

**Discover Kalamazoo invites members of the Social of American Travel Writers on a FAM Tour to Kalamazoo, Michigan in May 2025!**

When you visit Kalamazoo, you’ll find a vibrant community that welcomes curiosity. Whether it’s the hum of creativity in our art scene, the peace of a quiet trail, or the opportunity for a hands-on experience, Kalamazoo is a place that sparks something in everyone.

Expand your horizons and visit the world-class Air Zoo aerospace and science museum or marvel at classic vehicles at the Gilmore Car Museum. Wander through our historic pedestrian mall, discovering local flavors and hidden treasures. And when you’re ready to recharge, the lakes, trails, and parks of Kalamazoo County are waiting for you.

Kalamazoo is where city energy meets laid-back charm. So what’ll it be? Morning hike through natural wonder? Lunch and a pint at Bell’s Brewery?

Fun awaits you in Kalamazoo!

**Lodging:**

* A two-night stay at the newly renovated [Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites](https://radissonkzoo.com/) in the heart of walkable downtown Kalamazoo
* Check in: Friday, May 23rd
* Check out: Sunday, May 25th

**Kalamazoo Itinerary:**

(min. 2 guests and max. 5 guests)

* **Friday, May 23rd**
	+ **10:45 am:** Ground transportation from Shipshewana, IN to Portage, MI (1 hr.)
	+ **12 pm - 1 pm :** Lunch at [Latitute 42 Brewing Company](https://www.latitude42brewingco.com/) in Portage, MI
	+ **1 pm – 1:05 pm:** Transportation from Latitude 42 Brewing Company to the Air Zoo
	+ **1:05 pm – 3:30 pm:** Tour and exploration of the [Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum](https://www.airzoo.org/), a Smithsonian affiliate (activity level 3 with moderate walking indoors and outdoors)
	+ **4 pm:** Check in at the [Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites](https://radissonkzoo.com/) in downtown Kalamazoo
	+ **4 – 5 pm:** (Optional) On your own, exploration of local shops and experiences along the [Kalamazoo Mall](https://www.discoverkalamazoo.com/things-to-do/shopping/downtown-kalamazoo-mall/)
	+ **5 – 6 pm:** Candle Making at [Kalamazoo Candle Company](https://kalamazoocandle.com/) (activity level 2)
	+ **6:30 pm:** Dinner at location in downtown Kalamazoo TBD
	+ **8 pm onward:** (Optional) On your own, explore nightlife in downtown Kalamazoo (suggestions provided)
* **Saturday, May 24th**
	+ Breakfast at the location of your choice! (suggestions provided)
	+ **8:45 am:** Transportation from the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites to the Kalamazoo Nature Center
	+ **9 am – 11:30 am:** Visit to the [Kalamazoo Nature Center](https://naturecenter.org/) (activity level 3 with hiking along easy to intermediate trails) for education and light hiking outdoors
	+ **11:30 am – 11:45 pm:** Transportation from the Kalamazoo Nature Center to Bell’s Eccentric Cafe
	+ **12 pm – 1 pm:** Tour of the original brewing facility and beer sampling at [Bell’s Eccentric Café](https://bellsbeer.com/) (activity level 2)
	+ **1 pm – 2 pm:** Lunch at [Bell’s Eccentric Café](https://bellsbeer.com/)
	+ **2 pm – 2:30 pm:** Transportation from Bell’s Eccentric Café to Gilmore Car Museum
	+ **2:30 pm – 5:30 pm:** Tour and exploration of the [Gilmore Car Museum](https://gilmorecarmuseum.org/visit/dining), North America’s largest automobile museum (activity level 3 with moderate walking indoors and outdoors)
	+ **5:30 - 6 pm:** Transportation from the Gilmore Car Museum to Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites
	+ **7 pm:** Dinner at [Brick and Brine](https://www.brickandbrinekz.com/), located inside the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites *[\*Note: alcohol and gratuity not included]*
	+ **8:30 pm onward:** (Optional) On your own, explore nightlife in downtown Kalamazoo (suggestions provided)
* **Sunday, May 25th**
	+ **9:45 am:** Check out at the [Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites](https://radissonkzoo.com/)
	+ **9:50 am:** Transportation from Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites to 600 Kitchen & Bar
	+ **10 am – 11:30 am:** Brunch at [600 Kitchen & Bar](https://www.600kitchenandbar.com/)
	+ **11:30 am:** FAM tour finishes; if needed, transportation available from 600 Kitchen & Bar to the [Kalamazoo Battle Creek International Airport](https://flyazo.com/)