

Circle Michigan

May 4-11, 2022 8 Days

The State of Michigan is blessed with the riches of unspoiled nature: lakes that feel like oceans, golden beaches, an abundance of fresh produce straight from the farm, glorious sunrises and sunsets and endless opportunities for fun and relaxation. With long spring days of comfortable temperatures and the nation's longest freshwater coastline, Michigan is a destination like no other.

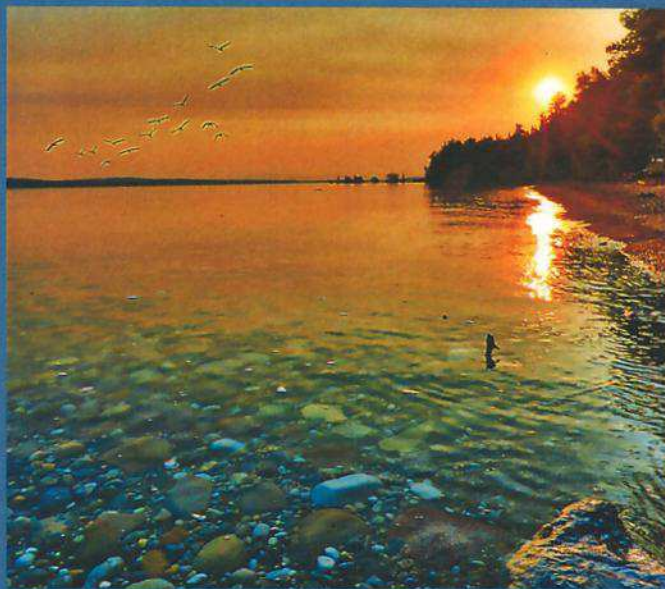
Highlights & Inclusions

Featuring: Grand Rapids, Holland, Charlevoix Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth, and Detroit

- Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
- Windmill Island Gardens & Dutch Market
- Gerald R. Ford Museum -OR- Beer City Tour
- Castle Farms & Charlevoix City Tour
- Horse Drawn Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island
- Grand Hotel Buffet Lunch
- 40 Mile Point Lighthouse
- Thunder Bay Resort
- Elk Viewing Carriage Ride
- Elk Antler Log Cabin Dinner
- USS Edson Naval Ship Museum
- Frankenmuth
- Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland
- Detroit City Tour
- Ford Piquette Plant Experience & Dinner
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Professional Tour Manager
- 12 Included Meals
- 7 Nights Hotel Accommodations

Net Rate: \$1,499 pp Double Occupancy
Single Supplement: \$500

Pre-night hotel: \$99 pp double/\$150 pp single
Post-night hotel & Henry Ford Museum:
\$150 pp double/\$210 pp single



Circle Michigan Itinerary

Day 1: May 4, 2022 - Arrive Grand Rapids and make your way to Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. One of the nation's most significant sculpture and botanic experiences, Meijer Gardens includes Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; five indoor theme gardens; outdoor gardens, nature trails and boardwalk. Dinner is included tonight at Pietro's Italian Restaurant. (D)

Day 2: May 5, 2022 - After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Holland. Your first stop today is at Windmill Island Gardens. A beautiful oasis on the edge of downtown Holland, Windmill Island Gardens features an original working Dutch windmill named "De Zwaan" (the Swan) brought over from the Netherlands in 1964. The windmill, which reaches 125 feet from the ground to the top of the blades, towers over 36 acres of gardens, dikes, canals, and picnic areas. Lunch is on your own at the Dutch Market where you will have some free time to shop. Depart for Grand Rapids this afternoon and visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum OR take a Beer City Tour. Dinner is included tonight at The Blue Water Grill. (B,D)

Day 3: May 6, 2022 - After breakfast this morning, make your way to Charlevoix. Your first stop of the day is Castle Farms with lunch included. Enjoy a walking and tram tour through this unique facility. Your tour guide will delight your group with the rich history of Castle Farms, from its original construction 1918 as the Loeb Farm, to the Van Haver art studio and gallery period, as well as the music concert era, and through the extensive restoration process from 2001 to present. The completed buildings and landscaped gardens are breathtaking. Next, meet your guide for a tour of Charlevoix. A local guide will show you the architectural diversity of this lovely city. Highlighted are the more than thirty homes designed by local architect Earl Young. Dating from 1921 to the 1950's, these unique, "mushroom houses" are built out of native stone and sport cedar shake roofs. Now it's time to depart for Mackinaw City. Ferry over to Mackinac Island. As you step upon the island you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transport everything from supplies for the business on the island to passengers. Motorized vehicles are not allowed. The evening is free for you to explore this unique island at your leisure. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. (B,L)

Day 4: May 7, 2022 - The day begins with a tour of the Island. For anyone who has seen the movie "Somewhere in Time" there will be moments of déjà vu as a horse drawn taxi will meet you for a tour of the island. The tour ends at the Grand Hotel with its fabulous buffet. Following lunch take some time to relax on the hotel's 660 foot porch. Wander down Main Street and visit some of Mackinac Island's unique shops. This afternoon is yours to spend at your leisure. (L)

Day 5: May 8, 2022 - Your morning is free to spend a little time exploring the island before we return to the mainland. Meet your guide for a fascinating ride across the Mighty Mackinac Bridge. At one time, this was the longest suspension bridge in the world. Hear the dramatic tales of the brave iron workers who built this massive structure. Your guide will provide more than hearsay - in many cases these are eyewitness accounts of local history. A stop will be made at 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. Located just north of Rogers City, the lighthouse was built in 1896 to assist ships through the dangerous shoreline where open water, hidden shoals and false bays had claimed many vessels. Make your way to Thunder Bay resort and this evening step back in time as you board a horse drawn carriage that takes you over the Thunder Bay River and into the woods at Thunder Bay Resort. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to the beautiful Elk Antler Log Cabin. Warm yourself by the fire and savor the delicious aromas put forth by the twin antique wood cook stoves as culinary artist Spenser James and his staff prepare your gourmet meal. Throughout your dinner, sample from nearby wineries as attentive servers see to your every need. (D)

Day 6: May 9, 2022 - A hot breakfast is included at the Clubhouse Grill. Arrive at the USS Edson in Bay City. The USS Edson (DD-946) was a Forrest Sherman-class destroyer of the United States Navy, during the Vietnam Era. Initially she served in the Western Pacific/Far East, operating particularly in the Taiwan Strait and off the coast of Vietnam. She was decommissioned in 1988, and the following year became a museum ship at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York before moving to Bay City in 2012. Hop back on the bus as we head to Frankenmuth. Time will be allowed to explore the many shops lining Main Street. Before dinner, take time to visit the 50-foot Glockenspiel Tower. It houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany! Dinner is included at The Bavarian Inn Restaurant. (B,D)

Day 7: May 10, 2022 - This morning, depart for a tour of Frankenmuth that includes a stop at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. It's time to head to Detroit - The Motor City. Join us for a stroll/ride through downtown Detroit, the heart of the city, where you'll encounter stunning riverfront views, architectural masterpieces, riveting history, and a variety of local must-sees. Our knowledgeable tour guide takes you on a memorable tour of this historic city. It has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past few years and continues to transform today. This evening, enjoy a unique dinner experience catered by Slow's BBQ at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant. (D)

Day 8: May 11, 2022 - Breakfast is included at the hotel before you depart for home. (B) OPTION: Extend your stay in Michigan by one night to visit the Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village.



Circle Michigan Reservation Form

(Please fill out a separate application for each traveler.)

Name: _____ / _____ / _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ / _____ Email: _____
Cell Phone Home Phone

Emergency Contact: _____ Relation: _____ Phone #: _____

Roommate's Name(s): _____

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