



GREAT AND GRAND MICHIGAN

Dearborn, Mackinac Island, Charlevoix,
Traverse City, Grand Rapids

May 20-26, 2023



SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023, DEARBORN

Overnight at the Doubletree, Dearborn (D)

The first leg of our journey takes us to Dearborn, MI., arriving in time for lunch on your own in the Henry Ford Greenfield Village.

Next is our afternoon tour of **The Henry Ford Museum of Innovation**. The Museum is a vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms and allows you to experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories. Dinner is included tonight.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, DEARBORN

Overnight at the Doubletree, Dearborn (B, D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we meet our guide and start our tour of **The Ford Rouge Factory** – Get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150, and immerse yourself in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts. You'll experience game-changing technology, sustainable design, and sheer American grit at America's greatest manufacturing experience.



This afternoon's **tour of Detroit** takes us from The Guardian Building to Motown to Greektown, you will be surprised by the diversity, cultures and important roles Detroit has played in America's culture and history. Lunch is on your own today.

Dinner tonight is at **Andiamo by the River**, Reminiscent of a contemporary bistro in Milan, you'll enjoy wonderful food and relaxing views along the Detroit River!

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MONDAY, MAY 22 - TO MACKINAC ISLAND & THE GRAND HOTEL

2 Nights at The Grand Hotel

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After breakfast we will checkout and travel north to Mackinac Island – the automobile-less pristine island in Lake Huron. We will stop enroute for a “lunch is on your own” stop. Later enjoy a ferry ride from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island. From there you take a horse and buggy taxi ride to your hotel.

The Grand Hotel – The World’s Largest Summer Hotel. Since 1887 the Grand Hotel beckons guests to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Experience the tradition of dressing up for dinner, nightly sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra and dancing *or* sitting in a rocking chair on the world’s longest porch with views of the Straits of Mackinac.



This National Historic Landmark has always embraced its rich history. That means today, guests enjoy modern amenities while the hotel’s original architecture and charm have been tastefully preserved. Contributing greatly to the hotel’s ambiance is the relaxed atmosphere of Mackinac Island, where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage and bicycle are favored modes of transportation.

Enjoy an elegant dinner tonight.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, MACKINAC

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After breakfast, meet the group outside to board your carriages for a tour of this delightful island! This tour will stop at Surrey Hills Museum & Butterfly Conservatory (admissions not included) and at Arch Rock for magnificent views. Next stop will be Fort Mackinac for an optional visit to this American Era fort (admission not included). Anyone wishing to get off at either the Museum, Butterfly Conservatory or Fort Mackinac will be able to reboard the next arriving carriage. The tour will end at the Grand Hotel.

This afternoon is yours to relax, stroll about the village, or enjoy the resort amenities. Swimming, biking, shuffleboard... Later, enjoy another elegant dinner and the music of the Grand Hotel Orchestra!!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 - TO TRAVERSE CITY

Overnight tonight at historic, downtown Park Place Hotel

(B, D)

After breakfast this morning we will checkout, take a taxi to the ferry, then ferry to the mainland to start our ride to Traverse City

On our way we will stop at **Lavender Hill Farms** – Michigan’s largest lavender farm to enjoy a golf cart tour through the lavender fields and learn about their Italian honeybees.

Then we are ready to see the real charm, the **Mushroom Homes** – **Gnome Homes**! Designed and built by Charlevoix native Earl Young, these Mushroom Houses are over 26 of the most fascinating stone structures ever built. **Charlevoix** is a lovely lakeside village. We will see them by coach and walking tour, this is a good place to stretch your legs and enjoy lunch on your own.



Next stop **Castle Farms** - visit the beautiful Castle and gardens with an included Tram Tour, Michigan’s largest outdoor model railroad with over 2,500 ft of track, World War I Museum full of photos, documents and toys from the Great War era, a private collection.

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Finally, it is on to Traverse City, surrounded by the waters of Lake Michigan. Known as the Cherry Capital of the World, the land is bountiful, paving the foundation for inventive culinary experts, craft brewers, winemakers, and distillers.

Our dinner tonight is at **Harrington's by The Bay** - graciously sitting across the beautiful shores of West Grand Traverse Bay, local fare is served in a comfortable and lively atmosphere.

After dinner the **Tall Ship, Manitou** is a wonderful way to enjoy a spectacular *sunset cruise on West Traverse Bay!* Tall Ship Manitou is a replica of an 1800's "coasting" cargo schooner, similar to those that sailed the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. Specifically designed for passenger service with a 58-passenger capacity, there is plenty of space for sitting and moving around the decks while under sail. Her overall length of 114 feet, beam of 21 feet, and displacement of nearly 100 tons ensures a comfortable, relaxing motion, soothing to both landlubbers and "old salts" alike.



THURSDAY, MAY 25 - TO GRAND RAPIDS

Overnight at **Amway Grand Hotel**

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After breakfast at our hotel, we check out.

Sleeping Bear Dunes is one of the most profoundly beautiful American landscapes. These "Mountains of Sands" were named the *Most Beautiful Place in America* by Good Morning America! Meet your guide for a walk through the dunes and to amazing vistas. Be sure to have your camera ready!

Travel along the shore to **Point Betsie Lighthouse** – Enjoy a stop and the option to tour the lighthouse (there are stairs). The lighthouse has been operating continuously since 1858 and learn about the daily life as a lighthouse keeper.

Then nearby stop in Frankfort, along the water, for lunch on your own before heading to the Amway Grand Hotel in the heart of Grand Rapids. This historic hotel is a Curio Collection by Hilton, and each guest is guaranteed Riverview rooms!

Dinner tonight is at the **Blue Water Grill** - The view is Frank Lloyd Wright inspired architecture with clean lines, open spaces and giant walls of glass framing the beautiful lake. Enjoy "Down to Earth" cooking

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023, TO HOME

After breakfast at your hotel, checkout.

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Before heading home, we will have a morning stop at the **President Gerald R Ford Museum**. At the core of the Museum is the permanent exhibit, which allows visitors to experience highlights from President and Mrs. Ford's lives. Museum galleries depict Gerald Ford's rise from a humble youth to Eagle Scout, star football player, World War II naval officer, and U.S. congressman, and the unique way by which he became Vice President and President. Meet the issues of the day - the energy crisis, the Nixon pardon, Vietnamese refugees, and learn about the Bicentennial. Your visit will include a stop in the life-sized Oval Office and Cabinet Room.

We then make a stop for lunch on your own before heading back to Canton.

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Package Includes

- ≈ 2 Night's Lodging at **Doubletree Hotel**, Dearborn
- ≈ 2 Night's lodging at **Grand Hotel**, Mackinac
- ≈ 1 Night **Park Plaza Hotel**, Traverse City
- ≈ 1 Night **Amway Grand**, Grand Rapids
- ≈ 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners
- ≈ **Innovation Museum Tour**
- ≈ **Rouge Factory Tour**
- ≈ **Detroit City Tour**
- ≈ **Mackinac Island Tour**
- ≈ **Tours of Lavender Hills & Caste Farms**
- ≈ **Charlevoix Tour & Mushroom Homes**
- ≈ **Manitou Sunset Cruise**
- ≈ **Sleeping Bear Dunes Tour**
- ≈ Gratuities & taxes on included meals
- ≈ Gratuities for tour guides
- ≈ Baggage Handling at Hotels
- ≈ Coach transportation
- ≈ Gratuities for coach captain
- ≈ Professionally Escorted

Deposit: \$ 50 per person

Price: \$ 2,952 pp per person double
\$ 3,519 pp single

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