

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

MICHIGAN'S LOWER PENINSULA

TUE-THUR JULY 17-19, 2018

GRAND RAPIDS, HOLLAND AND SAUGATUCK

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

We've had, over the years, an opportunity to introduce a number of fascinating new destinations to those traveling with us . . . and this tour package "carries on the tradition". You'll be seeing these places from a different viewpoint as we visit Holland, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Saugatuck, called the "*Best Coastal Small Town*" by USA Today and "*the Art Coast of Michigan*". These areas are located in the western region of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, many on the shore of Lake Michigan. Holland, as highlighted in our annual Tulip Festival Tour, was founded by Dutch-Americans and continues that heritage today.

We will be starting our tour with lunch at Steve's Ranch with its traditional "comfort foods". Then we'll travel through 179 years of the Michigan Corrections System in a town that lays claim to the two largest walled prisons in the world. Interestingly, while you will be hearing stories of wardens, guards, notorious scoundrels, escapes & riots, you will also be seeing the recent transition of the castle-like prison into an "Armory Arts Village, home to creative minds, rather than criminal minds". It's now a one-of-a-kind 19-acre residential complex, with emerging artists and musicians, an experience that will show you that a "prison tour can really be fun".



We will be visiting both Holland and Saugatuck on the Lake. While we may have already showed you the beautiful tulips during the annual festival & parade each May, spring and summer bring out several varieties of lilies, other annuals and, of course, the

perennial gardens, with plants that have been brought in from around the world, that can be viewed through mid-October.



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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 6:30 AM and 8:45 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 4:30 PM to 6:15 PM, although this may vary.



You'll be enjoying a memorable cruise aboard the *Holland Princess*, a 65-foot Victorian style paddle-wheel riverboat excursion on Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan. We will be cruising past the Holland Harbor Light, more famously known as the Big Red Lighthouse, historic landmarks and picturesque lake homes, seeing a side of Holland that can't be seen from anywhere else. Dinner will be included during our dinner-cruise.

Saugatuck, Michigan is a very small township, with less than a thousand inhabitants, but is known for its sand dunes and the downtown area with shops along what is referred to as a "very quaint street", offering art and gifts, all locally-owned. At these "small town shops" there is a mix of antiques, art, gifts, food, wine and ice cream.



But this is just the start for the inclusions we've planned for you. Along a strip of Lake Michigan's shoreline, Saugatuck Dunes State Park offers two and a half miles of shoreline. The park has fresh water coastal dunes, ranging from rolling hills to several steep slopes that are over 200 feet tall. We will be seeing it as we travel across it in specially-designed dune buggies with oversized tires.

We also will be touring Holland, seeing this area settled by the Dutch, and visiting the Windmill Island Gardens, arriving as they prepare to celebrate the summer. Mid-July is considered "Peak Bloom Week" at Windmill Island's Gardens, seeing both annuals and perennials in bloom for the summer.

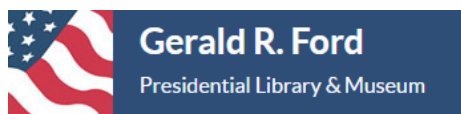
Then it is "Welkom to Dutch Village", stepping back into the Netherlands of 150 years ago. We will be seeing woodcarving, their wooden shoe factory and cheesemaking.



While it sounds like we've included a lot of great places in this tour, we still have two additional, and memorable, visits that are sure to "knock this tour out of the ballpark". And, one evening we've included a couple of cocktails, if you are so inclined, with dinner.



We will be visiting the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum which is also the resting place of the 38th President Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty. Ford is the only President of the United States who was not elected by ballot for his terms as either President or Vice-President.





There are a number of interesting displays including a ceramic figurine of Betsy Ross sewing the flag to commemorate the American Bicentennial.

The main floor contains exhibits on President Ford's life, career and the Office of President. Candid photographs of Ford interacting with his family and colleagues offer the visitor a personal glimpse of the President. This floor includes a full-scale replica of the Oval Office furnished as it was during Ford's presidency.

Our final visit, with a special luncheon, will be at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, a destination that many of our past travelers have considered the "highlight" of our tours to this area. We've arranged for trams to take us through part of this 158-acre botanical garden and outdoor sculpture park where you will "experience masterpieces of art and nature that will delight your senses at one of the nation's premier horticultural display gardens. The Sculpture Park features significant works of art within a variety of natural settings connected by waterways, meandering paths, lawns, meadows and quiet walkways. Although sculpture is found across the Meijer Gardens campus, more than 50 major works by masters such as Auguste Rodin and others are featured in this area."

We have also purchased each person a voucher so that you can select your luncheon today at the Farm-to-Table "Taste of the Garden Café". This dining area, on this upscale visit, is spectacular with its dazzling glass ceiling sculpture by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. It's named "Lena's Garden" in honor of Lena Meijer, the sculpture, comprised of dozens of individually blown-glass pieces, spans the ceiling in a spectrum of colors from cool greens, cobalt blues and purples to brilliant oranges, yellows and reds. With an emphasis on local products, Meijer Gardens' globally-inspired menu changes with the seasons . . . a fitting way to conclude our tour to Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

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Package includes 6 meals.

\$584 per person in a double

\$574 per person in a triple

\$564 per person in a quad

\$698 per person in a single

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