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GRAND PRIX DETROIT



Welcome to the D, and we don't mean Dallas! Call it what you like: Motown, the Motor City, Hockeytown, the "D"; Detroit has a diverse culture and is rich in history. The following guide should help judges and other guests new to the city travel to, eat in, and enjoy Detroit. For any of us adventuresome enough to take in the local flavor, we hope that you find our guide helpful. After all, we are here for Grand Prix Detroit, but it would be a shame not to get to know our proud city.

For reference, please check out the [Professional Event Services Website](#) for information about the Grand Prix.

If you see anything that is incorrect about this guide or have any questions, feel free to Email me at chiadave@hotmail.com or Joshua at stothersj91@gmail.com
Special thanks to Joshua Stothers for his assistance with visuals.

Transportation

Metro Cars – Fleet is sedans that seat 3 passengers maximum. Estimated fare is \$60 + tip. 1.800.456.1701

Metro Cab – (same company) Fleet is minivans that seat six maximum. Estimated fare is \$50 + tip. 1.734.997.6500

Best Express – Taxi, no better description available. Estimated fare is \$45 + tip. 1.248.818.1746

Skoot Shuttle – The “exclusive airport shuttle for Detroit Airport Shuttle and the downtown Hotel Association” 1.855.937.5668

Transit options are expensive to get Downtown, it is advisable that you travel in groups, not only for safety, but to help make this an affordable trip for everyone, **and there is, of course, always Uber.**

Greyhound

DETROIT GREYHOUND STATION 1001 HOWARD ST Detroit, MI 48226

Telephone Numbers Main: (313) 961-8011 Baggage: (313) 961-6870 Greyhound Package Express: (313) 961-9817

Planes:

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (usually called [Detroit Metro Airport](#), **Metro Airport** locally, or simply DTW)

It is located in Romulus, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit about 22 Miles/Minutes from the Staff Hotel. It is also the only way you can fly in to the Detroit area unless you are cargo or can afford to charter a private jet. There is no Shuttle Service from Metro Airport to downtown Detroit; there are transportation options, however, that you can view in the sidebar.

Trains:

If you travel by train, Amtrak has two stations that serve the Detroit area. Both feature enclosed waiting areas. (There is no shuttle, but they will summon a taxi upon request)

11 West Baltimore Avenue Detroit, MI 48202 (about 3 miles from the Venue... “technically” walking distance)

16121 Michigan Avenue Dearborn, MI 48126 (about 8 miles from Detroit)

Automobiles:

Greyhound has a station Downtown. If you care to travel by bus, the Howard Street station is less than a mile away from COBO:

If you prefer to drive in to the Motor City and give your car a Homecoming of sorts; you will find plenty of parking near and around the venue. Some of it may be a bit pricey, but COBO roof is reasonable.

Once you arrive in Detroit, you will need to get to the Hotel/Venue. This is where we need to have an adult talk. Some cities have a very efficient and affordable shuttle service and/or taxi rate controls to make visiting affordable. Detroit is not one of those cities. As of this writing, I do not know if there will be a plan in the works for mitigating this challenge, but I will provide the information that I have.

There is no regular taxi or shuttle service from Greyhound or Amtrak Stations, but I do know that they will summon a taxi for you upon request. Taxi cabs are not abundant in Detroit. There is no Super Shuttle.

Public Bus is an affordable option. The SMART bus system has a stop at Metro Airport and does go to Downtown Detroit for about 2 hours between 5am and 7:30am approximately. At other times during the day, the same trip can be made by transferring over to the Detroit MDOT bus system. The drop off is about a block away from the Hotel and will cost you \$2 plus any transfer fees of 25 cents. It is potentially complex, but very affordable.

Hotel/Venue

DoubleTree Hilton Detroit - Fort Shelby

Staff Hotel:

PES has arranged a great room block for Grand Prix Detroit. A block of rooms have been reserved at the all-suite DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Detroit Downtown - Fort Shelby. Judge Apps has all the information that you should need concerning the room block and any special rates.

Located in the heart of the city, the hotel is conveniently near Greektown, all three Detroit Casinos, Comerica Park, Joe Louis Arena and Ford Field. Just 25 minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) and just three blocks off the M10/Lodge Freeway, the fully modern downtown Detroit hotel sits blocks from COBO Center and is only a block from the Detroit People Mover Fort/Cass Station.

Fun Fact! The hotel is built on the site of Fort Shelby which played a significant role in the War of 1812. That's the one where we tried to get back at the British by attacking Canada. Named **Fort Detroit** it was surrendered to the British in 1812 and reclaimed in 1813 with its new name, Fort Shelby.

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton

Hotel Detroit Downtown -

Fort Shelby 525 West

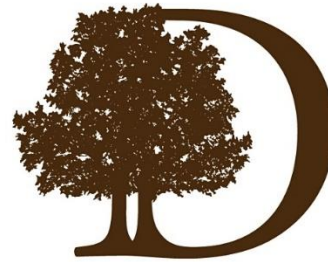
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[COBO Hall](#)

Named after Albert E. Cobo, mayor of Detroit from 1950 to 1957, the center is home to the Annual North American International Auto Show and the Autorama. COBO Center is located right in the heart of downtown Detroit. There are a lot of parking spaces available on the Cobo Roof Deck for a reasonable price, Washington Blvd., and in the Cobo Center Congress Street Garage. Nearby the Federal and County Court buildings, parking structures are abundant if a bit pricey. Lawyers... who needs em?

Getting Around Detroit

Navigating around Detroit is not too demanding. Most things are walking distance or a short car or taxi trip away. Taxi is not terribly convenient because there are not that many of them and they can be expensive. There is another unique Detroit option: [The Detroit People Mover](#) – “The fastest way to get around downtown”.

With the creation of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) in 1966 to develop new types of transit, UMTA created the Downtown People Mover Program in 1975 under pressure to show results after continued failure. Selected cities included Detroit, Miami, and Baltimore; only Miami and Detroit persevered to build theirs. The Detroit People Mover was intended to be a comprehensive city and metro-wide light rail transit system for Detroit and surrounding areas in the early 1980s with a projected ridership of 67,700 daily; however, funding was scaled back. The rail was ultimately enclosed around the downtown area.



There are 13 stations around downtown Detroit servicing all of the city’s primary eating and entertainment establishments. Fare is \$0.75 per ride (Insert fare into fare gate located on right) pay by cash (U.S. Nickels, Dimes, Quarters) or tokens (Available in or near stations). Trams arrive every 3 minutes or so. Thanks UMTA!-

The People Mover can take you to almost all the locations in Detroit that could want. The Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau has an interactive map of all of the locations and attractions in Downtown, linked below.

Use the Map. Love the [Map](#).

Still, I am not totally lazy, so I will highlight a few options.

Foods – Quick Eats

Looking for something quick and easy? Well we are in the area for that but let's talk about quick food for the judge breaks or judges on the go.

Food in Cobo – Cobo has many restaurants in the venue itself. Ranging from hot dogs to brisket, everyone will be able to find something Average price is around \$4, except Eatville U.S.A. which is going to cost around \$9-\$10 a plate.

http://www.cobocenter.com/attendees/area_restaurants

Cobo Joe's Sports Bar & Grill – Good food, awesome service, and good prices. You're on average pay about \$7-\$8 for a meal. Fantastic burgers! <http://www.cobojoes.com/orderze/default.aspx>

Greenroom Salads – Good for the vegetarian or vegan judges, or anyone really who likes salads, soup, and sandwiches for a cheap price and a brisk pace. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/greenroom-saladsdetroit>

- **Subway**
there's like 7 of them within walking distance.
- **Hava Java**
Downtown - Sandwiches/Subs 150 W Jefferson Ave
0.1mi
- **Pizza Hut**
Downtown - Fast Food, Pizza 607 Shelby St
0.1mi
- **Burger King**
Downtown - Burgers, Fast Food 607 Shelby St
0.1mi
- **Quiznos**
Downtown - Fast Food 535 Griswold St
0.2mi
- **Jimmy John's**
Downtown - Sandwiches/Subs 615 Griswold St
0.2mi
- **Whitney's Coffee Shop**
Downtown - Coffee 231 W Lafayette Blvd
0.2mi
- **The Coffee Cafe**
Downtown - Coffee, Bagels, Desserts/Ice Cream 710 Griswold St
0.2mi

Food - Sit Down

Got time for a good quality sit down meal? Maybe wanting to celebrate a great tournament with better food than you had on your break? This is the section for you!

[The Pegasus Taverna](#) – Located in Greek town, the Pegasus is one of the greatest places in the city to experience fine Greek dining. It's also open late, so there is no real rush to get out when you're done with your meal. Most of the meals will cost you about \$20, but it is hard to argue with the results that the Pegasus delivers. Also, they serve Saganaki (which is Kasseri cheese set a blaze to the shouts of Opa! Delicious and on fire!

[Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen](#) - Reminiscent of 1920s Bourbon Street, their cabaret style and authentic French Quarter feel, coupled with great service and attention to detail, make your Fishbone's experience one to remember. Alligator tail, yeah, they got it.

[PizzaPapalis](#) - There are many tasty deep dish style pizzas - especially in Chicago - but there is only one PizzaPapalis pizza, made Chicago style! And they are only in the Detroit area!



[Hockeytown Café](#) – Voted Detroit's #1 Sports bar and the #2 sports bar in America by ESPN 2, Hockeytown Café is the perfect play for any hockey fan to visit and enjoy a delicious meal and bask in the glory that is hockey town.

[American](#) and [Lafayette Coney Island](#) – Partake in a Detroit rivalry that is as fierce as any other as two sides of the same family try to prove that their Coney Island hot dogs are the best. Try them out and tell us which one you like more. The downside? You have to have at least two coney.



Food – Fine Dining

Looking for something a bit more eloquent? With many restaurants to choose from, these are just some of the choices you'll be able to find within our fair city.

Texas de Brazil – This BrazilianAmerican steakhouse or “Churrascaria” will blow your mind as it mixes the cuisines of Brazil with the generous spirit of Texas. The plates can be a bit expensive, but the food and the service at Texas de Brazil make up for the price.



Andiamo - Enjoy exciting downtown Detroit at the water's edge in the beautiful GM Renaissance Center Wintergarden. Fabulous, authentic, northern Italian cuisine makes Andiamo Detroit Riverfront the “must-see” restaurant located in the heart of Detroit. The scene inside is inviting, sophisticated and urban chic, seducing your senses like no other downtown establishment can. The uncompromising cuisine is authentic, artistic and world-class.

DAVID RAPPAPORT'S THINGS NOT TO DO
IN DETROIT:

1) DOWNTOWN IS QUITE SAFE. STILL, DO NOT TAKE LEAVE OF YOUR SENSIBILITIES. TRAVEL IN GROUPS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, DO NOT WALK DOWN ANY DARK ALLEYWAYS (ESPECIALLY THE "CASS CORRIDOR")

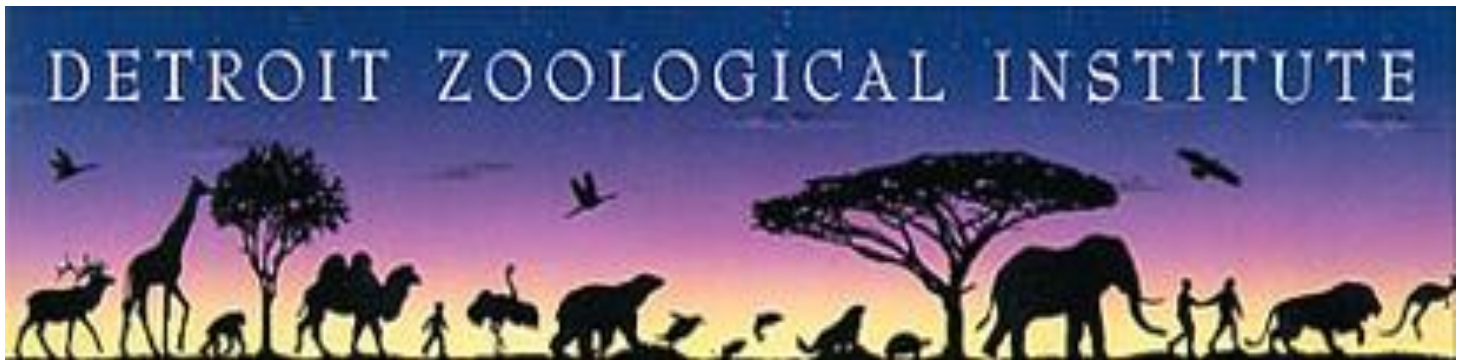
2) AS WE REMIND PLAYERS, YOU ARE THE BEST KEEPER OF YOUR STUFF. THIS DOES NOT CHANGE IN THE D. DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES WHERE THEY CAN BE SEEN OR TAKEN.

What's up In Detroit?

So you got to the city early or want to stay a few more extra days to see all our great city has to offer? Here are a few suggestions on where to start when you get bored of playing Commander (ha!)

[Detroit Institute of Arts](#) – See one of the finest collections of art and art history. 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or.

[Detroit Zoo](#) - Get a dose of vitamin Z. The Detroit Zoo is located about 2 miles north of the Detroit city limits at the intersection of Woodward Avenue, 10 Mile Road, and Interstate 696 in Royal Oak and Huntington Woods.



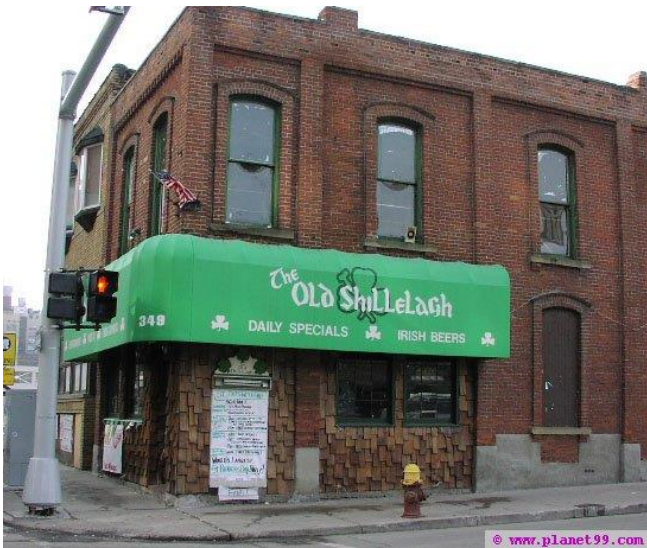
[Greenfield Village/ Henry Ford Museum](#) - The Henry Ford is a large indoor and outdoor history museum complex and a National Historic Landmark in Dearborn. It features Thomas Edison's house, historical reenactments, and an enormous IMAX cinema screen. A "can't miss" for any history buff. 20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, Michigan 48124 Phone: (313) 982-6001

[Motown Historical Museum](#) – Get your groove thing on and visit the place where soul found sound. 2648 W. Grand Blvd., (313) 875-2264

Local Nightlife

Detroit saw its peak of prosperity in the 1920s as a major artery of contraband liquors from Canada. Even today there is a lasting commitment to the alcohol trade in the many bars Downtown. Here are just a few:

The Detroiter – If The Detroiter's well-worn bar doesn't serve as a testament to its popularity, then the massive crowd it packs on game days just might. Step inside this humble and laid-back watering hole and you'll see that The Detroiter has the soul of a sports bar and is proud of it. 655 Beaubien St, Detroit, MI 48226 Phone:(313) 963-3355



Old Shillelagh Irish Pub – Good Irish pub that boasts some of the greatest brews in the state. The Old Shillelagh is a great place to feel the luck of the Irish. 394 Monroe St., (313) 964-0007

Jacoby's Bistro – A great way to experience the taste of German breweries, Jacoby's German Biergraden has a long history in the German part of Detroit. 660 Woodward Ave





For anything this guide didn't cover, but you might be interested in doing or seeing, please check out this website for a map of downtown (and other areas of Detroit) to find what you are looking for (shopping anyone?)

http://www.visitdetroit.com/map-of-metrodetroit?destination_district=Downtown+Detroit

