



MICHIGAN'S SUMMER DELIGHTS
Featuring a two-night stay on Mackinac Island

6 Days/5 Nights August 21-26, 2022

Day #1 Sunday, August 21, 2022

Welcome aboard as we get acquainted with our fellow travelers while enjoying activities on our deluxe motorcoach. This afternoon we arrive in the "Very Bavarian City" of **Frankenmuth, Michigan** for our overnight stay. After checking into our hotel, we have time to freshen up before departing for the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Upon our arrival time will be allowed to visit the 50-foot Glockenspiel Tower that is part of the building. It houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany! Before striking the hour, and on each quarter hour, the clock sounds the 5-bell Westminster chime. Dinner is included at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Following dinner your driver will drive down Bronner's Christmas Lane for you to view the many lights that line the drive. **(D)**

Day #2 Monday, August 22, 2022

Breakfast is included before we meet our guide for a mini-tour of Frankenmuth that concludes at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. Nowhere is Christmas displayed with such exuberance! When Wally Bronner painted his first sign over 50 years ago, little did he dream that his small business would one day become the world's largest Christmas store. It is a shopper's dream! Depart for downtown Frankenmuth where you will have time to explore the many shops and enjoy an early lunch (on own). It is time to depart Frankenmuth and make our way to Bay City, MI to visit the Antique Toy & Fire Truck Museum. Home to over 60 motorized fire trucks it has the largest collection of fire trucks in the world. The museum also contains more than 12,000 antique and collectible toys, many of them fire, police and rescue vehicles. Also included in the Toy Collection are toys and models from Tonka, Buddy L, Nylint, and Hess to name a few. A 50-piece collection of the animated 1930s cartoon character and pin-up girl Betty Boop has also found a home in this unique museum. For the NASCAR fans, one room is dedicated to all things NASCAR. Arrive 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. 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. Throughout your dinner, sample five to seven wines from nearby Stoney Acres Winery as attentive servers see to your every need. **(B,D)**

Day #3 Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Enjoy a hot breakfast before we make our way to Presque Isle Lighthouse. 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. 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 Rogers City. This afternoon visit the Great Lake Lore Museum. This maritime 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. Visit also a Calcite mine dock 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 wall 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. Board the ferry to Mackinac Island. As you step upon the island you feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transporting supplies for the businesses 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. (B,L)

Day #4 Wednesday, August 24, 2022

A continental breakfast is included at the hotel. 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 with lunch at the Grand Hotel. 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. (B,L)

Day #5 Thursday, August 25, 2022

After your continental breakfast board the ferry to Mackinaw City. Our travels continue on to Charlevoix to meet our local guide. We will learn 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. Lunch is included at Castle Farms. Enjoy a walking and tram tour (weather permitting) 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. We depart for Muskegon and our overnight stay. Dinner will be aboard the USS LST-393. LST stands for landing ship tank (or as many soldiers called it a long slow target). The LST 393 was in many battles including D Day. The main deck held 28 Sherman tanks with jeeps and trucks on the higher decks. The LST is one of two remaining after the war. At the front of the ship are bow doors that the tanks and other equipment went through. This is a ship museum that honors all veterans throughout the ship. You may go through the ship after your dinner. (B,L,D)

Day #6 Friday, August 26, 2022

Breakfast is included at the hotel. This morning you have the opportunity to enjoy one of West Michigan's Premier Attractions, Saugatuck Dune Rides. Experience the beauty of Pure Michigan! Lunch on own downtown Saugatuck After lunch we arrive at 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. Each figure is beautifully hand-carved and hand-painted by the artisans at The Carousel Works. Around the top of the carousel you can learn about our local history – told as no one else in the world has told it, on a carousel – using historic photographs. As you gaze at those 18 rounding boards, you'll become part of our story, too. It is time to sit back relax and share with your friends all the fun things you have experienced. (B)