

# Distinctively Detroit Tours

## DETROIT – MOTORS, MOTOWN & MORE

### Trip Includes:

- 4 Nights in Suites at the Historic DoubleTree Hotel & Suites in Downtown Detroit
- Ford Rouge Factory Tour
- Visit the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation
- Tour the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant – Birthplace of the Model-T
- C.A.N Handworks Design Center Tour
- Tour Motown Museum – Hitsville, USA
- Detroit's Polish Area – Visit the Polish Store and enjoy a Polish Buffet Lunch
- Tour the Parade Company Studio
- Motown Magic Driving Tour of former Motown Legends Homes & More
- Dinner at the Motown Bistro with Motown Records talk by Miller London
- Visit Belle Isle Park
- Visit Belle Isle Conservatory
- Visit the Belle Isle Aquarium
- Detroit River Luncheon Cruise
- Tour & Private Dinner at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate

Berry Gordy's Mansion



**If you haven't been to Detroit recently – you do not know what you are missing! From the sounds of Motown to the roar of Motors...experience Detroit like never before!**

### Day 1 D

Enjoy the next 4 Nights at the Historic DoubleTree Hotel & Suites in downtown Detroit. All rooms will be suites!

### Day 2 B, D

Get your engines revved up as you start our day with a **Ford Rouge Factory Tour!** Celebrate the engineering ingenuity behind the production of the all-new aluminum body Ford F-150 truck, the multisensory Manufacturing Innovation film experiences comes complete with vibrating seats, gusts of wind, 3D projection mapping, and even winking robots. Next, you will explore the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation** and explore the American experience of innovation, ingenuity and resourcefulness. You will be immersed in the stories that helped shape America. This afternoon, you will tour the **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant – Birthplace of the Model-T**. As the birthplace of the Ford Model T Car, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is recognized as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the World. To complete your day we will tour the **C.A.N Art Handworks design center**. Led by artist and master craftsman, Carl Neilbock, you will learn about his restoring efforts and see some of his creativity in how to repurpose, reuse and recycle in beautiful ways.



### Day 3 B, L, D

Start off by touring the **Motown Museum, home of Hitsville, USA!** Founded in 1985 by Esther Gordy Edwards, former Motown Records executive and sister to Motown founder, Berry Gordy, the Motown Museum is home to iconic Hitsville, USA, Studio A, and has an extensive array of Motown artifacts, photographs, apparel and memorabilia. The Museum is located in the original headquarters and music recording studio for Motown Records. Then, you will head off to the Polish area of Detroit where you will visit a **Polish store and enjoy a traditional Polish buffet lunch**. After lunch you will venture into the magical **Parade Company Studio** and experience a behind-the-scenes look at America's Thanksgiving Parade, one of Motor City's oldest traditions. Learn more about the Parade's fascinating history explore the 200,000 square-foot storyland of floats and see how the award-winning artisans bring them to life. Marvel at the world's largest collection of papier-mâché (continued on back)

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### Day 3 (Continued)

heads and stop by the costume shop, where over 3,000 costumes make a colorful array of characters come to life. Then, sit back and get ready to **experience Motown Magic**. **Motown Magic is a Distinctively Detroit exclusive experience! Enjoy a narrated riding tour where you'll move and groove to the sounds of Motown while viewing Motown legends former homes and establishments.** Visit the **New Bethel Baptist Church** where Aretha Franklin's father was the preacher. See the **New Whitestone Missionary Baptist Church** where Stevie Wonder sang in the Choir. See views of homes from Motown Royalty and other Detroit celebrities such as Gladys Knight, David Ruffin, Martha Reeves, Marvin Gaye, Berry Gordy and more! Then, you will arrive for dinner at the **Motown Bistro**, a **Motown-themed restaurant with items of Motown history on display.** **Enjoy dinner while listening to Detroit Native and the first African American salesman for Motown Records, Miller London, talk about his time at Motown Records.**

### Day 4 B, L, D

This morning you will head over to **Belle Isle Park**, a 985-acre island park located on the Detroit River. It is rich with natural beauty and historical and cultural resources. The park also provides spectacular views of Detroit to the North and Canada to the South. You will start by visiting the **Belle Isle Conservatory** which is the oldest continually-running conservatory in the United States. It is divided into five distinct sections: Palm House, the Tropical House, the Cactus House, a sunken Fernery, and the Show House. Then, you will head over to the **Belle Isle Aquarium** which was designed by famed Detroit architect, Albert Kahn, and opened on August 18, 1904. It is the oldest Aquarium in the country. It features one of the largest collections of air breathing fish in the world and they house the only known collection of all 7 species of gar in North America! We will set sail aboard the **Diamond Jack Boat for a luncheon cruise**. Enjoy a guided tour on the Detroit River. See beautiful views of the Detroit and Windsor skylines. Enjoy hearing the one-of-a-kind history of the Motor City, see interesting sights and hear sounds along the way. To complete your day, you will **tour and enjoy a private dinner at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate**, a mansion located in Grosse Pointe Shores. The 20,000 square-foot house has a fine collection of original antiques and art and beautiful lakefront grounds. The house itself is a commitment to design excellence. Wander. Wonder. Explore. Whether your love is nature, art, history, or design, you'll find it all here. The Ford House is a home of stories waiting to be uncovered.



### Day 5

Star your journey home with lots of memories of your dynamic time in Detroit!

Detroit Skyline



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