



Great Lakes Shores

From Lumberjacks and Shipwrecks to Mackinac and Happy Days

This circuit of three Great Lakes brings vividly to life the varied scenery, dynamic histories, and diverse influences of this region. For centuries, these lakeshores have served not just as industrial and agricultural trade routes, but as a “crossroads” of cultures and countries meeting over the centuries, both in conflict and in peace. French, German, Nordic, Icelandic, Polish, Slavic, Southeast Asian and other immigration waves

imprinted themselves on these shores, which we’ll explore by back roads. En route, we’ll enjoy sit-down conversations with frank, friendly people who still make a proud living off the land and the lake.

Travel by back roads from beautiful Milwaukee up Lake Michigan’s western coast to explore Wisconsin’s famed dairy country and maritime history. Head over to the Lake Superior side, then pass into Michigan’s rugged Upper Peninsula to learn about its Native and fur trapping history, logging traditions, “haunted” and active lighthouses, maritime misadventures including the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, and more.

A carriage tour of automobile-free Mackinac Island and its magnificent, Old World-style resorts will transport you back to a grander time when a getaway was a getaway! Cross the “Mighty Mac”—an amazing five-mile suspension bridge—back into Lower Michigan. Enjoy rustic sites from your balcony suite on a lovely Lake Huron beach in Mackinaw City, then sail the great steamship back to Milwaukee—with a new appreciation for what makes the Great Lakes great!



Mackinac Grand Hotel/Travel Michigan

8 Days • 7 Nights • 15 Meals
 Depart/Return: Milwaukee, WI
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Day 1—Milwaukee Begin your adventure with an evening get-together. *Accommodations:* Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, Milwaukee. *Welcome Reception.*

Day 2—Milwaukee/Sturgeon Bay Kick off the day at the century-old Homestead Range Dairy Farm, featured in *Farm & Ranch Living* magazine. The Anhalts will show you around and share the story of how they left their “day jobs” to create their 500-acre dream farm. Discover Lake Michigan’s intriguing past and present at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc. Tour the USS Cobia, the nation’s most completely restored WWII submarine. Visit historic Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers (if Packer schedule allows). Our base for the next two nights is Sturgeon Bay. *Accommodations:* Stone Harbor Resort, Sturgeon Bay. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 3—Fish Creek/Sturgeon Bay Start your morning by connecting with nature during a beautiful drive through Peninsula State Park. The park spans over 3,700 acres and is bordered by 8 miles of the Green Bay shoreline. Next, a traditional Door County fish boil featuring Lake Michigan whitefish awaits. Afterward, stroll the picture-perfect cherry and apple orchards of Seaquist Orchards Farm Market. Owners Dale and Kristin Seaquist will treat you to a behind-the-scenes look and tasty samples of their fruit jams and salsas. In Fish Creek, walk along historic Main Street, watching boats come and go and browsing the charming shops. *Accommodations:* Stone Harbor Resort, Sturgeon Bay. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 4—Sturgeon Bay/Manistique Welcome to the U.P. (Upper Peninsula)! Meet Master Certified Logger Warren Suchovsky and learn about the logging industry. Stop in Kitchiti-kipi (Big Spring), where over 10,000 gallons of water rush each minute from fissures in the limestone bottom. Ride on a stable raft to get an upclose view of the underwater action! Arrive in Manistique for the night and relax upon the tranquil shores of Lake Michigan. *Accommodations:* Grey Wolf Lodge, Manistique. *Meals:* B, L, D.

Day 5—Manistique/Mackinaw City Start the day at Dean and Jewel Oswald’s one-of-a-kind “bear ranch” for rescued cubs. Stretch your legs in Tahquamenon Falls State Park and see magnificent Upper Falls, second in size only to Niagara Falls. At the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, situated on the Lake Superior shore, learn the story of the Edmund Fitzgerald. A video takes you to the depths of the coldest Great Lake and exhibits bring the shipwreck to life. Cross the “Mighty Mac”—an amazing five-mile suspension bridge—to the Lower

Peninsula. In Mackinaw City, relax in your balcony suite with a view of the bridge and a lovely Lake Huron beach. For evening entertainment, join us for an optional Lumberjack Show.

Accommodations: Mackinaw Beach & Bay Inn & Suites, Mackinaw City. *Meals:* B, L.

Option—Jack Pine Lumberjack Show

Cheer for your favorite lumberjack in a fun, fast-paced competition of chopping, chain-sawing, pole climbing, log rolling and more! A boxed dinner is included. *Price:* \$22 per person.



Day 6—Mackinac Island Cross the straits by high-speed ferry and explore this quaint Victorian island by horse-drawn carriage. At the Grand Hotel, enjoy the legendary Grand Luncheon Buffet. Take in a variety of sights and experiences downtown, including gorgeous Ste. Anne’s Church, and gourmet shopping. Tonight return to Mackinaw City. *Accommodations:* Mackinaw Beach & Bay Inn & Suites, Mackinaw City. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 7—Charlevoix/Ludington Marvel at unique “mushroom-roofed homes” built of Petoskey stones on Charlevoix’s Round Lake. A local step-on guide shares stories about the resort town’s colorful past. Traverse City is our scenic lunch destination, and a stop in Manistee is a must to admire the gorgeous Tiffany stained glass windows of First Congregational Church. Top off the day on a fun-filled dune ride to the summit of sand mountains and a spectacular view of sparkling Silver Lake. *Accommodations:* Holiday Inn Express, Ludington. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 8—Ludington/Milwaukee Hop aboard the S.S. Badger, the only authentic steamship on the Great Lakes, for our crossing back to Wisconsin. During the cruise, stroll the open-air decks, play “Badger Bingo” or shop in the “Boatique.” After a tasty lunch stop in the “brat capital” of Sheboygan, arrive in plenty of time for your flight home, filled to the brim with fond Great Lakes memories. *Meals:* B, L.



Milwaukee Pre-Tour Extension
1 Day • 1 Night • 2 Meals

Price Per Person: Double: \$247; Single: \$295

Day “0”—Cream City Tour this all-American city on Lake Michigan, home to Miller and Harley, the Brewers and the Fonz! Marvel at the animated museum design (right) by world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, visit the mansion built by beer baron Frederick Pabst, explore Mitchell Park Conservatory, consisting of dome-enclosed desert, rain forest and floral gardens, and more. Relax back at your comfortable hotel by the airport before the evening’s welcome reception. *Accommodations:* Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport. *Meals:* B, L.

