



SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR AQS QUILTWEK - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Day 1



Grand Rapids Public Museum - Image
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Grand Rapids Public Museum

272 Pearl St. NW • (P) 616-929-1700

Visit the oldest museum in Michigan, founded in 1854. Just a few steps from the DeVos Place Convention Center, the Public Museum is home to nearly 250,000 artifacts and specimens. It has a wide variety of in-house exhibits that are present year-round as well as numerous traveling exhibits throughout the year that are sure to satisfy a diverse range of individuals.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

303 Pearl St. NW • (P) 616-254-0400

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum collects, preserves, and exhibits an assortment of historical artifacts that illustrate the life and times of Gerald R. Ford. The goal of the Ford Museum is to preserve this collection so that future generations will have a better understanding of the legacy of our nation's 38th President. The museum holds around 19,000 artifacts ranging from items from Ford's Presidency, including gifts, clothes, Ford's football collection, and much more.



GRAM - Image from artmuseumgr.com

Grand Rapids Art Museum

101 Monroe Center St. NW • (P) 616-831-1000

The Art Museum's history spans back to 1910, and the building you see today was named best building of the year in 2007. The museum has an impressive collection of works of art on display ranging from Renaissance to Modern Art. The GRAM is a must-see museum while visiting Grand Rapids!



Detail: MY SECRET GARDEN by Margaret Solomon Gunn

Day 2 - 3

AQS QuiltWeek at DeVos Place Convention Center

Wednesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Come see the best of the best in the quilting world, with over 450 quilts on display. Shop in the vendor Merchant Mall for the newest in quilting products. Attendees will have the opportunity to register for classes, lectures, and special events held with professional quilting instructors (registration available online, and attendees may register individually). For special group admission rates and AQS QuiltWeek special event rates, please contact Michelle Thompson, AQS Registration Coordinator, at michelle.thompson@americanquilter.com.



Special Events available during AQS QuiltWeek Grand Rapids

All-Star Review

Wednesday, 5 - 7 p.m.

Join us for our ever-popular All-Star Review and learn techniques from many of this year's instructors. Each instructor will give a 10-minute demonstration to all participants from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. After 6:30 p.m., meet the instructors and purchase their books, patterns, and tools. You can even get an autograph or two. A booklet with printed handouts is provided to each participant.

An Evening with AQS Instructor

Thursday and Friday, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

(Different Instructors each evening)

Join AQS and our featured instructors as they talk about their journey through quilting. Enjoy the evening with your quilting friends as you learn new tricks of the trade and a little history from some of the best in the business. These are fun and inspiring events you don't want to miss.

AQS Pop-Up Quilt Party

Friday at Noon

Join Show Director Bonnie Browning and Director of Education Liz Hammonds for the AQS QuiltWeek Pop-Up Quilt Party. Bring one of your favorite wallhangings to share (small enough to carry). Also, be sure to bring a notecard with your name, city, state, and quilt title and the technique you used on the card. Come have some fun with us and show off one of your quilts!

For Group ticket rates and special offers, contact the AQS Show Department at 270-898-7903.



Day 4



Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

1000 East Beltline Ave. NE • (P) 616-957-1580

Experience masterpieces of art at the Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Visitors of the gardens are sure to leave with their senses delighted and a newfound love for horticulture. As Michigan's second most popular tourist attraction, the 158-acre park offers tranquility, beauty, and the ability to simply enjoy what nature has to offer. There is dining onsite at the Taste of the Gardens Café, where you will be surrounded by ceiling sculptures. Some exhibits are on a rotating basis; however, there are in-house exhibits that can be seen year-round.

Fifth Third Bank Summer Concerts at Meijer Gardens

The garden's annual summer events include a wide range of concerts at the outdoor Amphitheater. There you will see artists like Lyle Lovett and Bonnie Raitt as well as enjoy the terraced lawn seating, food, and beverages, all while being surrounded by the spectacular views of the gardens and sculptures.



Broadway Grand Rapids Series

DeVos Performance Hall - 303 Monroe Ave. NW • (P) 616-742-6500

The DeVos Performance Hall presents the Broadway series for the Grand Rapids community. Enjoy ever-popular Broadway hits in Michigan just as if you were in New York City. Group ticket discounts are available for up to 20% off for groups of 10 or more. For group pricing, call 616-235-6285.

Alternative Grand Rapids Touring Options:

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Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts

2 Fulton St. W
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-7000

Meyer May House

450 Madison Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 246-4821
(Free Tours)

Fulton Street Farmers' Market

1145 Fulton St. E
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-4118
Wed, Fri, & Sat | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Rosa Parks Circle

135 Monroe Center St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 456-3696

Heritage Hill Historic District

126 College SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-8950

Downtown Market

435 Ionia Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 805-5308