

# Mackinac Island Escape

Enjoy our signature tour that spends

3 nights ON Mackinac Island!

**Aug 22-28, 2025**



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 in a Traverse City, an Are We There Yet? first, and a day at the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village.

## Friday, August 22 – We're on our way to Frankenmuth & Traverse City

Meet Dea & Declan 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 this morning and takes us to **Frankenmuth, Michigan**, the most German town in Michigan to enjoy a family style fried chicken dinner at **Zehnder's Restaurant**. Enjoy strolling down the streets, viewing the Cass River from the bridge, and shopping. We then continue onwards to our home for the next two nights along the **Lake Michigan Shoreline**, the **Pointes North Beachfront Resort Hotel** in Traverse City. **(L)**



## Saturday, August 23 – Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

After a continental breakfast we are off to the **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore** for a scenic drive with a knowledgeable local guide. Learn about the history of this unique area, from the Anishinaabek stories of the Mother Bear who keeps watch over her island cubs to the settlers who came for the logging and shipping. We will also see plenty of lighthouses in and around the National Lakeshore, so keep your camera charged! The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at the resort. **(B)**



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## Sunday, August 24 – Welcome to Mackinac Island!



After breakfast, we head to Mackinac Island with a lunch stop enroute 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 from the businesses on 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 25 – 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 enroute 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 \$15 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 cupola, with incredible panoramic views and a bar before our taxi takes us back to the Island House. **\$215 per person, includes all listed as well as gratuities for both carriage drivers and return to the hotel via Taxi. (B)**

**Tuesday, 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 this optional tour at time of reservation: **Fort Mackinac & lunch at the Tea**

**Room:** Meet us out front and we will have your taxi waiting to depart for **Fort Mackinac**, a decommissioned fort once held by both British and American forces built during the American Revolution to control the Straits of Mackinac. Enjoy a number of wonderful activities to learn about life at the fort. We also enjoy lunch here at the **Tea Room** – don't let the name fool you, it has all sorts of hearty lunch options – the hamburger is really great! We like it because of the wonderful views and amazing servers who are always a treat! After lunch it's a short walk back to the hotel or grab your own taxi – the entrance is atop the hill, but the exit is in the park that's just down the street from our hotel. 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 27 – Gerald R. Ford Museum**

This morning, after a full, plated breakfast, we bid farewell to the island and head for the last ferry ride. We head South and arrive in Grand Rapids where we visit the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**. Part of the National Archives, Presidential Museums preserve the photos, articles, documents and videos of the president's time in office, while also providing a glimpse inside their lives before and after serving their country. Learn about Ford's early life, his start in politics, and his reluctant rise to the office of the Presidency. After a wonderful day we head to happy hour at our home for the night, the **Embassy Suites**. Cocktails on the balcony make it an enjoyable time to reminisce about our wonderful time on the island together and to relax. **(B, Happy Hour)**



### **Thursday, August 28 – Henry Ford & Greenfield Village**

After a delicious breakfast, don't miss the omelet station, 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. Admission included to 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 at 5 for our 8pm flight back to St. Louis. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**



### **This Are We There Yet? Signature Tour includes:**

- Round-trip, non-stop flight STL to Detroit on Southwest (Live outside STL? We can book your flight!)
- Deluxe Motor Coach transportation while in Michigan –only 52 Seats = more legroom
- Great hotels, including **THREE** nights at the Island House Hotel on Mackinac Island!
- Visit to the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum** in Grand Rapids
- Tour **The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village** - passes for the train and the antique cars!
- Guided driving tour of **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**
- 8 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner, including Zehnder's and the 1852 Dining Room
- 2 Nights on the lakeshore in Traverse City
- Baggage Handling of one suitcase per person.
- Are We There Yet? Tour Directors to handle whatever comes our way
- All gratuities to step-on guides, at included meals, driver and director – YES ALL TIPS!!!!

\$3,645 pp double occ

\$4,433 single occ

\$3,374 pp triple/quad occ

**Save 4% on this tour! Step back in time on Mackinac Island for \$3,499 pp dbl occ\* if paying by check, cash or money order!**

\$3,499 pp double occ

\$4,256 single occ

\$3,239 pp triple/quad occ

Make your reservation with a \$1,000 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.

If you have a Southwest Rapid Rewards Number and/or a Known Traveler Number, please give those to us at time of sign up. Remember, as of May 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 you must have a REAL ID in order to fly.

**Balance on base tour price is due May 20, 2025**, 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, 2025, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request a refund of your money.

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