



Mackinac Island Escape

***Enjoy our signature 3 nights ON Mackinac Island
August 23 - 29, 2024***

Mackinac Island is unique, a calm oasis without the hustle and bustle of automobile traffic. We stay at the Island House for 3 nights, across the street from the water, and the sounds of horse-drawn carriages and waves lapping along the shore will lull you to sleep. Enjoy two nights Frankenmuth, a fan favorite, and a day at the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village.

Friday, August 23 – Fly non-stop to Detroit – Drive to Frankenmuth

Meet at the St. Louis Lambert Airport for a morning flight non-stop to Detroit aboard Southwest Airlines where your bag flies free. Our private motorcoach for the week meets us upon arrival and takes us to Frankenmuth, Michigan. We meet our local guide for a tour of Frankenmuth to learn all about their German Heritage. Visit the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, see the Glockenspiel Tower, view the Saginaw River and learn what it's like to live in one of the most visited cities in Michigan. This afternoon stroll the streets, shop and dine on own. Our next two nights will be at traditional Bavarian Inn right in the heart of it all! Don't want to eat a full dinner? Just visit Oma's Bakery inside our hotel. So much shopping and eating in an authentic German heritage setting. The hotel is next to their Splash Village Shops too. Use the trolley system to navigate through the town from our hotel.

Saturday, August 24 – Frankenmuth – Michigan's Most German Town

After a full, hot breakfast buffet, enjoy some free time then we're off to cruise the Cass River on the Bavarian Belle, an authentic paddlewheel riverboat. Enjoy the scenery of Frankenmuth and a bit beyond with full narration. Then we enjoy a full fried chicken dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant. Lunch is served family style by German costumed servers, with loads of sides including spaetzle, homemade bread and jams! After lunch enjoy all the shops, the brewery, and the fun of Frankenmuth. **(B, L)**

Sunday, August 25 – Welcome to Mackinac Island!

After breakfast, we head to Mackinac Island with a lunch stop en route and arrive mid-afternoon for maximum enjoyment of this beautiful place. We stay at the **Island House Hotel**, located right on the water of the Straits of Mackinac and 3 blocks away from Main Street. We drop our bags and have free time to enjoy the island or walk to the shops, check out bike rentals, go to the bar or sit on the front porch. Enjoy our included dinner tonight at the hotel's *1852 Dining Room*, with bay windows looking out over the straits of Mackinac. Tonight, the sounds of the waves and the horse drawn carriages will lull you to sleep. **(B, D)**



Monday, August 26 – FREE DAY After a full plated 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! **Or choose optional tour at time of reservation:
Traditional Timeless Carriage tour of the island and lunch at The Grand Hotel!**

Optional Tour Description: After breakfast, go to our hotel front porch to be carried away on a **Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and the famous Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet**. Ride on a horse-drawn carriage and enjoy a fully narrated tour by our carriage driver as we 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*, which we will have watched en route to Mackinac. We enjoy lunch at their famous buffet, stretching over 100 feet long! And because we are dining there, we will not be charged 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 cupula, with incredible panoramic views and a bar before our taxi takes us back to the Island House. **\$195 per person, includes all listed as well as gratuities for both carriage drivers and return to the hotel via Taxi. (B)**



Tuesday, August 27 – FREE DAY After a full, plated 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!

Or choose this option at time of reservation: Fort Mackinac & lunch at the Tea Room *Optional Tour Description:* Depart for lunch at the Fort Mackinac Tea Room and enjoy time to tour the Fort. Meet us out front and we will have your taxi waiting. After lunch walk back to the hotel or grab your own taxi. There are many events and activities happening at this fort. Look for the Girl Scouts handing out fliers about the information. **\$98 per person, includes all listed as well as gratuities for carriage drivers and servers.**



The rest of the day is yours. Tonight enjoy dinner at either restaurant at the hotel or walk or hire a taxi to go into town. **(B)**

Wednesday, August 28 – Michigan’s Most Dutch Town

This morning, after a full, plated breakfast, we bid farewell to the island and head for the last ferry ride to Holland, Michigan, home to the annual Tulip Time Festival. During our visit to Veldheer’s Tulip Farm, you will be able to order bulbs that will ship at the time of your planting season, see wooden shoes being made, delFTWARE and much more! Then we head to the Holiday Inn Express. Tonight, we dine at a local favorite, the Beechwood Inn, which we are sure you’ll enjoy. **(B, D)**

Thursday, August 29 – Henry Ford & Greenfield Village

After a delicious breakfast, we head to Dearborn to visit the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**. A vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms, you will experience the brilliance of America’s greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories. A benefit of being part of a group, we get a special guided tour of this great museum in groups of 25 or less so you get the most out of your visit.

Next we visit Greenfield Village, where 300 years of American perseverance starting with Harvey Firestone’s homestead, was relocated. It serves as a living reminder that anything is possible. Spread over 80 acres are iconic research buildings and machines, including the lab where Thomas Edison had his lightbulb moment, the Wright brothers’ workshop, and a real Model T in which you can ride! During your free afternoon enjoy lunch on your own at either museum and utilize our included ride passes throughout the Greenfield Village complex. We head to the airport when the museum closes for our 8pm flight back to St. Louis. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**



Tour Price includes:

- Round-trip, non-stop flight STL to Detroit aboard Southwest Airlines (Arriving from elsewhere? Ask us to help get you to us for the tour.)
- Deluxe Motor Coach transportation round-trip Detroit
- Great hotels, including **THREE** nights at the Island House, right off the water on Mackinac Island!
- Admission to all attractions as listed
- 9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners
- German Themed Hotel in the heart of Frankenmuth
- Tour Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village
- City tour and cruise in Frankenmuth
- Baggage Handling of one suitcase per person.
- Are We There Yet? Tour Directors to handle whatever comes our way
- Gratuities to Tour Guides, Coach Driver, Horse-drawn Carriage Drivers Taxis & Servers at Included Meals

\$2,999 pp double occ

\$3,904 single occ

\$2,656 pp triple/quad occ

Prefer to pay by check? Receive 3% discount:

\$2,909 pp double occ

\$3,787 single occ

\$2,576 pp triple/quad occ

Make your reservation with a \$500 deposit per person right now to reserve your space and airline ticket. Once this tour is filled, 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.

Balance on base tour price is due May 20, 2024, and no refunds will be given after that time. We encourage you to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Please email or call us for details and options. If you take the insurance and need to cancel for a covered reason after May 20, 2024, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request a refund of your money.

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