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Official Fall Travel Guide





Grand Rapids Public Museum sits along the Grand River. (Opposite) Discover works of art like *The American Horse* at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.



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RAPID RISE

FOLLOW THE CURRENT TO GRAND RAPIDS' CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND PROGRESSIVE CRAFT FOOD-AND-DRINK SCENE.

BY MEGY KARYDES



(From left) Sample exquisite oils and vinegars at Old World Olive Company. *Silkwaves in the Grand* flutters in the breeze beyond the Blue Bridge during the 2013 ArtPrize.

A YIELD SIGN in front of the entertainment venue The B... directs visitors to give way to... A stop sign there reads, "Stop the roses)." Bright yellow wa... signs alert people to "Peace (... They are part of Ben Graham installation *Sign Language*. A... directions are well worth fol... when in Grand Rapids for it... ArtPrize.

Stop to discuss Richard M... environmental statement, a (... tall bird's nest of recycled m... called *Hanging in the Balance*... Vandenberg (Calder) Plaza. (... contemplation in front of Jill... sunset-color fused-glass *Pers*... a wall at the Gerald R. Ford... Museum. Fall in love with K... Aceves' study of the Eiffel To... twilight in a series called *Mi*... Fifth Third Bank.

These works join 1,500 or... more than 100 venues—col... museums, bars, hotels—in (... miles of downtown during (... (September 23 to October 11... More than 400,000 viewers... vote for a favorite. Winners (... voting and juried selections... more than \$500,000 in priz...

In 2014, Catherine Richa... etched mirror reflected peop... on the Blue Bridge, its sky bl... straddling the Grand River. (... the middle of this pedestrian... contemplated not only art b... possibilities on both banks: (... by trees ablaze with red and... lead to high-rise hotels spar... sunshine and museums refl... the dark river.

The Grand Rapids Public... 1928 Spillman carousel twir... pavilion jutting over the rive... main building, on the site of... flour mill, houses 250,000 (... ranging from automobiles to... specimens. Its neighbor, the... R. Ford Presidential Museum... the native son with hands-on... Experience a day at the Whi... watch the unfolding of Wate... get a sense of the president's... in a replica Cabinet room.





Grand Rapids Art Museum pays tribute to another local when it opens *A Retrospective of Reynold Weidenaar*. A draftsman and printmaker, Rey's works encompass realistic etchings, surreal oils, and watercolors of industrial scenes and landscapes. The display (opening October 25) of more than 100 pieces honors the 100th anniversary of Rey's birth.

Winner of the first ArtPrize in 2009, the wave-scape *Open Water No. 24* by Ran Ortner, hangs above the bar at Reserve Wine and Food, where the selection includes more than 100 wines by the glass, plus more by the bottle. Try one while nibbling on house-made pâté or a local dairy's chèvre.

Area farms provide the backbone of the entrees at Grove: Crisp Country Acres'

beets get pickled, marinated and pureed; Heffron Farms' beef thickens ragù; and Creswick Farms' pork ends up on the grill.

Relationships like this feed the reputation of Grand Rapids' crafts beer scene, too. New Mission Organics on the Leelanau Peninsula grows the hops that inject floral notes in Grand Rapids Brewing Company's tribute to the city's mayor, George Heartwell: Rye-Heart(Well) Bock—one of 17 on tap at the state's only certified-organic brewery. Or grab a pint at the first LEED-certified commercial brewery in the nation, Brewery Vivant. Its Belgian-style beers bear cheeky names like Undertaker in reference to its location in an early-1900s funeral chapel and The Grand Army in toast to the city's soccer team, Grand Rapids Football Club.

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The restaurant six.one.six's hip lounge Mixology looks out on the Grand River. (Left) A statue of Gerald Ford sits outside his namesake museum in his hometown.



Science at the Grand Rapids Museum



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Walk back toward the river to CityFlatsHotel, which pleases guests with ecofriendly touches like cork flooring and bamboo linens, and the AAA Four-Diamond hotel Amway Grand Plaza and riverside JW Marriott Grand Rapids promise luxury stays.

Viewers might not recognize many names of artists at ArtPrize, but most will know some of the creators at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in April. Ten minutes from downtown, visitors follow waterways and paths through the 30-acre sculpture park to see 60 major works, including Keith Haring's bright yellow, free-form *Julia*, Joan Miró's surreal *Woman and Bird* and Rodin's bronze *Eve*.



GRAND RAPIDS
TOUR



(Clockwise, from top) Fresh is the theme whether you're shopping at Gina's Boutique, sipping brew at Madcap Coffee, snacking at Market Hall's Aperitivo or tasting what's on tap at Brewery Vivant.



UNEXPECTED BEERS GRAND RAPIDS ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE IN MICHIGAN GETTING CRAFTY WITH ITS BREWS.

Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor This husband-and-wife duo quit their corporate gigs 20 years ago to brew beer. Now, they craft 110 beers with cheeky amusing and surprising ingredients. Their brewpub in India inspired multiple new drafts, including Anahata Chakra Honey Lavender ale.

Atwater Brewery, Detroit When a brewery's slogan is "We drink all we can and sell the rest," its products are worth a taste. A few sips of the Decadent Dark Chocolate ale proves it. The not-too-sweet brew is a drinkable dessert containing three kinds of chocolate.

Bell's Brewery, Kalamazoo Michigan's oldest microbrewery pours 40 drafts at its Eccentric Cafe, where patrons find beers that are typically unavailable outside the pub. The on-tap list changes often and includes less-common brews like *Le Contrebassiste*, a rustic brown ale.

Cheboygan Brewing Company, Cheboygan German brewmasters were bringing the beers of their homeland to northern Michigan before the brewery closed in 1911. When it reopened 100 years later, brewers channeled their creativity and the company's heritage to create the German ale Imperial Cinnamon Hefeweizen.

Right Brain Brewery, Traverse City A former barber put down the scissors and picked up the paddle to brew downright startling beers. Culinary-inspired ales are the real attention-getters. The brown ale Thai Peanut hints at pad Thai with flavors of peanut butter, cilantro and chili peppers.

The Vierling, Marquette A handful of blueberries sit at the bottom of every pint of Blueberry Wheat, the best-selling beer at this 1800s saloon. Slide up to the 100-year-old oak bar to sip on the sweet ale, or drink it down while gazing at Lake Superior through picture windows.

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