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Mackinac Island Escape

Our most popular tour!

July 9-14, 2018

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, and the sounds of horse-drawn carriages and waves lapping along the shore will lull you to sleep. Plus, we'll also cruise on a 65-foot long Victorian style paddleboat, explore Castle Farms, and visit the Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum!

Monday, July 9 – We're on Our Way!

This morning we head north to Michigan, heading towards our home for the evening, Holland! We will make a few stops along the way, including lunch on your own at our favorite stop near Chicago, Portillo's, before arriving in Saugatauck, where we take a cruise on a 65-foot long Victoria style paddleboat. We enjoy a fully narrated tour as we travel down the river to Lake Michigan before returning to Saugatauck. This evening is yours to explore charming downtown Holland where our hotel is located. Enjoy dinner on your own at a choice of many restaurants around us. Tomorrow at this time we'll be on the Mackinac Island!

Tuesday, July 10 – Castle Farms and Island Time

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 get a tour but also enjoy a wonderful lunch on the property.

We continue our journey northbound, and arrive at the Mackinac Ferry terminal before heading 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, with 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)**

Wednesday, July 11 – Optional tour of the island and The Grand Hotel!

After breakfast, the island is yours to explore. Or, join us on an **Optional Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet**. Ride on a horse drawn carriage as you travel through the town and the state park before we visit **the Grand Hotel**. With interiors from famed designer Dorothy Draper, the Grand Hotel is an iconic part of Mackinac Island, and the setting for the beloved movie "Somewhere in Time." We enjoy lunch at their famous buffet, stretching over 100 feet long! And because we are dining there, they will not charge you the \$10 fee to sit on their rocking

chairs on the front porch. You will also have the chance to climb up to the top of the copula, with incredible panoramic views before our taxi brings us back to the Island House. **Price: \$119, includes lunch at the Grand Hotel and multiple carriage rides through the town and the state park. (B, Optional L)**

Thursday, July 12 – Free Day!

After breakfast, the day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Ride bikes, play a round of golf, or just relax and look out at the water – it's all up to you! **(B)**

Friday, July 13 – South to Grand Rapids

This morning after breakfast, we bid farewell to the island and head to Grand Rapids, where you have the evening free to explore the city and enjoy dinner on your own. **(B)**

Saturday, July 14 – Gerald Ford Presidential Museum

Enjoy breakfast before checking out of the hotel and heading to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Learn about his unique presidency, the shortest of any president who has not died in office, and the only president who was never elected to the executive branch, as well as the cultural events during his time in office. We then head for home, making plenty of stops along the way. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Tour Price includes:

- Deluxe Motor Coach transportation
- Centrally located hotels, including three nights at the beloved Island House, right off the water on Mackinac Island during peak tour season!
- Admission to all attractions as listed
- 7 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner,
- Tour of Castle Farms
- Fully narrated cruise on the Saugatauck River and Lake Michigan
- Visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
- Baggage Handling of one suitcase per person
- All gratuities to Tour Guides, Drivers, Horse-drawn Carriage Drivers and Servers at Included Meals

Tour Price:

\$1,432 pp double occ \$2,146 single occ \$1,193 pp triple occ \$1,193 quad occ

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when you pay by check or money order!**

\$1,389 pp double occ \$2,082 single occ, \$1,157 pp triple occ \$1,157 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 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. Travel Protection Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances before AND during the tour. The purchase will protect your trip and your investment.

Balance on base tour price is due May 1, 2018, and no refunds will be given after that time. If you purchase Travel Protection and need to cancel after May 1, 2018, you must file a claim. Preferential seating on the coach provided by the order in which your deposit is received.