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## Explore Michigan this winter by saving on Amtrak travel

### Fast facts:

- Amtrak is offering 20 percent off fares for the *Blue Water*, *Pere Marquette* and *Wolverine* trains.
- Discounts apply now through March 31, 2016.

**January 11, 2016** -- Don't sit in your house and wait for warm weather. See the fun activities Michigan has to offer this winter by planning a [Pure Michigan Snow Day](#) and taking advantage of the hot savings Amtrak is offering on their Michigan trains! From now until March 31, Amtrak is offering 20 percent off fare for the *Blue Water*, *Pere Marquette* and *Wolverine* trains. Below are just a few of the special prices available (adult fares, each way, as low as):

<b>Chicago</b>	to	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>
<b>Chicago</b>	to	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	<b>\$24.80</b>
<b>Chicago</b>	to	<b>Port Huron</b>	<b>\$24.80</b>

To receive discounts, apply Amtrak fare code [V441 for Michigan](#) trains. The fare code must be used to take advantage of these low fares. Tickets are non-refundable and some blackout dates apply. See the Deals tab on [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for other applicable restrictions, including advance reservation and purchase requirements for discounts through March 31. Terms and conditions vary.

Once you have your ticket, here is a sampling of special events occurring now until the end of March:

<b>Amtrak Route</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">North American International Auto Show</a>	Detroit	Jan. 11-24
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Kalamazoo Beer Week</a>	Kalamazoo	Jan. 16-23
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Avondale Train Show</a>	Auburn Hills	Jan. 17
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Port Huron Chilly Fest</a>	Port Huron	Jan. 22-23
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Annual Chili Tour</a>	St. Joseph	Jan. 29
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Art and Craft Beer Fest</a>	Lansing	Jan. 29-30
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">St. Joe Winter Beer Fest</a>	St. Joseph	Jan. 30
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Winter Fun Fest</a>	Ann Arbor	Jan. 30 - Feb. 20
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Coopers Glen Music Festival</a>	Kalamazoo	Feb. 5-6
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Magical Ice Fest</a>	St. Joseph	Feb. 5-7
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Paczki Day</a>	Hamtramck	Feb. 9
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Meridian Winter Blast</a>	Detroit	Feb. 12-14
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Ann Arbor Train Show and Sale</a>	Saline	Feb. 13-14
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Beer Week</a>	Grand Rapids	Feb. 17-28
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Pub and Grub Fest</a>	Battle Creek	Feb. 20
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Winterfest</a>	Grand Rapids	Feb. 25
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Autorama</a>	Detroit	Feb. 26-28
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">LaughFest</a>	Grand Rapids	March 10-20
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">St. Patrick's Day Parade</a>	Detroit	March 13

Beyond the special events, the following list is an excerpt of family-friendly attractions that will keep visitors warm indoors. These attractions are open year-round:

<b>Amtrak Route</b>	<b>Attraction</b>	<b>City</b>
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Air Zoo</a>	Kalamazoo
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum</a>	Ann Arbor
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Bronner's Christmas Wonderland</a>	Frankenmuth

<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Detroit Institute of Arts</a>	Detroit
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Durand Union Station/Michigan Railroad History Museum</a>	Durand
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Frederick Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park</a>	Grand Rapids
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Flint Institute of Arts</a>	Flint
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum</a>	Grand Rapids
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Gilmore Car Museum</a>	Kalamazoo (Hickory Corners)
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Grand Rapids Public Museum</a>	Grand Rapids
<i>Pere Marquette</i>	<a href="#">Holland Museum</a>	Holland
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">The Henry Ford</a>	Dearborn
<i>Blue Water/ Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Kalamazoo Valley Museum</a>	Kalamazoo
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Michigan Historical Center</a>	Lansing
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">Michigan Science Center</a>	Detroit
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Michigan State University Museum</a>	East Lansing
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Port Huron museums</a>	Port Huron
<i>Blue Water</i>	<a href="#">Sloan*Longway</a>	Flint
<i>Wolverine</i>	<a href="#">University of Michigan Museum of Natural History</a>	Ann Arbor

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) does not endorse the events and attractions listed above, as they just offer a snapshot of what visitors and residents can do along the Amtrak routes. For more information on other events, attractions, dining, lodging, and connecting transportation to the trains, visit the following travel and visitor bureau websites:

[Pure Michigan](#)

[Calhoun County Visitors Bureau](#)

[Dearborn Visitor and Welcome Center](#)

[Discover the Blue](#)

[Discover Kalamazoo](#)

[Experience Grand Rapids](#)

[Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Frankenmuth Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)

[Four Flags Area Council on Tourism](#)  
[Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)  
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[St. Joseph Today](#)  
[Shiawassee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)  
[Visit Ann Arbor](#)  
[Visit Detroit](#)  
[Visit Grand Haven](#)  
[West Michigan Tourism Association](#)  
[Ypsilanti Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#)



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