

## MEANDERING THRU MICHIGAN

Includes two-night stay on Mackinac Island

AUGUST 23-28, 2020

Boarding in Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa and Moline & Galena, Illinois

Partnering with Plus 55 Club

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT 1-800-779-4869**

### **Tour Highlights:**

- ❖ 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- ❖ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation with full-time Tour Director
- ❖ Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Dinner Show
- ❖ Our Lady of the Woods Shrine
- ❖ Fairview Maple Farm
- ❖ Thunder Bay Resort Carriage Ride and Dinner
- ❖ Presque Isle Lighthouses
- ❖ Great Lakes Lore Museum
- ❖ Mackinac Island Carriage Tour
- ❖ Grand Hotel Lunch
- ❖ Castle Farms with Lunch
- ❖ SS Badger Lake Michigan Ferry

**Your Tour Includes:** 5 Nights' Accommodations, Luggage Handling, All Attractions and Activities per the Itinerary, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, Step-On Guide.

**Not Included:** Travel Protection Plan, Gratuities to Tour Director and Motorcoach Driver, or Any Items of a Personal Nature



### **Your Tour Price:**

\$1749.00 per person – 4 to a room

\$1835.00 per person – 3 to a room

\$1965.00 per person – 2 to a room

\$2515.00 per person – single

# TRI-STATE TRAVEL



## **Day #1 - August 23, 2020**

Our travels today take us into north into Michigan for our first overnight stay. Late afternoon finds us checking into our overnight accommodations, Lakeside Resort & Conference Center in Houghton Lake, MI. Tonight we have Reservations for the Gordon Lightfoot Dinner Show Tribute. This show replicates the songs and styles of a Gordon Lightfoot concert. Enjoy the classic tunes made famous by the Canadian balladeer who wrote about the woods and the water, sailing ships, broken hearts and lost loves. **(DS)**

## **Day #2 - August 24, 2020**

A hot breakfast is included in the breakfast room before we depart with our local guide for the “Sunrise” side of Michigan. Learn about Kirtland’s Warbler and steps that have been taken to prevent it extinction. Appreciate lumbering in Michigan with a mini tour of AJD, the original Lakes States industrial hardwood lumber sawmill (subject to availability). A rest stop will be made at Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio. Take a moment to walk through the gardens on their beautifully landscaped grounds before continuing your tour. Depart Our Lady of the Woods and visit Fairview Maple Farm. Learn about the modern techniques Tim and Judy Boonstra use to tap over 2,500 units with tubing and vacuum. Lunch today is included at Stoney Acres Winery. Relax on their covered garden patio and enjoy a gourmet lunch. We arrive the National Maritime Heritage Center to hear how Climate Change is a global problem, but a specific subset of its challenges is already affecting the Great Lakes Region, join National Marine Sanctuary staff as they illustrate these challenges using data sets on the Science on a Sphere theater. Continue exploring the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. This visitor center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, features exciting exhibits for all ages. Exploring the Shipwreck Century, is in the center's main hall and includes a full-size replica wooden Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck where visitors can walk the decks, feel a Great Lakes storm, and touch the massive timbers of the boat resting on the lake bottom ... without getting wet! Depart the Maritime Heritage Center for Thunder Bay Resort. This family run resort offers the beauty of Northern Michigan combined with a friendly staff to give you a matchless Northern Michigan experience. This evening step back in time as you board a horse drawn carriage that takes you over the Thunder Bay River and into the woods at Thunder Bay Resort. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to the beautiful Elk Antler Log Cabin. A blazing fire in a massive split stone fireplace welcomes you. Wonderful aromas mix with the scent of hardwood smoke and emanate from two antique wood cook stoves in full view. Warm yourself by the fire and savor the delicious aromas put forth by the twin antique wood cook stoves as culinary artist Spenser James and his staff prepare your gourmet meal. Throughout your dinner, sample five to seven wines from nearby Stoney Acres Winery as attentive servers see to your every need. **(BLD)**

## **Day # 3 - August 25, 2020**

A hot breakfast is included at Thunder Bay Resort and then we depart for Presque Isle Lighthouse. Upon our arrival we will be met by a local docent from Presque Isle lighthouses. Presque Isle Light Station is a complex of three historic buildings including a lighthouse tower and two keeper's residences. Located on the Lake Huron shoreline near Presque Isle Harbor, the "New Presque Isle Light" is the tallest lighthouse tower accessible by the public on the Great Lakes. Built in 1870, it replaced the 1840 harbor light. Visitors, for a nominal fee, may climb the 130 steps to the top of the tower for a spectacular view. Lunch is included at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Roger City, MI. This afternoon visits the Great Lake Lore Museum. The Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum is a maritime museum that specializes in memories not just artifacts. From small "day" sailors manned by pre-colonial French and British traders to modern-day super carriers bearing the flags of most maritime powers, Great Lakes commercial craft, their captains and crew members are depicted

and commemorated. Also visit a Calcite mine before continuing to 40 Mile Point Light house. Located just north of Rogers City, the lighthouse was built in 1896 to assist ships through the dangerous shoreline where open water, hidden shoals and false bays had claimed many vessels. Follow "Shipwreck Trail" to see what's left of the Joseph S. Fay, one of 27 wooden ships that sank during a fierce storm in 1905. You can see about 150' of her side walls resting on the beach. The tour concludes with a fascinating ride across the Mighty Mac. At one time this was the longest suspension bridge in the world. Hear the dramatic tales of the brave iron workers who built this massive structure. Your guide will provide more than hearsay – in many cases these are eyewitness accounts of local history. Time to board the ferry to Mackinac Island. As you step upon the island you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transport everything from supplies for the business on the island to passengers. Accommodations are on Main Street at the Bicycle Street Inn. The evening is free for you to explore this unique island at your leisure. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. **(BL)**

#### **Day # 4 - August 26, 2020**

A deluxe continental breakfast is included at the hotel to start your day. Board a carriage for a tour of the island. For anyone who has seen the movie "Somewhere in Time" there will be moments of déjà vu during the tour of this picturesque island. The tour ends at the Grand Hotel with its fabulous buffet. Following lunch take some time to relax on the hotel's porch. At 660 feet, the Grand Hotel's Front Porch is the world's largest and has one of the most spectacular views of the straits. Wander down Main Street and visit some of Mackinac Island's unique shops. The balance of your day is free to enjoy this beautiful island. **(BL)**

#### **Day # 5 - August 27, 2020**

After your included breakfast we board the ferry to Mackinaw City to meet our awaiting motorcoach. We make our way to Charlevoix where we will be met by a local guide who will show you the architectural diversity of this lovely city. Highlighted are the more than thirty homes designed by local architect Earl Young. Dating from 1921 to the 1950's, these unique, "mushroom houses" are built out of native stone and sport cedar shake roofs. It is time to continue our travel as we make our way to Castle Farms where an included lunch is waiting. Following lunch enjoy a walking and tram tour through this unique facility. Your tour guide will delight your group with the rich history of Castle Farms, from its original construction 1918 as the Loeb Farm, to the Van Haver art studio and gallery period, as well as the music concert era, and through the extensive restoration process from 2001 to present. The completed buildings and landscaped gardens are breathtaking. En route to our overnight in Manistee we have arranged for a stop at The Cherry Hut in Beulah, MI for Cherry Pie and Ice Cream. We check into the Manistee National Golf & Resort for our last overnight. Dinner is included at your leisure in the dining room off a special tour menu. **(BLD)**

#### **Day # 6 - August 28, 2020**

Enjoy a light continental breakfast. We arrive at the S.S. Badger Lake Michigan Ferry to transport us to Manitowoc, WI. This ferry is like a mini-cruise and we can even take our motorcoach. Spacious outside decks for soaking up the sunshine, fresh air, and walking laps for fitness. Lunch is on your own. You have two different dining areas with a wide selection of items. We arrive at the mainland and make our way back to Hometown, USA. **(B)**

