offered in a charming fairytale atmosphere. The various shops include the Doll & Toy Shop, Royal Gift Shop, Souvenirs & Cheers Gift Shop (German items), and the Wine & Beer Shop.

This afternoon, a visit at the German themed outdoor shopping mall, Frankenmuth River Place Shops. With over 40 shops, enjoy free time to explore. Do make a point to visit the Frankenmuth Clock Company and its display of over 1,000 different clocks. If you have wanted a cuckoo clock, this is the place, they come in sizes ranging from 4 inches to 5 feet.

Now, off to our hotel, Fairfield Inn, and Suites Frankenmuth, ideally located right on South Main Street. Come out the front door and town center is steps away. We will be checking in by 4pm and the remainder of the afternoon and evening is free. You will find that most shops are open until 8pm.



**Accommodations: Fairfield Inn by Marriott Frankenmuth**  **free**

### **Day 5 – September 8th, 2022, Thursday – Frankenmuth-Dearborn-Detroit (B)**

After breakfast, please meet your Panda Travel in the lobby by the designated time as we are off to Dearborn, approximately 1.5-hour drive. Dearborn is home to the Henry Ford Museum, one of the country's finest. Focusing on American innovation and culture, it is less like a museum and more like a mini town. Here you will find artifacts that include the rocking chair Abraham Lincoln was sitting in when he was assassinated, the limo in which John F. Kennedy was killed and the bus on which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.

Step inside the bus where Rosa Parks made a stand by taking a seat. Play pilot as you explore flight innovations, starting with the Wright brothers' achievements, or make yourself at home inside Buckminster Fuller's circular Dymaxion House. Put yourself in the place of the movers and shakers who blazed the trail to where we stand today.

The adjacent Greenfield Village comprises historic buildings shipped in from all over the country, reconstructed and restored, such as Thomas Edison's laboratory from Menlo Park and the Wright Brothers' airplane workshop. Spread across more than 80 acres, Greenfield Village comes alive with the unforgettable sights, sounds, and settings of America's past.

We will be met by local guides who will offer an introductory to each venue and then allow you free time to explore on your own. Both the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village offer a variety of shops and dining options. Lunch is on your own today.

We have planned for a full day here so that you can enjoy the experience as much as possible. The Ford Rouge Factory is not included in today's pass; however, if you do want to experience, there is a shuttle available to take you there.

We plan on departing here by 4pm and arrive in the “Motor City” and our hotel, MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel by 5pm. Once the check-in is completed, the remainder of the evening is free. If you are off to do some gambling, we leave you with this phrase, “winner winner chicken dinner”, the origin often credited to an unnamed blackjack dealer from Binion’s in Las Vegas.

Our hotel is in the heart of the city, walking distance to Ford Field and Comerica Park. Besides the on-site casino, luxury spa and indoor infinity-edge pool, they offer seven restaurants as well as a quick service Breeze Dining Court. MGM Grand Detroit is a non-smoking, adults only property and you must be at least 21 years old to be in any of their public areas.

**\*\*Please note that most rooms at the hotel only offer one king bed. We only have a handful of rooms with 2 beds. If you are a couple, we appreciate your kokua by accepting a king bed so that unrelated travelers are able to be accommodated in the doubles.\*\***



**Accommodations: MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel  included as part of the resort fee.**

### **Day 6 – September 9th, 2022, Friday – Detroit**

After breakfast on your own, please meet at the designated time as we are off on a full day touring the Motor City, where the car is king as might be expected in the USA’s auto-making hub. Back in the day, practically everyone worked in the motor industry. The times have changed, but Detroit still has a lot going on, from eye-popping street art to vintage cars, jazz clubs, and art deco architecture.

Below is the current itinerary we have planned out. Please keep in mind we will not be able to get off at each spot, some will only be a drive by with time for a photo opportunity. Local guides with will be with us for the full day.

Our morning begins with a visit to Corktown, Detroit’s oldest surviving neighborhood, deriving its name from County Cork, Ireland. Many Irish immigrants fled the Great Irish Potato Famine of the 1840’s and by early 1850’s half of the residents were of Irish descent.

Moving forward to today, it has become one of the most up-and-coming neighborhoods in the country and more so after Ford Motor Company purchased the abandoned Michigan Central Station with a promise to build a campus in Corktown.

We now head downtown for views of the Riverwalk, a 3.5-mile route offering breathtaking views of the Detroit River and the city’s skyline. The on to City Center, the Guardian Building, the city’s landmark skyscraper, and Belt Art Alley, an artistic dreamland featuring a variety of art, from murals to creative installations to light -based pieces.

Next, Parkers Alley, a new place to shop in downtown Detroit, named in homage to Thomas Parker, a free black man who became one of Detroit’s first black landowners. And then, Campus Martius Park, a beautiful urban park.

As we get to the noon hour, off to Greektown, a historic entertainment district. The area is known for its architecture dating back to as early as 1910, and for its number of Greek restaurants and stores. The area was one of the major settlement areas of Greek immigrants to Toronto after World War I.

Enjoy free time to browse, shop and have lunch on your own. Feeling lucky, try your hand at the Greektown Casino. Never been to a Wahlburgers Restaurant, you’ll have the opportunity today.

We will also get in a quick photo stop at Ford Field, home to the Detroit Lions and just across the way, Comerica Park, home to the Detroit Tigers.

This afternoon's touring begins with a visit to Midtown and the Cultural Center Historic District. It is home to many of the city's oldest cultural institutions, full of vintage homes, museums, and public art. Next, a visit to the Fisher Building, built by the Fisher brothers of "Body by Fisher" fame -- opened in September 1928. This 441-foot tower, known as "Detroit's largest art object" is decked to the nines in fancy marbles, mosaics, soaring, painted ceilings and a whole lot of brass and bronze. Don't forget to grab the camera as we will be going in.

We continue to Motown Museum for a photo opportunity on its porch. This beloved museum is where Berry Gordy Jr. launched his music empire. The museum is currently closed and fenced off for renovations. It is scheduled to reopen in the summer.

Now, off on a drive through the historic Boston Edison District. It contains over 900 homes, most constructed between 1905 and 1925 and range in size from modest two-story vernaculars to impressive mansions. Early residents of Boston-Edison included Henry Ford, James Couzens, Horace Rackham, Sebastian Kresge, and Joe Louis.

Today, this district is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic neighborhood with people from diverse occupations and professions who share a common appreciation and love of historic homes. It boasts the Historic Boston-Edison Association, the oldest continuous neighborhood association in the city, founded in 1921.

We expect to be back at our hotel by late afternoon. Once back, the remainder of the afternoon and evening is free.



**Accommodations: MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel  included as part of the resort fee.**

**Day 7 – September 10th, 2022, Saturday – Detroit-Ann Arbor-Detroit**

### **GAME DAY! GO WARRIORS!**

If you mention the "Big House," any University of Michigan fan worth their maize and blue will know you're talking about their huge football stadium. Less than a century ago, this spot was known as the Miller Family Farm. It boasted barns, strawberry patches, and an underground spring - not the artificial turf and block M that can be found on the site today.

Size does matter when it comes to talking about the best stadiums in college football. There is no other able to match Michigan in this regard. The primary reason why the Big House can hold so many fans is because of where the bowl rests in relation to ground level. Nearly 75 percent of the stadium had to be built below ground level to offset the effects of a high-water table.

A typical game day Saturday in Ann Arbor begins around 8:30am, with a cool breeze as families and friends begin to set up their tailgate tables by the stadium. They are decked out with Michigan gear under their Michigan tents, grills are sizzling and the smell of bacon and burgers in the air. U-M students leisurely open their first cans of beer and play beer pong outside of their houses.

By 10:00am "Mr. Brightside," which has become something of a U-M anthem, reverberates from house parties on nearly every block. Delta Tau Delta blasts Taylor Swift's "Love Story" so loud it can be heard blocks away. **It's game day in Ann Arbor!**

Back in Detroit, at our hotel, enjoy free time until our departure for Ann Arbor. Once here, a familiar get-together, the official UH Tailgate Party (details are TBA). It is our moment to show the U-M folks we are here for business!

Now, off to Michigan Stadium, for many of you, a 2nd time. But today will be so much different, no pukas among the 107,601 seats. As you look down on the field, our beloved Rainbow Warriors in formation and really to battle the Wolverines of Michigan. **GO WARRIORS!**

After the game, please meet back at the designated spot for the drive back to Detroit. Once back, time to savor our win! The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free.



**Accommodations: MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel** included as part of the resort fee.

#### **Day 8 – September 11th, 2022, Sunday – Detroit**

We have left this day completely free so that you can enjoy as you please. There is a lot to choose from, discover more of Detroit or revisit some of the stops on Friday's tour.

While the Tigers are not in town this weekend, there is a possibility that the Lions will be. The NFL schedule usually comes out in March. While we will not purchase a block of tickets, you can do so individually. What's nice, it's a walk from our hotel to Ford Field.

Lastly, we will be offering an optional day tour over to Windsor, Canada. If you are interested, please let us know. We will be traveling via charter bus with our local guides and plan to take the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel in one direction and cross the Ambassador Bridge on the other. **It will be a separate cost.**

It will be a touring day capturing Windsor's sights and sounds. For lunch break, most likely time at one of the casinos. We will be back to Detroit in the late afternoon. **Please remember a valid passport is required of all U.S. citizens, driver's license no longer works.**



**Accommodations: MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel** included as part of the resort fee.

#### **Day 9 – September 12th, 2022, Monday – Detroit -Airport**

It will be an early morning, meeting time at 3:00am to depart the hotel by 3:30am. On arrival at the Detroit Airport, please claim your bags off the bus and process to the check-in area.

**United Airlines #6036 Departs Detroit 6:30 am – Arrive Houston 8:50 am**

**United Airlines #253 Departs Houston 10:00 am – Arrive Honolulu 1:11 pm**