# **Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary**

## MACKINAC ISLAND, THUNDER BAY RESORT

### TUE-THU JULY 11-13, 2023

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

**TUESDAY** – Hillman, here we come – We will be traveling westward and then northward into Michigan during this mostpopular tour. We will continue on to Alpena, home of the Great Lakes Maritime Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve. Thunder Bay has acquired the nickname "Shipwreck Alley" over the years since at least 100 shipwrecks have occurred from 1849 to 1966, while it is believed that many more may have sunk but are yet to

be documented. One ship, the 296-foot steamer "*Grecian*", was 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. You'll have a chance to board and explore another Shipwreck, "The *Century*", a full-sized replica of a wooden Great Lakes schooner . . . without getting wet.



We will be traveling to Hillman, Michigan to be greeted with a Welcome Reception at Thunder Bay Resort. Nestled among the pines of Northern Michigan's Sunrise Side, this resort offers both fun and pure

relaxation. As dinner time approaches, we will board the wagons pulled by teams of beautiful draft horses and travel through the Elk Preserve, viewing many of these beautiful animals, possibly hearing the bugle call of a male elk. A five-course dinner will be prepared in front of your eyes at the Elk Antler Cabin with a warm fire. Our meal will be cooked on century-old wood-fired cook stoves, a gourmet meal in every respect with wine presentations between courses. The horses will take us back to our rooms. (D)

**WEDNESDAY** – On to Mackinac Island – Breakfast is at the resort's Clubhouse Grill before we continue northward. Upon our arrival at the dock we will be boarding the ferry for the short ride over to Mackinac Island, a beautiful setting where most transportation is by horse carriage, bicycle or foot. Speaking of horses, we have arranged for a horse carriage tour of the island. We will be staying at the Lake View Hotel in the main part of town, describing itself as offering "the perfect accommodations with Victorian architecture and classic appeal".



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This year our tour coordinators have included the legendary Grand Luncheon Buffet, 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. There are garden-fresh salads, savory cheeses, slow-roasted meats, seafood and more than twenty varieties of freshly-baked pastries. There will be plenty of opportunities 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. You just might be able to figure out why visitors to the island are referred to as "fudgies". Dinner is available, if you are still hungry, in the hotel's Goodfellows Restaurant or any of the many other dining establishments. **(B, L)** 

THURSDAY - Frankenmuth - We will be taking the ferry where breakfast is included upon



our arrival on the Mainland, We will board the coach to travel to one of the most-visited areas of Michigan, the Bavarian town of Frankenmuth.

A midday dinner awaits us at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn before we take some time to shop and visit attractions such as Bronner's CHRISTmas Store and tour the "Silent Night Chapel", a replica of the original Chapel, in Oberndorf, Austria, where the song "Silent Night" was first sung. At the time announced we will depart with a rest stop enroute. **(B, D)** 

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Package includes 5 meals

\$924 per person in a double
\$914 per person in a triple
\$904 per person in a quad
\$1052 per person in a single

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