



## Itinerary

Mackinac Island featuring the Grand Hotel & Chicago

Sep 18, 2020 - Sep 25, 2020

### Pre Night: Courtyard Downtown Magnificent Mile



Experience the grandeur of the Windy City at the Courtyard Chicago Downtown Hotel near Magnificent Mile. Here, you can enjoy full-service amenities with an Art Deco-inspired design. This hotel near Magnificent Mile is ideally located for leisure travelers, just minutes from the Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo, McCormick Place and premium shopping at Macy's, Tiffany & Co., Nordstrom's, and Neiman Marcus. Discover the thrill and excitement of the Windy City at the Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile Hotel.

### Day 1: Chicago, Illinois - Tour Begins



Get ready for a relaxing journey. The tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region comes alive amid old-fashioned traditions.

#### Hotel

Courtyard Downtown Magnificent Mile  
Chicago

#### Weather

High 24°  
Low 12°  
Rain 3"

### Day 2: Chicago



Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Chicago's remarkable and impressive architecture. This dynamic city goes by many names including "Second City" and "The Windy City." No matter what you call it, you are sure to love it! Highlights of your tour include famous Michigan Avenue, the "Magnificent Mile," the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront, and a walking tour through Millennium Park. The remainder of your day is at leisure. You may want to visit one of Chicago's many museums, relax during a scenic boat ride across the Chicago River, or visit the Chicago Cultural Centre. An optional excursion to the John Hancock Building Observatory Deck offers 360-degree views and the opportunity to experience a local lunch - Chicago deep-dish pizza. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

#### Hotel

Courtyard Downtown Magnificent Mile  
Chicago

#### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

#### Weather

High 24°  
Low 12°  
Rain 3"

### Day 3: Chicago - Traverse City, Michigan



Travel north to the shores of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay. Here we find Traverse City, the cherry capital of the United States. It may come as a surprise to you that the state's western coast boasts the perfect climate for cultivating grapes and is considered the land of vineyards.

**Hotel**

Bayshore Resort  
Traverse City

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 22°  
Low 11°  
Rain 3"

**Day 4: Traverse City - Charlevoix - Mackinac Island**



Today's first stop is the historic city of Charlevoix which is surrounded by four bodies of water, including Lake Michigan. A local guide will provide some interesting history and you'll view the fairy-tale mushroom houses built by the famous architect Earl Young. Then, enjoy a scenic drive before boarding the ferry that will take you back to a simpler time on Mackinac Island. Upon arrival, listen for how the neighs and clip-clops of horses replace the roar of engines. Your home for the next two nights is the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel.\* Both your hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem with over eighty percent of its land preserved by Mackinac State Park, a wooded paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. After dinner at your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the quaint village or relax on the Grand Hotel's famous porch.

**Hotel**

Grand Hotel  
Mackinac Island

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 22°  
Low 11°  
Rain 3"

**Day 5: Mackinac Island**



Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, savour some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Enjoy brilliant views whilst sitting on the front porch of the Grand Hotel or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favourite item on the island. Later, choose from a menu of tasty delicacies when you dine at the elegant Salle à Manger. After dinner, enjoy a cup of coffee whilst listening to the refined sounds of the Grand Hotel's orchestra. If you crave a secluded hideaway, retreat to the charming Cupola Bar.

**Hotel**

Grand Hotel  
Mackinac Island

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 22°  
Low 11°  
Rain 3"

**Day 6: Mackinac Island - Frankenmuth**



This morning, enjoy some leisure time at the Grand Hotel before departing for the quaint town of Frankenmuth, or as the locals call it, "Little Bavaria," because of its Franconian-style architecture. Upon arrival, visit the largest Christmas store in the world – Bronner's.

**Hotel**

Bavarian Inn Lodge  
Frankenmuth

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 22°  
Low 10°  
Rain 3"

**Day 7: Frankenmuth - Dearborn**



This morning we'll travel south to Dearborn, home town of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village for an experience in living history. Learn how the automobile forever changed American life and society as you explore the Henry Ford Museum. At Greenfield Village, take in the historic homes and see the workshops where famous American icons like the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost were once inspired. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening, toasting the end of your wonderful journey.

**Hotel**

Doubletree By Hilton Hotel Detroit-dearborn  
Detroit

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Day 8: Dearborn - Tour Ends**



Your tour ends today, leaving you with a bounty of happy memories from your visit to America's heartland.

