Take a Break

Have you ever visited a new place and felt 'wow' about it? For many visitors, it happens at Bay City.

Bay City may not be as popular as other cities in the United States, but don't let that fool you. Bay City is a smaller but beautiful upcoming tourist destination that is worth a visit. You will be surprised by some of the unique things to do and places you can explore while at the Convention.

Many folks that have spent a few hours, or a few days, of a side trip here while traveling to Ann Arbor, Detroit, or Mackinac Island have wished to revisit someday, to take a break and relax at Bay City.

Bay City is one of the tri-cities that make up the Mid-Michigan region, along with Saginaw and Midland. Saginaw was known as an automotive town that hosts two of the world's largest foundries, which provided raw materials for a number of war efforts. Midland is home to Dow Chemical. Bay City, which sits at the mouth of the Saginaw River, was at the heart of Michigan's lumber industry. Lumber baron homes still line blocks of Center Avenue.

If you are not sure if Bay City should be included in your Convention plans, you will be pleasantly surprised when you do so. As is not often the case in other convention cities, everything in Bay City is laid back, casually paced and centrally located.

Within a few blocks of the DoubleTree Hotel are specialty shops, pubs, restaurants and one of Michigan's largest antique malls. The DoubleTree Hotel sits adjacent to the Saginaw River providing the opportunity for a leisurely stroll along the River Walk which lines both banks of the river that divides the city. Be sure to include in your visit one of the three tours.

Most importantly, The Four Freshmen will be here. Make plans to join them.



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Both the Frankenmuth and Dow Gardens tours include 25 - 30 minute bus rides and some walking, but they are both worth it. Frankenmuth is one of the top tourist attractions in the Midwest. Dow Gardens and a stroll along the canopy in early June should be spectacular. A piece of pie from Grand Traverse is probably worth the trip alone. For those of you who would like to spend less time and/or avoid a bus trip and walking, we are offering a presentation at the Delta College Planetarium directly across the street from the hotel. More detailed information regarding the tours can be found below.

Frankenmuth – Bronner's Christmas Wonderland City Tour and Lunch • Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning we depart Bay City 8:30 AM and head to Frankenmuth, Michigan's Little Bavaria. We arrive to shop Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store with over 50,000 trims and gifts for all your holiday needs. While at Bronner's, you can view the replica of the Silent Night Memorial Chapel and spend a memorable moment singing *Silent Night*, the world's favorite Christmas carol.

Back in the heart of downtown we will pick up our step-on guide as we enjoy a city tour of Frankenmuth.

At the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, we take time out to enjoy a world-famous chicken luncheon. Your signature lunch includes homemade bread, cole slaw, three pieces of fresh, plump, tender chicken served with mashed potatoes, gravy and baked dressing! Chef's choice dessert and beverage included.

Afterwards, you will have time to take in the old-world charm and hospitality that has made Frankenmuth the number one tourist attraction of the Midwest. Take a stroll on Main Street to shop in the unique stores or enjoy the short walk for additional charming and colorful shopping at the Frankenmuth River Place Shops. Not interested in shopping? There are plenty of places to enjoy wine tasting, indulge in a German beer or peoplewatching from a park bench.

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at approximately 3:30 PM Price per person \$55 INCLUDES

- Round trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Shopping time at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland
- City tour of Frankenmuth
- Signature Chicken Lunch at Bavarian Inn Restaurant
- Free time downtown Frankenmuth

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