



# Magnificent Mackinac Island & So Much More

Discover all the “Magic in the Mitten” on this Ultimate Circle Michigan Tour!

August 2 - 8, 2025

7 Days / 6 Nights

**Experience the delightful old-time charms of a bygone era on beautiful Mackinac Island where horse-drawn carriages still rule the roads!**

Summertime is simply magical in Michigan, as you'll discover on this enchanting tour visiting all the great highlights around “the mitten” on this circle tour of this wondrous state. Start off with your welcome dinner in lively Detroit, then witness the millions of technological marvels of the Henry Ford Museum,

Ford Rouge Factory Tour and Greenfield Village in Dearborn! Continue your tour with a stay in Michigan’s “Little Bavaria” at Frankenmuth where it’s always Christmastime, and then you’ll ferry over to gorgeous Mackinac Island and ride horse-drawn carriages to all the great sights, including the island’s iconic Arch Rock, fascinating Surry Hills Carriage Museum, and the utterly delightful Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory. Topping it all off is your luncheon visit to Mackinac’s renowned Grand Hotel, featuring the world’s longest porch with its fabulous panoramic views of the island! Next, you’ll marvel at all the brilliantly colored vistas of Holland’s tulip fields and Dutch-style windmills, followed by a scenic Victorian paddlewheel cruise on Lake Michigan!

Finally, you’re off to Grand Rapids to stroll through Meijer’s lush gardens and renowned sculpture park, and then visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum - before wrapping it all up with a festive farewell dinner! Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore all the very best of Michigan - and especially the many unforgettable charms of Mackinac Island!

## Itinerary

### August 2, 2025 - Welcome to Michigan!

You’ll board your private motor coach bound for **Detroit** today! On arrival, if time permits you’ll embark on a tour of the historic **Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**, built in 1928 in the quaint style of Britain’s charming **Cotswold cottages** and filled with world-class art and design pieces. Afterward, you’ll transfer to your hotel to check in, before enjoying a very special **Welcome to Michigan dinner!**

Overnight: Detroit - Best Western Greenfield Inn (or similar) (D)

### August 3, 2025 - Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village!

After your breakfast and hotel check-out, you’ll travel to **Dearborn** for an in-depth tour of the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**, one of America’s greatest historic attractions. From race cars to freedom rides, modular houses to microprocessors, the wide-ranging exhibits bring you face to face with real inventions that will inspire, inform and engage you! It’s not just about cars, as you learn about innovations in power, manufacturing and agriculture, along with heroes of the sky and those who impacted us here on land. You’ll also visit the adjacent **Greenfield Village**, a vast open-air museum featuring historic districts that allow you to immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and sensations of 300 years of American life. Enjoy rides ranging from a **restored Model T** to the **Weiser Railroad** that takes you from stop to stop in the village. There is time for shopping and lunch on your own, with carefully curated stores and restaurants in abundance. Finally, enjoy the **Ford Rouge Factory Tour** that immerses you in modern manufacturing’s most progressive concepts! Pop open the hood on game-changing technology and sheer American grit at **America’s greatest manufacturing experience** and get a real inside look at the making of America’s most iconic truck, the Ford F-150! Later this afternoon, you’ll travel to **Frankenmuth**, also known as **Michigan’s “Little Bavaria,”** where you’ll check in before enjoying your included German-inspired dinner

at the **world-famous Bavarian Inn Restaurant!**

Overnight: Frankenmuth - Bavarian Inn Lodge (or similar) (B/D)

### August 4, 2025 - Frankenmuth Christmas & On to Mackinac!

Following your hotel breakfast, but before you depart quaint **Frankenmuth**, you’ll head out to visit the amazing **Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland**, where you can browse through endless holiday displays in this enormous Christmas store. Afterward while en-route to **Mackinac Island**, you’ll stop to enjoy a boxed lunch along the way before you reach **Mackinaw City** on the northern tip of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, where the **Great Lakes of Huron and Michigan** meet! You’ll then take the **ferry over to Mackinac Island**, a five-mile ride across the **Straits of Mackinac** lasting 15-20 minutes. After checking in to your nearby hotel, the rest of the day is yours to explore **wonderful Mackinac Island!** Named by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the **top 10 islands in the world**, you’ll find yourself delightfully re-living the simpler pleasures of life on magical Mackinac, where **horse-drawn carriages** are still the chief mode of transportation!

Overnight: Mackinac Island - Lake View Hotel (or similar) (B/L)

### August 5, 2025 - Mackinac Carriage Tour and a Grand Lunch!

Enjoy a free morning with breakfast on your own, before setting out on your **narrated carriage tour of Mackinac Island**. Experience the history and charm of Mackinac in the most enjoyable and authentic way, with fascinating stops at the **Surry Hills Carriage Museum**; the **Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory** where you’ll stroll among hundreds of butterflies dancing and chasing each other in this climate-controlled conservatory full of lush flowers; and **Arch Rock**, to view this beautiful natural limestone formation that’s one of the most photographed spots on the Island, giving breathtaking views of Lake Huron. You’ll then ride to the **famed Grand Hotel** for your **included lunch** overlooking the **world’s longest porch** with the **most scenic views of Mackinac Island!**

Next comes your **horse-drawn carriage tour** that includes historic **Fort Mackinac**. During the **War of 1812** British soldiers surprised and captured this outpost, and for the next two years American forces struggled to regain their control of the Great Lakes and Mackinac Island. Afterward, stroll downhill to town and your hotel with the remainder of the afternoon and evening to **explore charming Mackinac** with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Mackinac Island - Lake View Hotel (or similar) (L)

**August 6, 2025 - Holland's Tulips, Windmill & Dinner Cruise!**

After breakfast on your own, you'll travel by ferry back to Mackinaw City before heading to **Holland**, where you'll visit **Windmill Island Gardens**. You can explore **DeZwaan**, the only **authentic Dutch windmill** operating in the US, grinding locally-grown wheat into flour that you can purchase in the gift shop. You'll take a guided tour of the mill with authentically-costumed guides, and might even meet its Dutch-certified miller and watch the milling process in action. From the fourth-floor deck, you can survey **36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, and canals!** Later, you'll enjoy a two-hour evening cruise aboard the popular **Holland Princess**, an old-fashioned **Victorian-style paddlewheel boat!** This special Lake Michigan dinner cruise comes with your included **"Captain's Feast,"** relaxing music, and an optional cash bar.

Overnight: Holland - Hampton Inn (or similar) (D)

**August 7, 2025 - Grand Rapids' Gardens - and Gerald Ford!**

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll set off to **Grand Rapids** where you'll explore **Frederik Meijer's Gardens and Sculpture Park**. Your narrated tram tour provides an overview of the gardens, where you'll see beautiful works of art in a variety of natural settings connected by waterways, meandering paths and quiet walkways. Featuring over 30 world renowned sculptors such as Degas, Rodin and Lichtenstein, this unique site has been ranked as **one of the top 30 must-see museums in the world!** Then after your included cafe lunch, you'll visit the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**, offering many insights into President Ford's life and career while being transported back to the 1970's. See a **replica of his Oval Office**, and learn about Ford's early days growing up in Michigan. You can also enjoy the beautiful **Betty Ford Garden** and the reflecting pool and fountain. The Museum grounds are home as well to President Ford's and First Lady Betty Ford's distinguished burial sites. Afterward, you'll check in to your hotel before enjoying this evening's **Farewell to Michigan dinner!**

Overnight: Grand Rapids - Drury Inn & Suites (or similar) (B/L/D)

**August 8, 2025 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!**

After your hotel breakfast and checkout, your private motor coach will take you back to Mansfield, Ohio. **Fond memories of your visit to Mackinac Island and the Michigan Circle are sure to stay with you for a lifetime!** (B)

\*\*Please note all itineraries are subject to change.

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## \$3,398.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement is \$998.00

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.**

Check with your club representative for details.

### Inclusions

- Roundtrip private motor coach transfers from Mansfield, Ohio to Detroit, and from Grand Rapids to Mansfield, Ohio
- 6 nights lodging in Detroit, Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, Holland and Grand Rapids
- 4 special regional dinners, 3 lunches including Mackinac's Grand Hotel, and 4 hotel breakfasts
- **Mackinac Island Horse-drawn Carriage Tours and Ferries, and Holland Princess dinner cruise!**
- Private motor coach transportation for the entire itinerary
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Meijer's Gardens and Sculpture Park, Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, Surry Hills Carriage Museum, Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and more!
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, government fees & service charges
- TRIPS ticket wallet, and luggage tags
- Full time escort throughout your tour

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for **"Magnificent Mackinac Island"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to April 24, 2025. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before April 24, 2025.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

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