

Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

MICHIGAN MULTI-DAY TOURS

Pricing varies by departure city . . . call for your customized package and pricing.

ONCE AROUND LAKE MICHIGAN

Suggested length - 7-days

Travel around Lake Michigan . . . going north through many of Michigan's popular areas, then west through the Upper Peninsula and then south through Wisconsin.

Michigan -- Charlevoix, also known as "Charlevoix the Beautiful" with Mushroom Houses and even a castle where we will be dining and see the outdoor train display.

Michigan -- Escanaba, a port city on the Escanaba River in the "banana belt" of the Upper Peninsula.

Michigan -- Grand Rapids, the second-largest city in the state; it's the hometown of former President Gerald Ford and the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Michigan -- Iron Mountain, named for the valuable iron ore found in the area.

Wisconsin -- Fond du Lac, a city that, in French, means "Bottom of the Lake" due to its location on Lake Winnebago. Wisconsin -- Horicon, home of the largest fresh-water cattail marsh in the United States.

Wisconsin -- Lake Geneva, dotted with Gilded Age mansions, many built by wealthy Chicagoans.

Wisconsin -- Green Bay, the 3rd-largest city in the state and is best known for the Packers and its railroad museum.

This tour features a boat cruise, a Wisconsin "supper club", a musical cabaret dinner theater, a marsh tour by swamp boat, a tour of an iron mine and a castle built 100 years ago and restored to its original grandeur. The castle features a World War I Museum, historical collections, extensive gardens and Michigan's largest outdoor model railroad. The tour also includes the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, dinner and show at a dinner theater, the Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park with a tram tour, the Green Bay Packers Museum and a railroad museum. Our tours include a flavor of the area. Try a "Pasty", a specialty baked pastry that's both a tradition and part of the heritage of these states, and a "Danish Kringle".

Scheduled Tour, September 10-16, for smaller groups unable to fill a bus

NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S HIDDEN TREASURE . . . CASTLE FARMS

Suggested Tour Length - 4 Days

Our reps have discovered a hidden treasure! Castle Farms is Northern Michigan's very own castle, with soaring stone towers and magnificent buildings dating back to 1918. As we tour, our guide will tell us the story of Albert Loeb and his prize-winning herd of Holstein-Friesian dairy cows who called the castle home nearly one hundred years ago. Today, the Castle has been fully restored to its original grandeur, and features sweeping gardens based on European design, plus museum-quality collections which showcase castles, antique toys, royalty memorabilia from around the world, plus artifacts from World War I. The Castle's Garden Railroad is a 'must-see'; with more than a ½-mile of track and over 70 G-scale trains, it's the largest in the state. Following the tour, a royal treat awaits your group as they enjoy dinner inside the Castle. While we are in the area, your group will also enjoy a two-hour narrated cruise with unobstructed views of downtown Charlevoix as you sail through Round Lake, Lake Charlevoix and out into Lake Michigan. There is also time to explore downtown Charlevoix the Beautiful. A local guide will board our bus and we will have a driving tour of the world-famous Mushroom Houses designed by prominent architect Earl Young. We have combined this day in Charlevoix with Traverse City (below) or Mackinac Island (below), but it can also be combined with Thunder Bay Resort.



TRAVERSE CITY

- Several meals including dinner at Castle Farms, lunch in Frankenmuth and dinner in Traverse City
- Castle Farms day (above)
- Music House Museum - Recognized as one of the ten reasons to visit Michigan's Lower Peninsula, this museum offers a unique collection of instruments that provide guests with a walk through the history, the artistry and the engineering of automated music
- Cherry Republic - largest cherry products store in the world
- Cruise on the Schooner Manitou in Grand Traverse Bay
- Guided tour of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park
- Time for gaming at a local casino



Scheduled Tour, September 3-6, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus

MACKINAC ISLAND

- Several meals including dinner at Castle Farms, lunch in Frankenmuth and lunch at the Grand Hotel on the island
- Castle Farms day (above)
- Ferry to Mackinac Island
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island
- Afternoon on Mackinac Island - you can rent a bike and ride around the island, watch fudge being made or explore the "nooks and crannies" of this island
- We can modify this package to include a night of rooms on the island



HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

May is Tulip time in Holland with other gardens to discover in the summer months

Suggested Tour Length - 2 or 3 Days

- Attractions such as Windmill Island, Dutch Village, Veldheer Tulip Gardens and DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory, boat cruise or dune ride (number of included attractions varies by the length of tour)
- Three meals (two-day tour) or five meals (three-day tour) including a dinner theatre
- Three-day package can include the Mystery Dinner Train or Grand Rapids attractions
- Holland Tulip Time offers several show and parade options
- Tour can be combined with Grand Rapids



Scheduled Tour, May 9-11, 2019 with parade & three shows for groups unable to fill a bus

SOARING EAGLE RESORT

- Travel to Mount Pleasant, MI
 - Rooms at the casino hotel
 - \$20 food voucher
 - \$30 coin voucher
 - Plenty of time for gaming
 - Baggage handling
 - Combinable with Frankenmuth or FireKeepers Casino
 - Add a day and include Mackinac Island or Thunder Bay Resort.
- Great Day! Tours provides the best gaming packages available to any of these casinos. Since Casino Bonuses are provided by the casino, they are subject to change or elimination without notice. Call the Great Day! Tours office to receive more details about these casinos including the latest specials and our Scheduled-Departure tours.



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MACKINAC ISLAND AND FRANKENMUTH

Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days, but expandable to 4 or 5 Days

- Travel to the point where the Upper Peninsula of Michigan meets the Lower Peninsula
- Lodging on the Island, in Mackinaw City or in St. Ignace
- Package can be designed to include an evening at Thunder Bay Resort with elk-viewing, gourmet dinner and carriage ride
- Ferry ride to Mackinac Island where no motorized vehicles are permitted
- Horse-drawn carriage tour and time to enjoy the Island
- First-class luncheon buffet at the Grand Hotel . . . their specialty
- Visit to Frankenmuth, Cross in the Woods and Kewadin Casino(s)
- Several additional meals including luncheon in Frankenmuth
- Package can be expanded to 4 or 5 days. Options to consider:
 - Thunder Bay Resort with carriage ride, elk viewing and gourmet meal
 - Kewadin Casino (one or both casinos)
 - Agawa Canyon Train (requires a Passport or Passport Card)
 - Soo Locks boat cruise or dinner-cruise . . . go through the locks!
 - Castle Farms and a day in Charlevoix
 - Guided Frankenmuth tour including St. Lorenz Church, when available
 - Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, Silent Night Chapel



Scheduled Tour, June 7-9, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus (Lilac Festival time)

FRANKENMUTH TOUR

Suggested Tour Length - 1 or 2 Days or enroute to other destinations

- Travel to Bavarian Frankenmuth . . . it's almost like going to Germany!
- A plated luncheon of Chicken and/or Kasseler Rippchen (a Frankenmuth specialty)
- Shopping along Main Street
- Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, Silent Night Chapel
- Overnight tour includes everything above plus:
 - Lodging for one night, additional meal(s)
 - Guided tour with a stop at St. Lorenz Church (when available)
 - A stop in Frankenmuth can be added to our Mackinac Island, Soaring Eagle, Thunder Bay Resort, Agawa Canyon train, Kewadin Casino, Traverse City with Castle Farms and Soo Locks packages



Scheduled Tours, May 11, 2019 and October 5, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus

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THUNDER BAY RESORT - CARRIAGE TOUR, GOURMET DINNER

We have created these packages featuring this beautiful Michigan resort. Each of them feature Thunder Bay's horse-drawn carriage ride "over the river and through the woods" to see world-class bull elk. It's magical to see such large antlers in velvet this close up! The culinary artist will regale you with a five-course gourmet dinner cooked before your group on two 100-year-old antique wood stoves and served in an impeccable setting. From apple/pear crepes to white chocolate mousse-filled pizzelles, it's a gourmet lovers delight. When your meal is almost done, the owners will amuse you with stories about their family and how this all started. Before your last cup of cherry coffee, you'll feel like part of the family . . . a Great Day! specialty.



THREE-DAY RESORT / MACKINAC ISLAND

- Thunder Bay carriage tour and dining experience (see above)
- Dinner on Mackinac Island, lunch in Frankenmuth and two breakfasts
- Time for golf, if requested
- Ferry transportation between Mackinac Island and the mainland
- Carriage tour of Mackinac Island, the second on this tour
- Time on Mackinac Island to shop, dine and sightsee

Scheduled Tour, July 23-25, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus

TWO-DAY RESORT PACKAGE

- Thunder Bay carriage tour and dining experience (above)
- Lunch in Frankenmuth and breakfast at the Resort
- Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
- The resort's double rooms are unique oversized suites

FOUR-DAY RESORT / TRAVERSE CITY / CASTLE FARMS

- Thunder Bay carriage tour and dining experience (above)
- Visit Frankenmuth or alternate . . . your choice
- Two dinners in Traverse City, three breakfasts
- Visit Kilwin's - watch fudge and other sweets being made
- Cherry Republic - largest cherry product store in the world
- Cruise on the Schooner Manitou in Grand Traverse Bay
- Visit Castle Farms (pictured right)
- Music House Museum



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THREE-DAY RESORT / SOARING EAGLE / FIREKEEPERS

- Thunder Bay carriage tour and dining experience (above) plus
- \$30 dining voucher at Soaring Eagle
- \$20 gaming voucher at Soaring Eagle
- \$25 gaming voucher at FireKeepers Casino

MICHIGAN'S LOWER PENINSULA'S NOOK AND CRANNIES

Suggested tour length is 3 days

- Travel through 179 years of the Michigan Corrections System at the Jackson Prison. While you hear stories of wardens, notorious scoundrels, escapes and riots, you'll also be seeing the recent transition of the castle-like prison into an "Armory Arts Village.
- Dinner-cruise on Lake Macatawa aboard a 65-foot Victorian style paddle-wheel riverboat
- Ride the specially-designed dune buggies along two and a half miles of Michigan's sandy shoreline.
- Guided tour of Holland
- A beautiful oasis, Windmill Island Gardens features a 250 year old Dutch windmill "DeZwaan" (meaning graceful bird). The windmill towers over 36 acres of gardens, dikes, canals and picnic areas. There will be time to linger amid a sea of flowers, view the movie "The Story of DeZwaan", visit the miniature Little Netherlands Village and listen to the antique Amsterdam street organ and learn how it works.
- Step back into the Netherlands of 150 years ago in Holland's Dutch Village. We will be seeing woodcarving, a wooden shoe factory and cheesemaking
- Visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum which is also the resting place of the 38th President and his wife Betty.
- Farm-to-table luncheon and admissions to Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park . . . including trams to take you through part of this 158-acre botanical garden and outdoor sculpture park.
- Package can be modified to include a stop at the Gun Lake Casino with a \$20 gaming bonus

Scheduled Tour, July 16-18, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus



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