Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

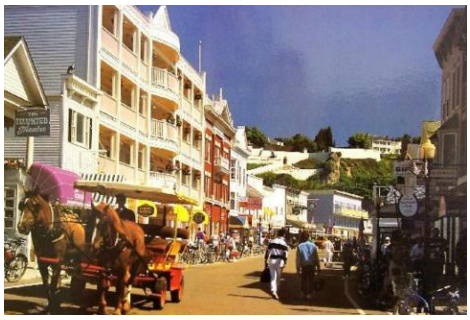
MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND, LILACS FRI-SUN JUNE 4-6, 2027

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

Mackinac (pronounced "Mackinaw") Island, located near the Straits of Mackinac, which separates the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan, is surrounded by the beautiful waters of Lake Huron. It was, for years, the center of the fur trade. While two battles took place here during the War of 1812, it is now a beautiful resort destination that traces its roots back to the late 1800s. Most interestingly, motorized vehicles are prohibited here, with residents and guests relying on horse-drawn carriages, bicycles and, of course, walking.

While the Island is home to many architectural styles, probably the most recognized building is the Victorian-style Grand Hotel, sitting atop a hill overlooking the gorgeous views.

On Friday, upon our arrival in Mackinaw City, we will be checking in for our two-night stay at the Holiday Inn Express to "freshen up" before traveling to Mackinaw Crossings to enjoy a snack or supper and, perhaps, pick up a souvenir of this popular town. This evening is yours to enjoy a swim at the hotel or to just sit and reminisce with a few friends.



On Saturday, the high-speed ferry departs for the Mackinac Island dock where we will be greeted by the fragrant smell of the lilacs that fill the air during late Spring. Walking just a few steps up the dock way, we will be met by our Mackinac Island Carriages for a narrated tour of the Island, seeing the beautiful scenery as we are pulled through the street by these beautiful horses. This should be a great time to visit with the smell and beauty of the Lilac Festival, a celebration that blends the Island's historic varieties of lilacs, many of which were brought over during the colonial era.

The carriages will be dropping us off at the Grand Hotel where our tour coordinators have included the legendary Grand Buffet on the second-floor Main Dining Room. 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.

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Afterwards, enjoy visits to the shops downtown as well as places that make great fudge, to take home to those who may have missed out on this annual tour. You just might be able to figure out why visitors to the Island are sometimes referred to as “fudgies”.

We will be departing for the mainland, where the buses will be making a drop-off at the Mackinaw Crossings for those who would like additional time here. For those 19 and over, the coach will be traveling across the Mighty Mac Bridge for a couple of hours at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, Michigan; each passenger is scheduled to receive a bonus for free slot play.

We will also be enjoying some time in Frankenmuth, “Michigan’s Little Bavaria”. A midday dinner awaits us at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn, boasting an imported Glockenspiel with animated figurines that tell the story of the Pied Piper of Hamlin and 35-bell carillon. We have included time for a couple of shopping stops and a visit to both Bronner’s CHRISTmas Store and the Silent Night Chapel, a replica of the original chapel located in Oberndorf, Austria, where the song “Silent Night” was first sung.

MACKINAC ISLAND FOR THE LILACS – JUNE 2027
Package includes 4 meals

$948 per person in a double
$938 per person in a triple
$928 per person in a quad
$1242 per person in single

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