



# Are We There Yet? Tours

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## Mackinac Island Escape

***Our 10th year of visiting this amazing island!***

**Aug 26 – 31, 2017**

**Mackinac Island is unique; a calm oasis without the hustle and bustle of automobile traffic. We stay at the Island House, across the street from the water. The sounds of horse-drawn carriages and waves lapping along the shore will lull you to sleep. Plus, we will also cruise on a 65 foot long Victorian style paddleboat, explore Castle Farms, and enjoy a meal in an Amish home!**

### **Saturday, Aug 26 – We're on Our Way to Cooler Climates**

This morning we head north to Michigan, towards our home for the evening, Holland! We will make a few stops along the way before arriving in Holland. After checking into our hotel we enjoy dinner at a local favorite before getting out on Lake Macataw and Lake Michigan on a 65-foot long Victorian-style paddleboat. **(D)**

### **Sunday, Aug 27 – Castle Farms and Mushroom Houses!**

This morning after breakfast we head out to Charlevoix, MI, home to **Castle Farms**. Built almost a century ago for a wealthy VP at Sears, Castle Farms served as a model home for showcasing livestock and new equipment that was sold by the company at the time. After serving as a storage space, an art studio, and a place for rock concerts, it was lovingly restored in 2005 and now hosts numerous events, weddings, and even the local Renaissance Festival! We not only tour the grounds but also enjoy a wonderful lunch on the property before embarking on our next adventure – visiting the famous **Mushroom Houses**. Designed by Earl Young, these houses have a unique roof structure that appears to give them a mushroom like shape. With over 11 houses and an inn, the mushroom houses are a fun and whimsical part of Charlevoix's history.

We arrive at **Shepler's Mackinac Ferry terminal** and head out across the water to Mackinac Island and check into our wonderful hotel, the Island House. The oldest hotel in operation on the island, the Island House overlooks the Straits of Mackinac and boasts a wrap around porch. Every evening they light the Chiminea outdoor fireplaces, and even sell s'more kits so you can make your own! Tonight, we have an incredible meal at the **Island House Hotel Dining Room**. We have it arranged so you can dine whenever you want this evening. **(B,L,D)**

### **Monday, Aug 28 – Optional tour of the island and Fort Mackinac!**

After breakfast, the island is yours to explore.

Or, join us on an **Optional Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and Fort Mackinac**. Ride on a horse drawn carriage as you travel through the town and the state park before we visit **Fort Mackinac**. We then enjoy lunch at the **Tea Room**. **Price: \$70, includes admission to Fort Mackinac, lunch at the tea room, and multiple carriage rides through the town and the state park and gratuities to all drivers. (B)**

### **Tuesday, Aug 29 – Optional Lunch at the Grand Hotel Buffet**

After breakfast, the island is yours to explore.

Or, join us for an optional lunch at **The Grand Hotel Formal Dining Room**. We have our private horse-drawn taxi take us up to the Grand Hotel and head into the formal dining room, where we enjoy the buffet lunch that has made them famous. Enjoy time rocking on their front porch or walk up the steps to the copula before our taxi ride back to the Island House. **Price: \$72.50, includes admission to the Grand Hotel, lunch in their formal dining room, and round trip taxi ride including gratuities.**

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you wish, with dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in town. **(B)**

### **Wednesday, Aug 30 – Shishewana Dinner and a Show!**

This morning after breakfast, we depart the island and head to the Amish Country of Shishewana, Indiana. Our destination is the **Essen Haus**, where we enjoy a hearty dinner before a performance of **Saturday Night at Old Smokey**. The Bristol Herald-Courier gave it a positive review, saying “Plenty of wit and warmth in a simple story of family and tradition. And to sweeten the pot, some pretty darned good music. If you're in the mood for a good story well told, *Saturday Night at Old Smokey* won't disappoint.” **(B,D)**

### **Thursday, Aug 31 – Haystack Breakfast and Camel Farm!**

Today after checking out of the hotel we head to an Amish home for a “Haystack Breakfast,” a specialty where you pile biscuits, eggs, sausage, hash browns, cheese and more to make an incredible breakfast plate! Our next stop is a Camel Farm, yes, really! We learn about how they got started raising camels, how they milk them, and how they are different from other farm animals. We then have a tour of Amish Country before we head for home. We'll make plenty of stops along the way. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

#### **Tour Price includes:**

- Deluxe Motor Coach transportation
- Great hotels, including three nights at the Island House, right off the water on Mackinac Island!
- Admission to all attractions as listed
- 9 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, and 3 Dinners, including breakfast at an Amish Home!
- Tour of Castle Farms, the Mushroom Houses, Amish Country and a Camel Farm!
- Tickets to see *Saturday Night at Old Smokey*
- 2 tour directors
- Baggage Handling of one suitcase per person
- All gratuities to Tour Guides, Drivers, Horse-drawn Carriage Drivers and Servers at Included Meals

#### **Tour Price:**

**\$1,133 pp double occ      \$1,673 single occ      \$1,064 pp triple occ      \$975 quad occ**

**Save 3% on this tour! Relax on Mackinac Island for \$1099 pp double occ  
when you pay by check or money order!**

**\$1099 pp double occ      \$1,623 single occ,      \$1032 pp triple occ      \$945 quad occ**

***These savings are based on paying by check or money order.***

***Make your reservation with a \$100 deposit per person. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your legal name, address, phone number, and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions.***

***We encourage all travelers to purchase travel protection with initial deposit. Include Travel Protection payment with deposit, if purchasing. Please remember that certain benefits are time sensitive. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment.***

***Balance on base tour price is due June 30, 2017, and no refunds will be given after that time. If you purchase Travel Protection and need to cancel after June 30, 2017, you must file a claim. Preferential seating on the coach provided by the order in which your deposit is received.***