

Michigan and the Great Lakes

Includes Mackinac Island

July 12 - 22, 2025
(11 days - 10 nights)



Sat, July 12 **Tulsa, OK**

Today will be an exciting day with everyone becoming acquainted with fellow travelers as we make our way northward into Oklahoma and to Tulsa where we will overnight.

Sun, July 13 **Springfield, IL**

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the “Show Me” state of Missouri which was home to Mark Twain and Walt Disney, as well as Harry Truman. By late afternoon we will cross the mighty Mississippi River at St. Louis and continue to Springfield, the capital of Illinois and very near the geographical center of the state.

Mon, July 14 **Grand Rapids, MI**

Before departing Springfield we will stop at Lincoln’s Tomb Historic Site, an impressive monument containing his tomb and the crypts of Mrs. Lincoln and 3 of their 4 children. Continuing northward we will skirt Chicago and cross a small portion of Indiana as we make our way into Michigan, the “Wolverine State”.

Tue, July 15 **Mackinaw City, MI**

Begin the day with a city tour of Grand Rapids, MI, the childhood home of President Gerald R. Ford before making our way into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, or as the locals refer to it “the U-P.” Mackinaw City, our home for the next 3 nights is located on Lake Huron. It was first established by early French settlers as a trading post.

Wed, July 16 **Mackinaw City, MI**

This morning we board a ferry to Mackinac Island (pronounced Mackinaw). There are no motorized

Highlights Include:

- Mackinac Island
- Carriage Tour
- Sault Ste. Marie
- Soo Locks Boat Tour
- Tahquamenon Falls
- Shipwreck Museum
- Whitefish Point Lighthouse
- Greenfield Village
- Henry Ford Museum
- Gateway Arch - St. Louis, MO
- Lincoln’s Tomb -Springfield, IL
- Great Lakes: Huron, Michigan and Superior

vehicles allowed on the island, so we will have a horse-drawn carriage as our mode of transportation as we tour the island. Next will be a “grand” buffet lunch at the Grand Hotel, which was featured in the movie “Somewhere in Time”. You will enjoy free time for shopping before we return to Mackinaw City, again by ferry.

Thur, July 17 **Mackinaw City, MI**

This morning we cross the “Mighty Mac” Bridge, a 5-mile suspension bridge which connects Michigan’s Upper Peninsula with the remainder of the state, and head to the Whitefish Point. We will visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum which contains the bell of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. Whitefish Point Lighthouse, the oldest working lighthouse on Lake Superior, began operating in 1849. Tahquamenon Falls is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River, but requires a short walk to view. Sault Ste. Marie (Soo Saint Marie), the oldest community in Michigan is a city shared by 2 countries. Our narrated excursion will take us through the Soo Locks and our boat will

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ride the water as it is raised 21 feet, straight up, to the level of Lake Superior.

Fri, July 18

Dearborn, MI

A highlight today will be our stop in Frankenmuth, a small town with a Bavarian heritage. The Old World atmosphere is still evident in its architecture. After lunch, enjoy some free time to browse in this unique town. We will continue to Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit, to overnight.

Sat, July 19

Dearborn, MI

Henry Ford Museum documents nearly 3 centuries of technological and cultural change. Collections encompass communications, transportation and domestic life. The Greenfield Village is a journey into the sights, sounds and sensations of America's past. The Village sits on 90 acres and includes 7 historic districts with buildings of significance, including the farmhouse where Henry Ford was born.

Sun, July 20

St. Louis, MO

Today laughter and stories will fill the motorcoach as we route across Michigan, a small portion of Indiana, Illinois and across the Mississippi River to overnight in St. Louis.

Mon, July 21

Tulsa, OK

This morning we visit the Gateway Arch where you will have the option of riding a tram to the top of America's tallest monument (630 feet high). If you prefer you may choose to remain on the ground and enjoy some shopping and exploring. In either case you will want to visit the Museum of Westward Expansion. We continue across Missouri and into Oklahoma to overnight.

Tue, July 22

Home

Getting closer to home we will be reminded of all the spectacular sights we have seen, great places we have visited, memories we have made and our new friends who we will never forget.

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- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 8 continental breakfasts, 2 breakfasts, 8 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

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\$3519 (2 people per room)

\$4495 (1 person per room)

\$50 deposit due upon booking

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