



Itinerary

Mackinac Island featuring the Grand Hotel and the Tulip Time Festival

May 1, 2021 - May 8, 2021

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 21°
Low 9°
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. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Courtyard Downtown Magnificent Mile
Chicago

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 9°
Rain 3"

Day 3: Chicago - Holland, Michigan - Grand Rapids



Depart for Holland, Michigan. All year long, this quaint village evokes the essence of spring with its vibrant floral display. Today, get a taste of Holland's annual Tulip Time Festival! Enjoy lunch before a visit to Veldheer Gardens, showcasing millions of tulips.* Then, visit the Windmill Island Gardens and discover a palette of colour that spreads across 36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes and canals. See the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the

United States. Later, arrive in the city of Grand Rapids.

Hotel

Doubletree By Hilton Grand Rapids Airport
Grand Rapids

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 8°
Rain 3"

Day 4: Grand Rapids - Mackinac Island



Enjoy a scenic drive to Mackinaw City where you will board 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 20°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

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 20°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

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 20°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

Day 7: Frankenmuth - Dearborn - Southfield



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

Westin Hotel Southfield Detroit
Southfield

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

Day 8: Southfield - Tour Ends



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