



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



*September 7th-12th, 2022,*  
*4nts/6days from: \$1,995 per person double; \$2,595 single*

*Wow! What a way to open the Rainbow Warriors' 2022 road series, Football Saturday at Michigan's "Big House". Join us as we support the University of Hawaii's new Head Coach, Timmy Chang, his staff, and our beloved Rainbow Warriors, but also the revitalization.*

*Welcome to Detroit, Michigan, the "Motor City". 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.*

*The city is rolling again, its downtown will pop your eyeballs. The new Detroit shines, once overlooked neighborhoods, Corktown and Midtown, are now the hottest spots in town. As a visitor, so much to do and see, extraordinary art deco skyscrapers, edgy street art, galleries, shops, and museums. Discover timeless jazz clubs, major league sports, casino gambling, and the city's first distillery since Prohibition, Two James.*

*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 4-night weekender tour!*

**Itinerary/Details**

**Day 1 – September 7th, 2022, Wednesday – Depart from Honolulu**

**United Airlines #252 Departs Honolulu 7:46 pm – Arrive Houston 8:18 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 8th, 2022, Thursday – Houston – Detroit**

**United Airlines #6083 Departs Houston 10:15 am – Arrive Detroit 1:58 pm**

Please make your way to the baggage claim area. Once everyone is set, we are off by charter bus to our hotel, MGM Grand Detroit Casino Hotel. 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, MGM Grand Detroit 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. It 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.\*\***



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**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 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, the 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.



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**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, 107,601 seats and no pukas. 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.



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

We have left this day completely free so that you can enjoy the day 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 be purchasing a block of tickets, but 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.**



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

It will be an early morning, meeting time at 3:00am to depart the hotel by 3:15am. On arrival at the Detroit Airport, please claim your bags off the bus and process to the check-in area.

**United Airlines #5701 Departs Detroit 6:00 am – Arrive Chicago 6:20 am**

**United Airlines #219 Departs Chicago 9:30 am – Arrive Honolulu 1:30 pm**

