



## Welcome to Detroit

There may not be a city in America better suited to host the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games than Detroit. With its rich sports history and its many unique attractions and events - your competitions and visit to the Motor City will be memorable.

In 1998 - Sporting News named Detroit the "Best Sports City." The Motor City is home to the Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings (NHL), Pistons (NBA), Tigers (MLB), Lions (NFL) and Shock (WNBA). Not only do the home teams provide thrilling competitive action for the fans - the stadiums they play in are destinations themselves.

A trip to **Comerica Park** in the summertime is a must for any visitor. The home of the Tigers is a state of the art ballpark offering more than a great venue to watch professional baseball. Comerica Park is home to the league's largest scoreboard, aquatic fireworks, a Ferris wheel, an all-tiger carousel, huge tiger sculptures and outstanding food.

If you need a break from athletic competition there are plenty of other things to see and do throughout metro Detroit.

Be sure to visit **Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village** - the largest indoor/outdoor museum complex in the world. The museum houses hundreds of artifacts related to American innovation including an elaborate classic car display. In 2003 - Heroes of Flight, a special exhibit celebrating the 100th Anniversary of flight opens in the museum. Also, be sure to check out a full feature film at the **IMAX Theatre**. The village is 80-acres of 1800 America, and is home to historic residences such as the Wright Brothers workshop and Tom Edison's Laboratory. An historic train, steamboat and Model Ts are the forms of transportation inside the village.



The **Detroit Zoo** is home to the world's largest polar bear exhibit - The Arctic Ring of Life. Walk through an underwater tunnel as bears swim above your head. The zoo is also home to the world's largest amphibian conservation center, a butterfly/hummingbird house and hundreds of other animals from around the world.

Downtown Detroit is home to some to the world's most renowned museums. The **Detroit Institute of Arts**

houses one of the world's largest art collections and special exhibits throughout the year. The **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** is the largest of its kind in the world and is located next door is the **New Detroit Science Center**. Titanic: The Artifact Display is on exhibit from February - early September at the Science Center. Also in the museum district is the **Detroit Historical Museum** where you can relive the Detroit of yesterday and experience the Detroit of today under one roof. Just up the street is the **Motown Historical Museum and Hitsville USA**. See where the Motown sound began at one of the most famous addresses in the country!

There is plenty of nighttime entertainment in metro Detroit too. Popular culinary destinations include Lafayette and American **Coney Islands, Greektown** and **Mexicantown** located in downtown Detroit. And **Birmingham** and **Royal Oak** in the suburbs. The entire metro area is filled with restaurants from "four star" to "just for fun". Detroit is also the largest American city with 24-hour casino gaming options. **MGM Grand, MotorCity** and **Greektown** casinos offer Las Vegas style gaming, great restaurant selections and nightly entertainment.

From morning to night you are sure to have a great time in Detroit! For a complete list of events and other attractions log on to [www.visitdetroit.com](http://www.visitdetroit.com) or call 800-DETROIT for a free copy of Visit Detroit magazine.