



Experience the Arab American National Museum and the Detroit Institute of Arts:

Two Museums, One Outstanding Field Trip

Begin your educational experience at the Arab American National Museum (AANM), the only one of its kind in the world, where students will further their understanding of the Arab world, Arabs, and Arab Americans. They will discover the significant historical contributions made by ancient civilizations, learn about the spread of the Arab-Islamic empire, and create a mosaic tile. Inspired by the mosaics that decorate buildings and floors across the Arab world, this craft allows your students to make their own version of an ancient art form.

Following the tour at the Arab American National Museum, you and your students will explore the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), with a focus on the gallery of Islamic art that includes objects from the Mediterranean region, the Middle East, Central Asia, and India, dating from the seventh through the early twentieth centuries. As your students explore this gallery and other relevant DIA collections, they will discover how deeply Islamic art is characterized by exchanges of artistic ideas, techniques, and influences between peoples. Your visit can be used to address Michigan Department of Education's Grade Level Content Expectations

For more information about the museums, visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.dia.org

Schedule:

9:30–10:15 a.m. Tour at the AANM

10:15–10:45 a.m. Craft

10:45–11:15 a.m. Bag Lunch at the AANM

11:15 a.m. Depart for the DIA

11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Tour the DIA

1:30 p.m. Depart the DIA

Special combined price of \$12 per student includes admission to both museums and the craft at the AANM

To book a tour, please e-mail studenttours@dia.org

Program for students in grades 5–12

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Iznik, Turkey, Ottoman Empire; *Charger*, ca. 1500; underglaze-painted fritware. Museum Purchase, Robert H. Tannahill Foundation Fund

