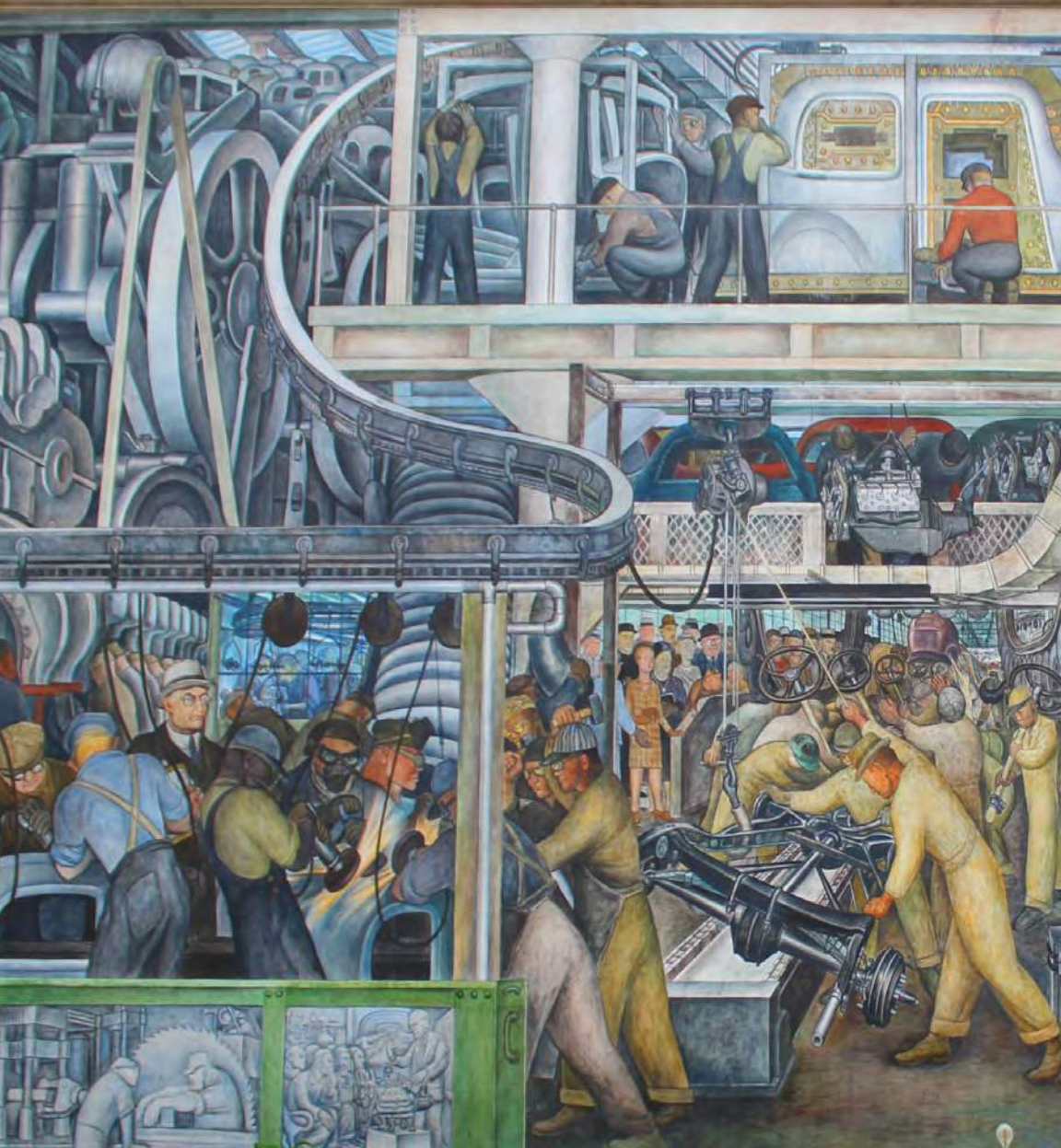
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DETROIT:
Preservation and Perseverance in the Motor City

May 3–7, 2027



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For most of the 20th century, Detroit was our nation's economic dynamo, a vibrant engine of progress and experimentation. This heritage is reflected in the treasure trove of stunning historic homes, grand Art Deco skyscrapers, and mid-century masterpieces that still define the cityscape. And while Detroit has had its share of struggles in the 21st century, its role as a center for architectural innovation is undiminished, with countless efforts to preserve hundreds of beautiful, at-risk buildings. This unique travel program designed specially for the National Trust focuses on these preservation efforts and highlights the innovative works of great architects and designers like Albert Kahn, Frank Lloyd Wright, Eliel Saarinen, Daniel Burnham, and C. Howard Crane.

Travel with Study Leader Kim Rusinow



Kim Rusinow is a past President of the Detroit Area Art Deco Society and is currently on the Board of Trustees. She is a preservationist and collector of anything Art Deco. She lived in a historic Art Deco house circa 1937, which was lovingly preserved and has been featured in the *Detroit News* and *Art Deco Detroit*. Kim Rusinow was born in Detroit and has been leading in-depth tours of the city since 2006.

Accommodations at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit



The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit serves as the perfect home base for our four-night stay in Detroit, combining timeless elegance with an ideal downtown location. Opened in 1924 and designed by celebrated architect Louis Kamper, this Italian Renaissance Revival landmark was once the tallest hotel in the world and remains one of Detroit's architectural treasures. Meticulously restored after an award-winning preservation effort, the hotel showcases soaring public spaces, refined historic details, and contemporary comforts. Set on Washington Boulevard in the heart of downtown, it is within easy reach of the city's finest cultural institutions, historic theaters, and revitalized riverfront district. Returning each evening to this beautifully revived historic hotel offers an opportunity to experience firsthand one of Detroit's greatest preservation success stories.



MONDAY, MAY 3

Welcome to Detroit

Upon arrival in Detroit, transfer independently to the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, a masterfully restored 1924 landmark ideally located in downtown. In the late afternoon, gather for a guided walking tour of some of downtown Detroit's architectural gems with our local expert guide, Kim Rusinow. Enter the magnificent Guardian Building, one of the nation's most extravagant Art Deco skyscrapers, for a glimpse of its stunning lobby adorned in imported marble. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with fellow travelers at an excellent downtown restaurant. *(D)*

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Albert Kahn & Historic Theaters

This morning, drive north of the city to the shores of Lake St. Clair to visit the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, designed by Albert Kahn in 1926. Tour the historic estate's magnificent interiors and manicured gardens and learn about the multiple large scale restoration projects that have been undertaken over the years. Following lunch together at the estate, stop at the Pewabic pottery and tile manufactory, founded in 1903 and still in operation. En route back to downtown, drive through the Grand Circus Park Historic District to see several of Detroit's famed historic movie palaces. End the day with a special private tour of the Detroit Opera House, led by its curator of history and architecture. *(B, L)*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Corktown & Detroit Institute of Arts

Begin the day in Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood, and learn about its preservation efforts and revitalization projects. See Corktown's residential section, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the historic Ambassador Bridge and the new Gordie Howe Bridge connecting the USA and Canada. Tour the recently restored Michigan Central

Station and see how the grand buildings of Detroit are being reimagined for the 21st century. Continue to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Have a casual lunch at the museum's cafe before taking a docent-led tour of the collection's highlights, including the massive *Detroit Industry Murals* (1932-1933) by Mexican artist Diego Rivera. The museum itself is a work of art, with its neoclassical façade and grand interior spaces providing a visually stunning backdrop for its art treasures. Before returning to the hotel, stop at the Fisher Building, considered one of Albert Kahn's greatest masterpieces. Step inside to see the building's three-story arcade adorned with spectacular frescoes, mosaics, marble, and brass. *(B,L)*

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Cranbrook

Celebrated as the "cradle of mid-century modernism in America," Cranbrook's world-renowned campus is a treasure trove of history, architecture, craftsmanship, and design. Spend a full day touring Cranbrook's expansive campus. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the Cranbrook Art Museum's Collections Wing; have lunch at Cranbrook House, an Arts-and-Crafts style manor home designed by Albert Kahn; and enjoy private access to Frank Lloyd Wright's Smith House and the Art Deco home and studio of Finnish American designer Eliel Saarinen. Return to Detroit. This evening, celebrate our time in Detroit at a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *(B,L,D)*

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Henry Ford's Estate & Departure

Check out of the hotel and take a group transfer to the Detroit airport, stopping en route at Clara and Henry Ford's estate, Fair Lane. The 31,000 square foot, 56-room house has been undergoing a massive restoration since 2010. After 16 years, the project is nearing completion and is scheduled to reopen to the public in 2027. By special arrangement, National Trust travelers have the opportunity to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the house before it reopens and meet with some of the conservators and historians who have been instrumental to its restoration. Continue to the airport for independent return flights home. *(B)*





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Tour Cost:
Land Package $4,095
Single Supplement..... $795

Land Package is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.

Activity Level: Moderate, good overall mobility required.

Deposit & Final Payment: A deposit of $1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which $500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 22, 2027, and must be paid by check, wire/ACH, or Zelle to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis.

Flights: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

Terms and Conditions: Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed. ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email unless specifically requested otherwise.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations, as well as Cancel for Any Reason. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

Tour Inclusions: 4 nights at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit; breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 2 dinners; 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private motor coach; 1 group transfer upon departure to Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW); entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local on-site guides; gratuities for local guides and drivers and at included meals; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

Tour Exclusions: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport porterage; transfer from the airport to the hotel upon arrival; individual transfers to the airport at the end of the tour for those not using the scheduled group transfer; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of $500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 22, 2027: full refund minus $500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 23 and March 19, 2027: full refund minus $2,050 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after March 20, 2027: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour.

If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or National Trust Tours due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

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