

Mackinac Island & The Great State of Michigan

July 8th – 14th, 2019

The State of Michigan is blessed with the riches of unspoiled nature: the world's longest freshwater coastline, lakes that feel like oceans, miles and miles of cherry orchards, some of the highest freshwater sand dunes in the world, and more than 100 lighthouses. Mackinac Island is a truly "all natural" theme park of America. Its real Victorian image is preserved as you step back in time to a place where transportation is limited to horse and buggy, bicycle, or foot. It has managed to escape the changes of time.

Included:

- ⊙ Motor coach transportation to/from the Portland Airport
- ⊙ Personal services of your OregonWest Tour Director
- ⊙ Roundtrip airfare to/from Detroit, 1 bag included
- ⊙ Deluxe motor coach transportation in Michigan
- ⊙ 6 nights deluxe lodging (2 nights at the Island House)
- ⊙ 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- ⊙ All attractions as described below
- ⊙ All gratuities



Welcome to our home for the night... Bay City Michigan, located near the base of the Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel before saying goodnight.

Did you know Michigan has more lighthouse than any state in the US? We'll make our way to Mackinac City where you'll have some free time for lunch on your own before we embark on a **Lighthouse Boat Cruise**. Next, **Mackinac Island**... Step back in time to a place where transportation is limited to horse and buggy, bicycle, or foot. Its Victorian image is preserved and enhanced by a small population of 500 residents, and scores of summer residents that maintain bluff cottages in their original state. Our home for the next 2 nights is **the Island House Hotel**; located a mere two blocks from downtown, it has the perfect balance of relaxation and convenience.

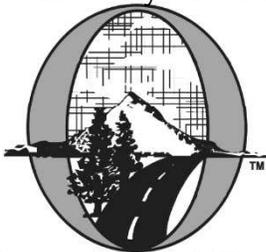
This morning we're off on a Carriage tour! Since motor vehicles are not permitted to intrude on the natural beauty of Mackinac Island, there is no better way to see all of the legendary sites than by carriage! Next, **we'll enjoy lunch at the Grand Hotel**, as rare and special as it was in 1887. This is where they filmed "Somewhere in Time," starring Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour, and Christopher Plummer. Afterwards enjoy spectacular views of the Straits of Mackinac in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch. Your evening is free to explore the Island on your own...

We're off to Traverse City this morning. Known for their cherry blossoms, this is one of America's most impressive floral displays: 2.6 million blooming cherry trees climbing the steep glacial ridges like battalions of tiny white clouds. Next, **explore Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park, overlooking Lake Michigan.** It's one of the largest fresh water sand dunes in the world. **We'll have a driving tour and a picnic lunch before we check into the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City...** your evening is free to explore the quaint downtown on your own.

You're in for a real treat today... as we tour a **one-of-a-kind collection of rare antique musical instruments and music-making machines**, circa 1870 through 1930. Our home for the next 2 nights is **the Marriott Livonia...** located in the suburbs of Detroit. Enjoy a lovely dinner before we say goodnight.

Today starts with the **Ford Rouge Factory Tour** where the new military grade aluminum-alloy body Ford F-150 is made! Next, it's **Greenfield Village and Museum.** It's like stepping into an 80-acre time machine, taking you back to the sights, sounds, and sensations of America's past. There are 83 authentic, historic structures, from Noah Webster's home, where he wrote the first American dictionary, to Thomas Edison's Menlo Park laboratory. You'll have some time to rest up before we head to **Michell's Seafood Restaurant** for our farewell dinner!

We'll head home today with fond memories of beautiful and unspoiled Michigan!



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by April 4th, 2019