

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND, OOOH FUDGE! FRI-SUN AUG 23-25, 2024**

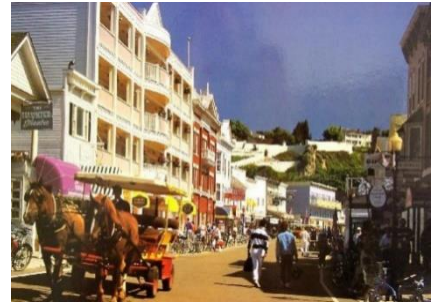
Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Hts, Elyria, Sandusky.



This tour has again been scheduled for the annual Fudge Weekend Celebration, so as to have you in Downtown Mackinac Island to enjoy all of the Saturday activities that bring folks from around the region to this oh-so-popular destination . . . and with **FOUR** complete meals (two dinners and two breakfasts). You just may find out why locals refer to tourists as “fudgies”.

**FRIDAY** – We will be departing as we travel north into Michigan, with a lunch stop being made in the Birch Run area. Our home for two nights will be right in Mackinaw City. After we make a stop for dinner, the rest of this evening will be yours to leisurely enjoy the hotel’s swimming pool or relaxing whirlpool.

**SATURDAY** – Breakfast is included before we board the high-speed ferry to Mackinac Island. Downtown is the perfect place to start this peak-season island adventure. Whether visitors are in the mood for fine dining or your sweet tooth is craving some fudge, you will find it here. The Island boasts nearly 50 restaurants ranging from family-friendly to fine dining, and we have included one of the most famous midday, the Grand Hotel’s Buffet. For more than a century, Mackinac Island’s fudge has been an institution that’s become famous worldwide. Most people don’t need an excuse to indulge in a piece or two of creamy, decadent fudge. But, for those who do, the Mackinac Island Fudge Festival, which takes place each August, offers a terrific reason to celebrate fudge – made fresh each day at Mackinac’s multitude of fudge shops. The festival features a number of family fun fudge-related activities including Fudge Making Demonstrations & Tastings, Specialty Fudge Infused Cocktails and Concerts in the Park.



We will be met by Mackinac Island Carriages for a narrated tour of the Island, a beautiful resort setting, where transportation is by horse carriage, bicycle, or foot. This should be a great season to visit with the **smell of delicious freshly-made fudge** in the air.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:15 AM and 8:35 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 9 PM to 10:30 PM, although this may vary.



The tour carriages will be dropping us off at the Grand Hotel where our tour coordinators have included the legendary midday dinner, served in the main dining room of the Grand Hotel. Your table will be overlooking the world's longest porch and the hotel's many American flags, as well as the glistening Straits of Mackinac. The Grand Hotel opened in 1887, billed as a summer retreat for those arriving by lake steamer from Chicago, Erie, Montreal, Detroit, and by rail from across the

continent. By the 1890s, the hotel's front porch, the longest in the world, had become the principal meeting place for all of Mackinac Island, as well as being known as a "Flirtation Walk" for island romantics. For just a dollar, folks could listen to Mark Twain lecturing in the Grand Hotel or attend a demonstration of the new invention, the Edison Phonograph.

There will be time after lunch to visit the shops in the downtown area as well as places that make great fudge . . . to take home to those who missed out on this tour. There are unique, specialty shops, whether you're looking for clothing, jewelry, toys, souvenirs or art.

By now we assume that you've been able to figure out why visitors to the Island are sometimes referred to as "fudgies". Each person will be presented with a box of fudge, courtesy of your Driver and Tour Director. We have an Island departure aboard the 4 PM boat back to the mainland where the bus will be making a drop-off at the Mackinaw Crossings for those who would like to shop or buy dinner here, for those still hungry.



For those 19 and over, you can travel across the Mighty Mac Bridge as we visit the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, Michigan. While the bonus has yet to be announced, last year's passengers received \$10 in free play. We will be here about 3 hours.

**SUNDAY** – Frankenmuth enroute home – Breakfast is again included at the hotel before we say "good-bye" to our hosts and the delicious sweet aroma of fudge. We will board the bus and travel south to one of the most-visited areas of Michigan, the "Bavarian town" of Frankenmuth.

A midday dinner, upgraded to include two of their specialty entrees, awaits us at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn (with its imported Glockenspiel, with animated figurines depicting the Pied Piper of Hamelin as it chimes, and the quaint Holz Brücke Covered Bridge that provides a great view, overlooking the Cass River that flows through the town. Afterwards we will take some time to shop or to visit attractions such as Bronner's CHRISTmas Store and the Silent Night Chapel, a replica of the original Silent Night Memorial Chapel which is located in Oberndorf, Austria. Here the

song “*Silent Night*” was first sung. At the time announced we will depart for home with a rest stop enroute. **(B, D)**

## **MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND TOUR WITH “GIFT OF FUDGE” – AUGUST 2024**

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