

Royal Oak

Downtown Royal Oak sizzles with energy and excitement year-round, and it's only about 20 minutes from downtown Detroit. Explore this fashion-forward locale.

1 DAY | 6-8 HOURS

DESTINATIONS

Oakland

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FUN FOR THE FAM



Start out at [Royal Oak Farmers Market](#). Friday markets run through Thanksgiving; Saturday markets run year-round, with antique markets on Sundays. Check the calendar for food truck rallies, beer festivals, craft shows and artist markets. Get your dose of Vitamin Z at the [Detroit Zoo](#), where you can watch polar bears plunge and butterflies float. Browse Main and Washington streets for Royal Oak's funky salons, vintage boutiques and specialty stores like [Made in the Mitten](#) and [Toyology](#).



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DINING DECISIONS, DECISIONS



Royal Oak has perfected happy hour, with **526 Main's** dueling pianos, upscale beer halls like **Ale Mary's** and vintage-vibe cocktail bars like **Pinky's Rooftop** adding to the eats and entertainment mix. **HopCat** is known for its vast craft beer selection and fries, while **Jim Brady's** menu offers decades-old Detroit classics like the 7 Mile Caesar and Charlie Brown burger. Watch for the annual **Royal Oak Restaurant Week** typically held in March.

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NEVER-ENDING NIGHTLIFE



For 40 years, [Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle](#) has showcased the best comic talent in the country. Wednesday is open mic night. The historic [Royal Oak Music Theatre](#) is a club-style venue with a full calendar. [Pronto!](#), an LGBTQ-friendly restaurant and video bar, serves up live entertainment, including Broadway-style cabaret nights. [Drag Queen Bingo](#), is offered in the space next door, along with Sip, Swish and Stroke guided painting and wine events.