

**A New Twist to Mackinac
Featuring Carriages & Castles in Northern Michigan**

August 22-27, 2021

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

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **12 Meals: 5 Breakfasts/4 Lunches/Dinner Show/2 Additional Dinners**
- ❖ **Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation with Full Time Tour Director**
- ❖ **Fairview Organic Maple Farm**
- ❖ **Science on a Sphere**
- ❖ **40 Mile Lighthouse**
- ❖ **Presque Isle Lighthouse**
- ❖ **Ferry to/from Mackinac Island**
- ❖ **Mackinac Island Carriage Tour**
- ❖ **Grand Hotel**
- ❖ **Castle Farms Admission and Tour**
- ❖ **Dune Buggy Ride**

Your Tour Price:

\$1819.00 per person – 4 to a room
\$1899.00 per person – 3 to a room
\$2045.00 per person – 2 to a room
\$2599.00 per person – single

Your Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, 5 Nights' Accommodations, Full Time Tour Director, 12 Meals (5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 1 Dinner Show and 2 additional dinners), Luggage Handling for One Suitcase, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals and Local Step on Guides

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

DAY #1 Sunday, August 22, 2021

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 Tribute Dinner Show. 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 Monday, August 23, 2021

Let us start our day with a hot breakfast before departing the hotel with our guide for the “Sunrise” side of Michigan. Your drive will take you through an area where a recent wildfire has changed the landscape. Learn about Kirtland’s Warbler and the steps that have been taken to prevent its extinction. Appreciate lumbering in Michigan with a mini-tour of one of the local sawmills. 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. Our next visit is to Fairview Maple Farm. Learn about the modern techniques Tim and Judy Boonstra use to tap over 2,500 units with tubing and vacuum. Our lunch today is included at Stoney Acres Winery where we will relax on their covered patio. Afterwards, it is just a short drive to the National Maritime Heritage Center. Here we will learn of Climate Change and the challenges that are already affecting the Great Lakes Region. We continue exploring the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. This visitor center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, features exciting exhibits for all ages, including 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! It is now time to check into our overnight accommodations, Thunder Bay Resort. 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. 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. 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. **(B,L,D)**

DAY #3 Tuesday, August 24, 2021

After our hot breakfast at the resort, it is time to board our motorcoach and continue our Michigan travels. Mid- morning, we are joined 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. Lunch is included at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Rogers City, MI. This afternoon, visit the Great Lakes Lore Museum, specializing in memories, not just artifacts, of sailors from pre-colonial times to present day. We continue our travels 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. The tour concludes with a fascinating ride across the Mighty Mac, at one time the longest suspension bridge in the world. Hear the dramatic tales of the brave iron workers who built this massive structure. Late afternoon we board Shepler’s Mackinac Island Ferry. 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. **(B,L)**

DAY #4 Wednesday, August 25, 2021

After a continental breakfast we board our horse drawn carriage for a tour of the island. For anyone who has seen the old movie, “Somewhere in Time” there will be moments of déjà vu 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. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. **(B,L)**

DAY #5 Thursday, August 26, 2021

A continental breakfast is included at the hotel before we board the ferry to return to the mainland. A local Charlevoix guide joins us to share 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. Our lunch is included at Castle Farms. 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 and through the extensive restoration process from 2001 to present. Our afternoon is highlighted with a stop at The Cherry Hut in Beulah, MI for Cherry Pie and Ice Cream. Our overnight accommodations are at the Inn at Manistee National. This 42-room Inn is surrounded by Michigan’s Manistee National Forest. Dinner is included at your leisure in the dining room off a special tour menu. **(B,L,D)**

DAY #6 Friday, August 27, 2021

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Our travels continue through Michigan with our first stop this morning at Saugatuck Dune Rides. Board the Dune Schooners for 30 minutes of fun. Lunch is on your own en route to the Silver Beach Carousel Museum. The horses, the tigers, the hippocampus, the panda, the clown fish – in all, 48 unique carousel figures and two chariots – are whirling with excitement to see you. Come pick your favorite and ride beneath 1000 twinkling lights as the band organ’s music happily soars and dips with the gears. Following your ride, it is time to depart Michigan and head for home, with great memories of our Northern Michigan tour. **(B)**