

## Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**SOO LOCKS, SCENIC TRAIN INTO CANADA TUE-FRI AUG 4-7, 2020 OR  
SOO LOCKS, ADDITIONAL TIME AT SAULT STE MARIE (MI) CASINO**

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

**TUESDAY** – After lunch and a coffee stop, we will be continuing through the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Due to the popularity of this tour package, we've again been able to include seven meals in the package and once again offer this tour at the same price as last year.

This afternoon we will be arriving in Hillman, Michigan, in the middle of Thunder Bay Country, being greeted with a welcome reception at Thunder Bay Resort as our luggage is being taken to our rooms. Enjoy the resort's charming atmosphere as we freshen up for the carriage ride, pulled by beautiful draft horses, to a gourmet dinner & wine tasting. You'll discover why the resort has interesting experiences during all four seasons. Our ride this evening will be traveling through the Elk Preserve so that we can view 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, on the resort's property . . . 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*”, 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*” that connects the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with the Lower Peninsula of the state. Following lunch, we will continue north about an hour to 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.



With a history dating back to 1934, the first passenger cruises through the Soo Locks caught on quickly. Today, experiencing the Soo Locks is still believed to best done by riding through them on a similar vessel. 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, D)**



**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 those selected to travel on the scenic railroad, will be boarding

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the Algoma Central Railway's passenger train for this popular trip 114 miles into the Canadian wilderness, seeing pristine northern lakes & rivers, awesome granite rock formations and vast forests of the Canadian Shield. Breakfast and lunch are included aboard the Agawa Canyon excursion during our leisurely day-long journey, seeing pristine northern lakes and rivers while we travel through awesome granite rock formations and vast mixed forests of the Canadian Shield. Upon our return to the station, we will return to the casino hotel in Michigan. **(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 midday 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, traveling south with a mid-afternoon dinner at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn. We will be enjoying one of their specialties, a family-style Chicken & Kasseler Rippchen (smoked pork) dinner.



Besides enjoying our meal, experience the Bavarian Inn's Glockenspiel Tower. It houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon and a beautiful figurine movement with an illuminated clock, all imported all the way from Germany. Before striking the hour, and on each quarter-hour, the clock sounds the 5-bell Westminster chime. At Noon and 3 p.m. this Glockenspiel plays several selections followed by the figurine movement depicting the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. **(B, D)**

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**Package includes 7 meals (whichever package you choose)**

**\$934 per person in a double with train (\$854 without train)**  
**\$919 per person in a triple with train (\$839 without train)**  
**\$904 per person in a quad with train (\$824 without train)**  
**\$1071 per person in a single with train (\$991 without train)**

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