



Magnificent Mackinac Island & So Much More

Discover all the “Magic in the Mitten” on this Ultimate Circle Michigan Tour!

July 17 - 23, 2023 7 Days / 6 Nights

Experience the delightful old-time charms of a bygone era on beautiful Mackinac Island where horse-drawn carriages still rule the roads!

Summertime is simply magical in Michigan, as you'll discover on this enchanting tour visiting all the great highlights around “the mitten” on this circle tour of this wondrous state. Start off in Grand Rapids at Meijer's lush gardens and sculpture park and the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, then marvel at all the sweeping vistas of Holland's tulip fields and Dutch-style windmills, and take a scenic Victorian paddlewheel cruise on Lake Michigan! On gorgeous Mackinac Island, ride horse-drawn carriages to all the great sights, including the island's iconic Arch Rock, fascinating Surry Hills Carriage Museum, and the utterly delightful Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory. Topping it all off is your luncheon visit to Mackinac's renowned Grand Hotel, featuring the world's longest porch with its fabulous panoramic views of the island! Complete your tour with a stay in Michigan's “Little Bavaria” at Frankenmuth where it's always Christmastime, then witness the millions of technological marvels of the Henry Ford Museum, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and Greenfield Village in Dearborn before wrapping it all up with your farewell dinner in lively Detroit.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore all the very best of Michigan - and especially the many unforgettable charms of Mackinac Island!

Itinerary

July 17, 2023 - Off to Michigan: Gardens and Welcome Dinner!

Board your flight bound for **Grand Rapids** today! On arrival, after being met and assisted, you'll visit **Frederik Meijer's Gardens and Sculpture Park**. Your narrated tram tour provides an overview of the gardens, where you'll see beautiful works of art in a variety of natural settings connected by waterways, meandering paths and quiet walkways. Featuring over 30 world renowned sculptors such as Degas, Rodin and Lichtenstein, this unique site has been ranked as **one of the top 30 must-see museums in the world!** Afterward, you'll transfer to your hotel to check in, before enjoying your **Welcome to Michigan dinner!** Overnight: Grand Rapids - Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown (D)

July 18, 2023 - Gerald Ford, Tulips, Windmill and Dinner Cruise!

This morning after breakfast, you'll depart for the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**, offering many insights into President Ford's life and career while being transported back to the 1970's. See a **replica of his Oval Office**, and learn about Ford's early days growing up in Michigan. You can also enjoy the beautiful **Betty Ford Garden** and the reflecting pool and fountain. The Museum grounds are also home to President Ford's and First Lady Betty Ford's distinguished burial sites. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time at the **Grand Rapids Downtown Market**, a culinary collective of butchers, bakers, and fishmongers where the Market Hall is filled with artisan cuisines, and local specialty food products. You'll then head off to **Holland**, known for its acclaimed **Tulip Time Festival** celebration of Dutch heritage. You'll visit the **Veldheer - Deklomp Farm**, which began in 1950 when Vern Veldheer planted a couple hundred tulip bulbs as a hobby. Now, Veldheer's plants around **5 million tulip bulbs** each year! And there are many other imported flowers and perennials to enjoy, and perhaps even purchase for your own garden. It's a must-visit for all garden and floral enthusiasts! Your next stop is **Windmill Island Gardens**, where palettes of color await you as you wind along the entrance to Holland's treasured island. You can explore **DeZwaan**, the only **authentic Dutch windmill** operating in the US, grinding locally-grown wheat into flour that you can purchase in the gift shop. You'll take a guided tour of the mill with authentically-costumed guides, and might even

meet the Dutch-certified miller and watch the milling process in action. From the fourth-floor deck, you can survey **36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, and canals!** Later, you'll enjoy a two-hour evening cruise aboard the popular **Holland Princess**, an old-fashioned **Victorian-style paddlewheel boat!** This special Lake Michigan dinner cruise comes with your included “**Captain's Feast**,” relaxing music, and an optional cash bar. Overnight: Grand Rapids - Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown (B/D)

July 19, 2023 - Mackinaw City and Ferry to Mackinac Island!

En-route to Mackinac Island after your breakfast and hotel check-out, you'll arrive at **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**, once voted “**Most Beautiful Place in America**” by Good Morning America. It's one of the few coastline national parks in the country, with huge sand mountains that can reach 450 feet in height! The **Hart Visitor Center** there features a huge relief map of **Sleeping Bear Dunes**, interpretive displays, brochures and maps, and an enjoyable movie giving a wealth of information on the natural and human history of the area, along with rangers and volunteers available to answer your questions. Then it's off to enjoy free time and lunch on your own in **Mackinaw City**, a fun little village on the northern tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, where the **Great Lakes of Huron and Michigan** meet, and Mackinac Bridge crosses over to the Upper Peninsula! You'll then take the **ferry over to Mackinac Island**, a five-mile ride across the **Straits of Mackinac** lasting 15-20 minutes. Named by Conde Nast Traveler one of the **top 10 islands in the world**, you'll find yourself reliving the simple pleasures of life on magical Mackinac! **Horse-drawn carriages** will take you to check in to your hotel conveniently located on **Main Street** in downtown **Mackinac Island**, before enjoying tonight's included dinner. Overnight: Mackinac Island - Lake View Hotel (B/D)

July 20, 2023 - Mackinac Carriage Tour and Grand Hotel Lunch!

Enjoy a free morning with breakfast on your own, before setting out on your **narrated carriage tour of Mackinac Island**. Experience the history and charm of Mackinac in the most enjoyable and authentic way, with fascinating stops at the **Surry Hills Carriage Museum**; the **Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory** where you'll stroll among hundreds of butterflies dancing and chasing each other in this

climate-controlled conservatory full of lush flowers; and **Arch Rock**, to view this beautiful natural limestone formation that's one of the most photographed spots on the Island, giving breathtaking views of Lake Huron. You'll then ride to the **famed Grand Hotel** for your **included lunch** overlooking the **world's longest porch** with the **most scenic views of Mackinac Island**. Next comes your **horse-drawn carriage tour** that includes historic **Fort Mackinac**. During the **War of 1812** British soldiers surprised and captured this outpost, and for the next two years American forces struggled to regain their control of the Great Lakes and Mackinac Island. Afterward, you'll return to your hotel with a free evening to **explore charming Mackinac** with dinner on your own. Overnight: Mackinac Island - Lake View Hotel (L)

July 21, 2023 - Christmas All Year in Michigan's "Little Bavaria"!

After your free morning with breakfast on your own, your horse-drawn taxi returns you to your ferry bound for Mackinaw City. From there you'll travel to **Frankenmuth**, also known as **Michigan's "Little Bavaria,"** arriving first at the amazing **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**. Enjoy lunch on your own in the café, then browse the displays in this huge Christmas store. Before checking in to your hotel, you'll have time to stroll and shop along **Frankenmuth's Main Street**, with its quaint old German atmosphere that's made this town famous! With more than 100 shops and boutiques, this may well be Michigan's premier shopping destination. This evening, enjoy your included German-inspired dinner at **world-famous Bavarian Inn Restaurant!** Overnight: Frankenmuth - Bavarian Inn Lodge (D)

July 22, 2023 - Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village!

After breakfast and hotel check-out, you'll travel to **Dearborn** for an in-depth tour of the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**,

one of America's greatest historic attractions. From race cars to freedom rides, modular houses to microprocessors, the wide-ranging exhibits bring you face to face with real inventions that will inspire, inform and engage you! It's not just about cars, as you learn about innovations in power, manufacturing and agriculture, along with heroes of the sky and those who impacted us here on land. You'll also visit the adjacent **Greenfield Village**, a vast open-air museum featuring historic districts that allow you to immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and sensations of 300 years of American life. Enjoy rides ranging from a **restored Model T** to the **Weiser Railroad** that takes you from stop to stop in the village. You'll have time as well here for shopping and lunch on your own, with carefully curated stores and restaurants there for your pleasure. Finally, enjoy the **Ford Rouge Factory Tour** that immerses you in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts! Pop open the hood on game-changing technology and sheer American grit at **America's greatest manufacturing experience**. And get a real inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150! Later this afternoon, you'll travel to nearby **Detroit** and check in to your hotel, then enjoy your **farewell dinner** tonight.

Overnight: Detroit - Cambria Hotel Downtown (B/D)

July 23, 2023 - Farewell to Michigan!

After your hotel breakfast and checkout, you may have some time to explore **Detroit** a bit on your own (flight time permitting). One of the oldest cities in middle America, Detroit was known as the **"Paris of the Midwest"** in the early 20th century, its architecture recognized as among the finest in the US. You'll then transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Fond memories of your visit to Mackinac Island and the Michigan Circle are sure to stay with you for a lifetime!** (B)

PLEASE NOTE! In these current times of universal staffing shortages and scheduling disruptions, all types of itineraries - including hotels, airlines, restaurants and attractions - are particularly subject to change, requiring some patience and flexibility from all of us who travel these days.

Magnificent Mackinac Island

\$4,398.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement \$998.00

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Grand Rapids and from Detroit (checked baggage fees are not included), and transfers from airport to hotels to airport
- 6 nights lodging in Grand Rapids, Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth and Detroit
- 5 special dinners, 1 lunch at Mackinac's Grand Hotel, and 4 hotel breakfasts
- **Mackinac Island Horse-drawn Carriage Tours and Ferries, and Holland Princess dinner cruise!**
- Private motor coach for the entire itinerary
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Meijer's Gardens and Sculpture Park, Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, Veldheer Tulip Farm, Surry Hills Carriage Museum, Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and more!
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
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Call today to reserve your space!!!

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