

Governor's Trip to UAE and Bahrain
February 10-19, 2025
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Time Change: +8 Hours in Bahrain, +9 Hours in UAE

Purpose of Trip: Foster strategic relationships across the innovation, defense, and government sectors to position Michigan as a premier partner for future investments and collaboration, driving economic growth and technological advancement while strengthening global ties that benefit both regions.

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Delegation Members:

State of Michigan

1. Governor Gretchen Whitmer
2. Paul D. Rogers, The Adjutant General
3. JoAnne Huls, Chief of Staff
4. Terry Krinvic, Director of Scheduling
5. Renee Farhat, Residence Director and Family Liaison

MEDC

6. Quentin Messer Jr., CEO
7. Col. John Gutierrez, Executive Director, Office of Defense and Aerospace Innovation
8. Ben Marchionna, Chief Innovation Ecosystem Officer
9. Mel Brown, Executive Ombudsman & Senior External Partnerships Advisor
10. Maci Gilmore, Assistant Chief of Protocol

Community Members

11. David Coulter, County Executive, Oakland County
12. Warren Evans, County Executive, Wayne County
13. Assad Turfe, Deputy County Executive, Wayne County
14. Osama Siblani, Founder & Chairman, The American Arab News
15. Ahmad Chebbani, Founder & Chairman, American Arab Chamber of Commerce
16. Bilal Hammoud, Executive Director, American Arab Chamber of Commerce / Tejara
17. Marc Corriveau, VP & Chief Government Relations Officer, Henry Ford Health System
18. Kelly Sexton, Ph.D., Assoc. VP for Research, Innovation Partnerships, Economic Impact, U-M
19. Rod Davenport, Chief Information Officer, Oakland County
20. Fadwa Hammoud, Managing Member, Miller Johnson
21. Will Foss, Partner, Harbor Light Advisors

Monday, February 10, 2025 | Detroit

6:24pm Depart Detroit via DL 228

Delegates on your flight include:

Major Paul Rogers	David Coulter	Marc Corriveau
Quentin Messer Jr.	Warren Evans	Kelly Sexton
Ben Marchionna	Assad Turfe	Rod Davenport
Mel Brown	Bilal Hammoud	Fadwa Hammoud

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | Paris, Dubai

8:10am Arrive Paris

1:35pm Depart Paris via DL 8626

11:20pm Arrive Dubai

11:20pm-1:00am Arrival Procedure and Hotel Transfer
Sheikh Zayed Rd - Trade Centre - Trade Centre 2 - Dubai

Overnight, Residence Inn by Marriott Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | Dubai

Breakfast available at Panorama Restaurant starting at 6:30am

Attire Note: Business

Weather Forecast: Sunny and high of 82, low of 60

8:45-9:15am Transfer to World Governments Summit (WGS)
Madinat Arena, Al Sufouh 1 - Dubai

9:15-9:30am Walk to Meeting Room 4.18 / Buffer

9:30-10:00am Meeting: HE Mohamed Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs
Gov, Huls, Messer, Marchionna

10:00-10:15am Walk to Klaus Schwab Pull Aside / Buffer

10:15-10:35am Pull Aside: Klaus Schwab, Founder, World Economic Forum – CANCELLED

10:35-11:00am Walk to Meeting Room 4.9 / Buffer

11:00-11:30am Meeting: HE Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Tech
Gov, Huls, Messer, Marchionna

11:30am-12:05pm Scheduling Block for Pull Asides

12:05-12:15pm Walk to Lunch / Women's Roundtable Location

12:15-1:25pm Women's Roundtable Luncheon

1:25-1:30pm Walk to Private Meeting Room, Mina Al Salam Hotel

1:30-1:55pm Pull Aside Meeting: Almar Latour, CEO, Dow Jones

1:55-2:10pm Walk to World Government Summit, Room 2.3, Panel Staging Area

2:10-2:30pm Report to Staging Area / Prep for Remarks

2:30-3:00pm	Creating Leaders of Tomorrow GOV REMARKS
3:00-3:25pm	Pull Aside: Shilpan Amin, Senior Vice President and President, GM International <i>Gov, Huls, Messer</i>
3:25-3:30pm	Walk to Meeting Room 4, Zone 3, Murjan Zone A
3:30-4:00pm	Meeting: HE Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs <i>Gov, Huls, Messer, Marchionna</i>
4:00-5:30pm	Downtime
5:30-6:00pm	Transfer to AmCham Roundtable and Reception <i>Uptown Tower - Uptown - Dubai</i>
6:00-8:00pm	AmCham Dubai Roundtable and Networking Reception GOV REMARKS <i>Full Delegation</i>
8:00-8:20pm	Transfer to Hotel

Overnight, Residence Inn by Marriott Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Thursday, February 13, 2025 | Dubai, Bahrain

Breakfast available at Panorama Restaurant starting at 6:30am

Attire Note: Business, advise sturdy flat shoes

Weather Forecast: Cloudy and high of 68, low of 63

6:50-7:00am	Transfer to Dubai International Airport <i>Gov, Huls, Messer, Gutierrez, Farhat, Krivic</i>
7:00-8:20am	Arrival Procedure
8:20am	Depart Dubai via Emirates EK837
8:40am	Arrive Bahrain (time change -1 hour)
8:40-9:45am	Arrival Procedure and Transfer to US Embassy Bahrain <i>6H3C+V8G, Rd No 3119, Zinj, Bahrain</i>
9:45-10:25am	Meeting with Ambassador Steven C. Bondy <i>Gov, Huls, Messer, Gutierrez</i>
10:25-10:30am	Walk to Embassy Atrium
10:30-10:33am	Photo with Ambassador Bondy and Embassy MI Community Members
10:33-10:35am	Walk to vehicles

10:35-11:00am	Transfer to Royal Palace <i>6H9V+C4J, Manama, Bahrain</i>
11:00am-12:00pm	Meeting: HRH Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince/Prime Minister <i>Gov, Huls, Messer, Gutierrez</i> <i>Note: US Ambassador Bondy will join this meeting.</i>
12:00-12:30pm	Transfer to Dome Café, NSA Bahrain <i>2061 Rd No 2431, Manama, Bahrain</i>
12:30-12:35pm	Buffer time/walk to galley
12:35-1:35pm	Lunch with Michigan Service Members in the Galley
1:35-1:45pm	Transfer to Pier
1:45-2:30pm	Tour of USN Devastator
2:30-2:45pm	Transfer to NAVCENT HQ <i>6J58+46R, Prince Khalifah Bin Salman Causeway, Manama, Bahrain</i> <i>Note: Leave electronics including phones and smartwatches in vehicle</i>
2:45-3:45pm	NAVCENT Threat Brief
3:45-4:15pm	Transfer to Bahrain International Airport <i>Rd 2404, Muharraq, Bahrain</i>
5:45pm	Depart Bahrain via Emirates EK840
8:00pm	Arrive in Dubai (time change +1 hour)
8:00-9:00pm	Transfer to Hotel

Overnight, Residence Inn by Marriott Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Friday, February 14, 2025 | Dubai

Breakfast available at Panorama Restaurant starting at 6:30am

Attire Note: Business, advise flat shoes for Space Centre tour

Weather Forecast: Partly sunny and high of 79, low of 65

8:00-8:40am	Transfer to Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre <i>6FG8+94C - Al Khawaneej St - Al Khawaneej – Dubai</i>
8:40-9:00am	Arrival, Buffer Period
9:00-10:30am	Meeting and Tour: HE Salem Al Marri, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre <i>Gov, Huls, Messer, Gutierrez, Marchionna, Foss, Sexton</i>

10:30am-11:10am	Transfer to Residence Inn by Marriott Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai <i>Sheikh Zayed Rd - Trade Centre - Trade Centre 2 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates</i>
11:10am-12:30pm	Downtime
12:30-12:35pm	Take Elevator to Panorama Restaurant, 43 rd Floor, Residence Inn
12:35-2:30pm	University Roundtable Luncheon GOV REMARKS
2:30-4:00pm	Transfer to Ras Al Khaimah / Buffer (Drive Time 1 hr 10 mins) <i>Full Delegation</i>
4:00-5:00pm	Meeting: HH Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah
4:00-4:20	HH Saud Meeting: Gov, Huls, Messer, Marchionna, Sexton
4:20-4:40	Meeting rejoins full delegation, HH Saud Addresses delegation
4:40-4:50	MOU Signing between Ras Al Khaimah, U-M, MEDC
4:50-5:00	Photos, Gift Exchange, and Departure
5:00-7:00pm	Transfer to Abd El Wahab Restaurant <i>Downtown Burj Khalifa Souk Al Bahar - 3rd Level – Dubai</i>
7:00-8:30pm	Delegation Dinner
8:30pm	Transfer to Hotel

Overnight, Residence Inn by Marriott Sheikh Zayed Road, Dubai

Saturday, February 15, 2025 | Dubai, Abu Dhabi

Luggage due to detail by 8:00am

Breakfast available at Panorama Restaurant starting at 6:30am

Attire Note: Smart casual, Advise layers for desert

Weather Forecast: Cloudy and high of 75, low of 64

8:15-8:45am	Transfer to Armani Hotel, Burj Khalifa <i>1 Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Downtown Dubai – Dubai</i>
8:45-9:00am	Buffer Time
9:00-10:00am	Burj Khalifa Tour <i>Full Delegation</i>
10:00-10:20am	Transfer to Grand Souk Bur Dubai <i>2 34th St - Bur Dubai - Al Fahidi - Dubai</i>
10:20am-12:10pm	Cultural Experience: Grand Souk Bur Dubai <i>Full Delegation</i>
12:10-1:00pm	Transfer to Dr. Lamees' Residence <i>6F27+6JR - Wadi Al Amardi – Dubai</i>

Gov, Huls, Messer

1:00-2:40pm Lunch with Dr. Lamees Hamdan
Gov, Huls, Messer

2:40-2:45pm Transfer to Pick-Up Location

2:45-8:00pm Desert Safari
Full Delegation

2:45-4:00pm Drive into desert
4:00-5:00 Desert dune drive
5:00-6:00 Camp activities
6:00-7:00 Dinner ft. cultural dances

7:00-9:00pm Transfer to Abu Dhabi Hotel

Overnight, Courtyard World Trade Center, Abu Dhabi

Sunday, February 16, 2025 | Abu Dhabi

Breakfast available at The Bistro starting at 7:00am

Attire Note: AM casual – must cover arms/legs to the wrist/ankle, pack scarf for mosque; PM business

Weather Forecast: Partly sunny and high of 73, low of 63

8:30-9:00am Transfer to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
Al Rawdah - W54 - Abu Dhabi

9:00-11:30am Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Tour
Full Delegation
Attire note: For your comfort and convenience, we strongly recommend for visitors to wear their own clothing to the 'Mosque Manners' standards. Specifically this means clothing of any color which is not transparent, long sleeves (to the wrist), long (to the ankle) jeans/trousers/skirts and a headscarf which covers the hair (for women)

11:30-12:00pm Transfer to Ushna Restaurant
Souk Qaryat Al Beri - Rabdan - RB2 - Abu Dhabi

12:00-1:30pm Delegation Lunch

1:30-2:00pm Transfer to Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital
Sweihan Road, Al Shamkhah - SH34 - Abu Dhabi

2:00-3:00pm Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital Tour
Full Delegation

3:30-4:10pm Transfer to Hotel

4:10-5:50pm Downtime

5:50-6:00pm Transfer to Reception at Rosewood Hotel
Galleria Shopping Mall - Level B3 - Al Maryah St - MI1 - Abu Dhabi

6:00-8:00pm US UAE Business Council IDEX Reception **GOV REMARKS**
Full Delegation

8:00-8:10pm Transfer to Hotel

Overnight, Courtyard World Trade Center, Abu Dhabi

Monday, February 17, 2025 | Abu Dhabi

Breakfast available at The Bistro starting at 7:00am

Attire Note: Business, advise flat shoes for floorwalk

Weather Forecast: Cloudy and high of 76, low of 62

8:30-8:45am Transfer to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)
211 Corniche, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Gov, Huls, Marchionna, F. Hammoud, Chebbani, Corriveau, Coulter, Evans

8:45-9:00am Arrival, Buffer

9:00-9:30am Meeting: ADIA
Gov, Huls, Marchionna, F. Hammoud, Chebbani, Corriveau, Coulter, Evans

9:30-10:00am Transfer to IDEX Defense Expo, Arrival Procedure
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre

10:00am-12:30pm IDEX Floorwalk
Gov, Huls, Gutierrez

10:00-10:30am BAE Systems
10:30-11:00am EDGE CEO and ATRC DG
11:00-11:30am ND Defense
11:30-11:45am AM General
11:45am-12:00pm GM Defense
12:00-12:30pm Boeing
12:30-12:50pm Michigan Booth

12:50-1:15pm Lunch / Downtime

1:15-1:30pm Walk to Tawazun Council, Chalet CP-300
Gov, JH, TAG, Col. Gutierrez, Ben

1:30-1:50pm Meeting: HE Dr. Nasser Humaid Al Nuaimi – Tawazun Council
Gov, JH, TAG, Col. Gutierrez, Ben

1:50-2:15pm Walk to Saab, Booth 07-B41

2:15-2:45pm	Booth Stop: Saab
2:45-3:00pm	Buffer/Downtime
3:00-4:00pm	Transfer to Hub71 <i>ADGM Building, AL Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi</i>
4:00-5:30pm	Meeting: Hub71 <i>Gov, Huls, Marchionna, Sexton, Coulter, Davenport, Evans, Chebbani, Siblani</i>
5:30-5:45pm	Transfer to Hotel
5:45-7:10pm	Downtime
7:10-7:13pm	Elevator to 12 th Floor
7:13-9:00pm	Michigan IDEX Reception GOV REMARKS <i>Full Delegation</i>
7:00-7:30	Guest Arrival
7:30-7:35	TAG Remarks, Intros Gov
7:35-7:40	Gov Remarks, Intros Ambassador Strong
7:40-7:45	Ambassador Strong Remarks
7:45-9:00	Networking and Exit

Overnight, Courtyard World Trade Center, Abu Dhabi

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | Abu Dhabi, Dubai

Breakfast available at The Bistro starting at 7:00am

Attire Note: Business

Weather Forecast: Sunny and high of 75, low of 61

Luggage due to Lobby by 8:00pm

8:20-8:50am	Transfer to Abu Dhabi Investment Council <i>Saadiyat Conference Room, 23rd Floor, Al Bahar Tower 1, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Street (Intersection with Shakhbout Bin Sultan Street/ 19th Street)</i>
9:00-10:00am	Meeting: Abu Dhabi Investment Council <i>Gov, Huls, Marchionna, F. Hammoud, Chebbani, Siblani, Coulter, Evans</i>
10:15-10:30am	Transfer to MGX // Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) <i>Boardroom, Floor 16, Al Sarab Tower, Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi</i>
10:30-11:30am	Meeting: MGX <i>Gov, Huls, Marchionna, F. Hammoud, Corriveau, Coulter, Davenport, Evans</i>
11:30am-12:00pm	Transfer to Mubadala <i>Mamoura buildings, Muroor 4th Rd & Mohammed Bin Khalifa 15th St</i>

12:00-1:00pm Meeting: Mubadala
Gov, Huls, Marchionna, F. Hammoud, Corriveau, Coulter, Davenport, Evans

1:00-1:45pm Transfer to G42 / ****Boxed Lunch in Vehicle****
Yas Creative Hub, Tower One, Entrance One

1:45-2:45pm Meeting: G42 and Space42
Gov, Huls, Marchionna, Sexton, Coulter, Davenport, Evans, F. Hammoud

2:45-3:00pm Transfer to UAE Space Agency
CJJC+H4W - Masdar City - SE45 05 - Abu Dhabi

3:00-4:00pm Meeting: UAE Space Agency
Gov, Huls, Marchionna, Sexton, Gutierrez

4:00-5:00pm Downtime

5:00-5:30pm Transfer to Dinner with HE Otaiba

5:30-7:30pm Dinner Reception with HE Al Otaiba, UAE Ambassador to the US
Full Delegation

7:30-9:25pm Transfer to Hotel, Downtime

9:25-10:55pm Transfer to Dubai International Airport

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | Dubai

1:55am Depart Dubai via DL 9500

6:55am Arrive Amsterdam

10:10am Depart Amsterdam via DL 133

1:20pm Arrive Detroit

□ Trip Ends □

Trip Total: \$176,232.64