

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

SOO LOCKS, SCENIC TRAIN INTO CANADA TUE-FRI AUG 1 - 4, 2017
SOO LOCKS, ADDITIONAL TIME AT SAULT STE MARIE (MI) CASINO

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky.

TUESDAY – Hillman, Thunder Bay Resort – We will be departing and traveling westward with a coffee stop this morning. Afterwards we will continue north with a stop to purchase lunch in the Birch Run, Michigan, area at a restaurant that has been featured on several of the food network shows . . . which include highlighting their large portions including a humongous “one-pound of bacon BLT sandwich” and their “to-die-for” desserts such as the huge banana split. Due to its popularity, 9 meals are included this year.



We will be continuing on to Hillman, Michigan, where we are generally greeted with a welcome reception at Thunder Bay Resort as our luggage is being taken to our rooms.



At the time announced we will be boarding the wagons pulled by teams of beautiful draft horses and traveling through the Elk Preserve where you are sure to be viewing many of these beautiful animals, possibly hearing the bugle call of a male elk or seeing an elk “in velvet”, a phrase we will be hearing about during the narration by the owner.

The multi-course dinner will be prepared in front of your eyes on century-old wood-fired cook stoves . . . a meal that is “gourmet in every respect” with wine presentations between courses. The horses will be transporting us back to our rooms when the five-course dinner concludes. **(D)**



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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 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

WEDNESDAY – Sault Saint Marie – Breakfast is included in the resort’s Clubhouse Grill before we travel over to Alpena, Michigan, for a visit to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, a visitor’s center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. Thunder Bay has acquired the nickname “Shipwreck Alley” with an estimated 100 shipwrecks having occurred in the area. These wrecks date from 1849 to 1966 while it is believed that many more may have sunk but are yet to be documented or recovered. One ship, the 296-foot steamer “Grecian” was initially launched in 1891 and sank in 1906 when it collided with another ship. She was raised but unfortunately, sank a second time while being towed back for repairs. You’ll have a chance to board and explore the Shipwreck “Century”, a full-sized replica of a wooden Great Lakes schooner . . . without getting wet.

The coach will be making a lunch stop at Mackinaw Crossings in Mackinaw City, just south of the “Mighty Mac Bridge” which connects the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with the Lower Peninsula. Following lunch we will continue north about an hour and check into the Kewadin Casino Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan’s oldest city, to “freshen up” before we board the Soo Locks Dinner-Cruise. Our buffet dinner will be served during the leisurely cruise on the St. Mary’s River aboard the boat. At the conclusion of the cruise, those wanting to enjoy some “gaming time” will have a chance to do so . . . since all passengers of age will be receiving a casino bonus when we arrive. **(B, DC)**



THURSDAY – Two options to select from – Passengers have two choices as to how they will spend the day. Last year most of our passengers had their passports and traveled



aboard the motorcoach across the border from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, into Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Here we will be boarding the Algoma Central Railway’s beautiful passenger train as we travel aboard 114 miles into the Canadian wilderness, seeing some of the prettiest scenery you can imagine. We have made arrangements so that your breakfast and lunch will be served to you aboard the train during our leisurely day-long journey as you

see pristine northern lakes and rivers while we travel through awesome granite rock formations and vast mixed forests of the Canadian Shield. Returning along the same route, the train generally arrives back at the station about 5:30 PM at which time we will return to the casino hotel. **(B, L)**



Non-Train Option Available: For those who do not have a current valid passport, or prefer to stay at the hotel to enjoy the casino, please advise us at the time the tour is booked; the price is shown below for this option. Passengers selecting this option will receive a \$25 card towards breakfast and the mid-day meal for your enjoyment. **(B, L)**

FRIDAY – Dining in Michigan’s “Little Bavaria” enroute home – A breakfast buffet is included at the hotel before we start our trip homeward. A rest stop will be made and then we will



continue south where we have reservations for a mid-afternoon dinner at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn. We will be enjoying their family-style Chicken & Kasseler Rippchen (smoked pork) dinner.

The Bavarian Inn Glockenspiel Tower houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, a beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany. Before striking the hour, and on each quarter-hour, the clock sounds the 5-bell Westminster chime. Afterwards we will continue our trip back to Northern Ohio with a rest stop along the way. **(B, D)**

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Package includes 9 meals (whichever package you choose)

\$834 per person in a double with train (\$757 without train)

\$819 per person in a triple with train (\$742 without train)

\$804 per person in a quad with train (\$727 without train)

\$983 per person in a single with train (\$906 without train)

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