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CIRCLE MICHIGAN & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR

JULY 28-AUGUST 5, 2022

Explore some of the many highlights of this diverse mitten-shaped state, surrounded by the Great Lakes, where you will find unique hidden gems, experience natural beauty, and travel along scenic routes. With comfortable temperatures and the nation's longest freshwater coastline, Michigan is a summer destination like no other. Picturesque islands, scenic waterways, natural wonders, German heritage, innovations in technology, historic landmarks, and so much more await you on this unforgettable Pure Michigan adventure!

Departure/return times and pickup locations are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:30 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	6:45 A.M.	4:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 28: We begin our journey to Michigan, affectionately known to locals as "the Mitten," making regular meal and rest stops en route. Upon arrival, we will check into our overnight accommodations for the next two nights at:

BEST WESTERN GREENFIELD INN (313)271-1600
 3000 Enterprise Drive
 Allen Park, Michigan 48101

Dinner is scheduled at the hotel this evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 29: Dearborn may be best known as the hometown of Henry Ford. Following breakfast at the hotel, we will tour the completely reimagined **Ford Rouge Factory Plant** offering awe-inspiring encounters with America's celebrated manufacturing past, present, and future. Learn the history of Ford Motor Company, marvel at a multisensory exploration of the manufacturing experience from concept to highway, see how they are producing the Ford F-150 while utilizing cutting-edge environmental innovations in the assembly plant, and view historic vehicles made at the Rouge. Then, step back in time as you spend the rest of the day at the **Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village**. The **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation** spans over 9 acres of exhibition space allowing you to experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories, and step into a world where past innovations fuel the imagination of generations to come. See the bus in which civil rights figure Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat; and the presidential limousine carrying the late president John F. Kennedy during his assassination



in 1963. Stroll the streets of the 1850's-era **Greenfield Village**, a 90-acre vast open-air museum featuring seven historic districts, where you will be immersed in the sights, sounds, and sensations of 300 years of American life. This living attraction is abuzz with historic exhibits, demonstrations, and reenactments. Along the way, you can catch a ride on a Model T, jump on a real steam-powered locomotive, and visit farm animals. Or “pull” glass with world-class artisans, watch 1867 baseball, and enjoy lunch from an 1830s menu as you journey into America’s past to discover inspiration for bringing innovation and imagination into your life today. Dinner is included this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 30: After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to Michigan's Little Bavaria, **Frankenmuth**, to experience Bavarian hospitality. Willkommen (German for “welcome”) to a town with authentic European atmosphere, the world's largest Christmas store, and old-fashioned charm. Have fun **making pretzels at Bavarian Inn Bakery** as baking experts lead you through proper pretzel-rolling techniques and assist as you build your own pretzels. Enjoy your hot, fresh twisted treats at the end of class. Have time to explore the dozens of shops and have lunch on own in town. This afternoon, embark on a fabulous one-hour narrated tour of Frankenmuth on the Cass River aboard an authentic paddlewheel riverboat, the **Bavarian Belle**. We will then visit the world's largest Christmas store, **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, with over 50,000 trims and gifts, drawing over 2 million visitors each year. We will check into our lodging for the evening at: **BAVARIAN INN LODGE** (855)652-7200

1 Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

Dinner is scheduled at the world-famous **Zehnders** specializing in delicious family-style chicken meals, serving approximately one million guests per year with old world hospitality.

SUNDAY, JULY 31: After breakfast, we will depart for Alpena where we will have lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a unique **Alpena Shipwreck Tour**. Explore the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The crystal-clear waters and large "glass bottom" viewing wells allow you to dive & view the shipwreck remains - without getting wet. During the 2 ½ hour cruise, you will experience magnificently preserved shipwrecks, scenic shorelines and majestic lighthouses. Learn about the history, legends and lore of Thunder Bay and many famous shipwrecks as you cruise the shoreline. Departing from the warm & friendly port of Alpena, the 65 ft. *Lady Michigan* will take you on a comfortable adventure into the heart of Lake Huron's Shipwreck Alley. We will then head to Hillman where we will check into our overnight accommodations at: **THUNDER BAY RESORT** (800)729-9375

27800 M-32
Hillman, Michigan 49746

This evening, experience an **Elk Viewing Adventure!** Board a horse-drawn carriage and ride through the forest into the Elk Preserve. Keep your eyes peeled and cameras ready as you are sure to get an up close and personal look at majestic Michigan Elk in their natural environment! Then, follow the river’s edge to Elk Antler Cabin where guests are greeted by a warm fire, enchanting aromas, and indulge in a five-course gourmet dinner prepared in the hearts of 100-year-old wood cook stoves along with wine tasting. This is truly a unique adventure that you won't want to miss!



MONDAY, AUGUST 1: Following breakfast, we'll ride across the magnificent **Mackinac Bridge**, known as the "Mighty Mac," currently the 5th longest suspension bridge in the world, before boarding the ferry to **Mackinac Island**, one of the most iconic destinations in the Upper Peninsula. Slow down the pace on this quaint island where no cars are allowed. Our lodging for the evening will be at:

LAKE VIEW HOTEL (906)847-3384
7452 Main Street
Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757

Upon arrival on the Island, we will take a tour on a **horse-drawn carriage** through Mackinac Island learning about its history, geology and ecology. Afterwards, we will enjoy a legendary grand luncheon at the beautiful **Grand Hotel**. The rest of the day is at your leisure to enjoy the island and its beauty...sit on the Grand porch, take in the beautiful gardens, explore the shops downtown, ride a bike, and more.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2: After a leisurely morning, we will board the ferry back to **Mackinaw City** and travel on to Charlevoix. We will visit **Castle Farms**, one of Michigan's premier historical attractions, for a fascinating tour into the past. Built in 1918, this beautiful French Renaissance-style castle offers a guided walking tour of the soaring towers, stone buildings, and sweeping gardens inspired by European design. Quality vintage collections of castles, toys, and WWI artifacts, along with royal family memorabilia, are displayed throughout the buildings. Dine in style with a catered meal on site, savoring a custom menu just for our group. We will then check into our overnight accommodation at:

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (231) 845-7004
4079 West US 10
Ludington, Michigan 49431

Dinner is scheduled at a local restaurant tonight.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3: Following breakfast, we will depart for an unforgettable **Saugatuck Dune Ride**, one of West Michigan's premier attractions, featuring 40 minutes of entertainment, fun and excitement, plus learn about the lost town of Singapore! We will then head to Holland, best known for its Dutch Heritage, where we will visit **Nelis' Dutch Village**. Step back in time, over 100 years, to a quaint, authentic Dutch village. Amid authentic Dutch architecture, flowering gardens, canals and windmills, associates in authentic costumes and wooden shoes will bring the history and culture of the Dutch to life. Enjoy craftsmen and women demonstrating their Dutch works like wooden shoe carving, delftware and cheesemaking. Delight in tasty Dutch foods and cheeses with lunch on your own and time for unique shopping. Our overnight lodging is scheduled at:

HAMPTON INN HOLLAND (616)399-8500
12427 Felch Street
Holland, Michigan 49424

Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4: Following breakfast, we will depart for Grand Rapids, where we will visit one of the nation's most significant sculpture and botanic experiences at **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**. Enjoy a narrated outdoor tram tour through Meijer Gardens featuring an endless kaleidoscope of colors and textures, and masterpieces of art. Meijer Gardens



houses Michigan's largest tropical conservatory, the Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory with over 500 species from five continents displayed in a lush, verdant setting including waterfalls, streams and bridges, as well as varieties of tropical birds; five indoor theme gardens including the Kenneth E. Nelson Carnivorous Plant House which is the only publicly displayed plant collection in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to carnivorous plants; outdoor gardens, nature trails and boardwalk; sculpture galleries and permanent sculpture collection. The Sculpture Park's 30 acres is one of the most comprehensive collections of outdoor sculpture in the world and set within a variety of natural settings connected by waterways, meandering paths, lawns, meadows and quiet walkways. Grab lunch onsite at the café and have time to stroll the grounds at your leisure. We will check into our lodging for our final night at:

DRURY INN & SUITES CLEVELAND BEECHWOOD
(216)292-9980
4100 Orange Place
Orange Village, Ohio 44122

Dinner is on your own this evening. (Please be advised that all Drury hotels feature hot food and cold beverages from 5:30-7:00 which is included with your stay. It can be used as a snack for some people, and a meal for others.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5: We will depart for home after breakfast this morning, making regular meal and rest stops en route with fond memories of our Magnificent Michigan Tour!

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$3,790.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, lodging, luggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners, tax & gratuities on meals included, admissions, guided tours, boat & ferry cruises, carriage/wagon rides, & dune ride)
DOUBLE	\$3,100.00	
TRIPLE	\$2,860.00	
QUAD	\$2,750.00	

A DEPOSIT OF \$500 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY MAY 27, 2022.

Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly suggest purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Guard Insurance. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

All policies will need to be quoted and/or purchased electronically, or by calling the 24-hour service center (paper applications are no longer accepted). Insurance coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Casual clothing is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended as there is considerable walking involved on this tour.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

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