

## **CMU & Educational Experience 🎓 - Learning, Art & Culture in Mt. Pleasant**

Mt. Pleasant is home to Central Michigan University and a rich cultural heritage that creates a dynamic, engaging educational experience. From academic exploration to artistic expression and meaningful cultural storytelling, this itinerary blends campus energy with community connection.

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### **9:00 AM – Central Michigan University Campus Tour**

Begin the day with a guided walking tour of CMU's vibrant campus.

Highlights may include:

- Academic colleges and research facilities
- Park Library
- The Bovee University Center
- Kelly/Shorts Stadium
- Student recreation and gathering spaces

*Optional: Arrange an admissions presentation, faculty meet-and-greet, or student panel.*

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### **11:00 AM – CMU University Art Gallery**

Explore rotating exhibitions featuring regional, national, and international artists. The gallery showcases contemporary works across multiple mediums and encourages discussion around creativity, culture, and perspective.

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### **12:00 PM – Museum of Cultural & Natural History (CMU)**

Located in Rowe Hall, this museum features exhibits in anthropology, archaeology, Michigan ecosystems, and regional history — reinforcing hands-on, place-based learning.

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### **1:00 PM – Lunch on Campus or Downtown**

Enjoy lunch at a campus dining location or in historic downtown Mt. Pleasant for a local flavor experience.

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### **2:15 PM – Ziibiwing Cultural Center**

Spend the afternoon at the nationally recognized Ziibiwing Cultural Center, owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Explore 32,000 square feet of immersive exhibits sharing the history, resilience, and contemporary life of the Anishinaabe people. Guided tours are recommended for student groups to deepen understanding and connection.

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### **4:00 PM – Art Reach of Mid Michigan**

Conclude your educational experience at the **Morey Family Gallery** inside Art Reach of Mid Michigan in downtown Mount Pleasant.

This vibrant community arts space features rotating exhibitions by regional artists and student creators. It's an inspiring way to see how art, education, and community intersect beyond the university setting.

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### **6:00 PM – Dinner in Historic Downtown**

End the day with dinner at one of Mount Pleasant's locally owned downtown restaurants. From casual gathering spaces to elevated dining experiences, downtown offers a welcoming atmosphere to reflect on the day's learning.

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