

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**SOO LOCKS, SCENIC TRAIN INTO CANADA, RESORT & CRUISE . . . OR
ADD'L TIME AT SAULT STE MARIE (MI) CASINO**

TUE-FRI AUG 5-8, 2025

Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Middleburg Hts, No.Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky.



We'll be traveling into the Lower Peninsula of Michigan arriving for the first part of this most-inclusive tour which begins at Thunder Bay Resort & Golf Club where we will be greeted at this charming destination and then (["Michigan's Little Bavaria"](#)) boarding carriages pulled by a team of beautiful draft horses. These powerful, giant horses will be transporting us over "hill and dale, to a log cabin lodge nestled in the wood for a gourmet multi-course dinner & wine tasting. Along the way, we will be traveling through fields where families of large Elk reside in this protected preserve, possibly hearing the bugle call of a male Elk or seeing an Elk "in velvet". Dinner will be prepared on century-old wood-fired cook stoves, with wine presentations between courses.



After breakfast in the resort's Clubhouse Grill, we will be traveling to Alpena to tour the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. This is the home of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. It is appropriately located as Thunder Bay has acquired the nickname "*Shipwreck Alley*" with an estimated 100 shipwrecks having occurred in these waters.



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, 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 replica of a wooden schooner . . . without getting wet.

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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 8:40 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8:30 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

The coach will be making a lunch stop in Mackinaw City, just south of the “*Mighty Mac Bridge*” that connects the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with the Lower Peninsula of the state. After we check into the Kewadin Casino Hotel, each adult passenger will be receiving their Casino Bonus Packet and then we will board the Soo Locks Cruise. This first part of the canal was started in 1797, and the area was named by Father Jacques Marquette, a French Missionary,



The locks allow ships travelling between Lakes Superior and Huron to bypass a drop of over twenty feet, in less than a mile, as the St. Mary's River travels through a series of rapids and impact much of Canada's economy. Over the years various projects have been completed to accommodate the larger ships that now utilize these locks. Now, approximately 12,000 ships pass through the Soo Locks each year.

Two options to select for Thursday:

- Train Option: Travel into Canada (with a day on one of North America's most popular trains, the Algoma Central Railway's passenger train to Agawa Canyon. It is a 1114-mile through scenic Canadian wilderness, seeing pristine lakes & rivers, awesome granite rock formations and vast forests. Includes breakfast & lunch.
- Non-Train Option: For those who do not have a current valid passport or passport card or prefer to stay at the hotel to enjoy the casino, please advise us at the time the tour is booked; Passengers selecting this option will receive a \$25 card towards breakfast and the midday meal for your enjoyment since these two meals are “automatically” being included aboard the train.

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 upscale 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 carillon and a beautiful figurine movement with an illuminated clock, 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.

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Package includes 7 meals (whichever package you choose)

Tour with train excursion

\$1148 per person in a double

\$1133 per person in a triple

\$1118 per person in a quad

\$1360 per person in single

Tour without train excursion

NO Passport Required

\$1058 per person in a double

\$1043 per person in a triple

\$1028 per person in a quad

\$1290 per person in single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.

Tours can now be booked online, 24 hours a day with a credit card.