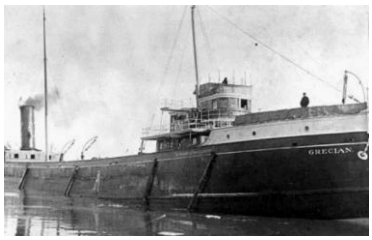
Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

MACKINAC ISLAND, THUNDER BAY RESORT TUE-THU JULY 6-8, 2027

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



We will be travelling first to the Great Lakes Maritime Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve in Alpena. Thunder Bay has acquired the nickname *"Shipwreck Alley*" over the years since at least 100 shipwrecks have occurred from 1849 to 1966, while 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 in a collision 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 continue the short distance to Hillman, to be greeted upon our arrival at Thunder Bay Resort. Nestled among the pines of Northern Michigan, 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 upon our arrival at the Elk Antler Cabin on 125-year-old wood cook stoves with warm fire. Enjoy this gourmet meal with wine presentations between courses. The horses will take us back to our rooms following dinner.

Breakfast is at the resort's Clubhouse Grill before we continue northward on Wednesday. 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".

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 6:15 AM and 8:35 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 5 PM to 6:30 PM, although this may vary.

This year our tour coordinators have again 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".* You will have even more time to enjoy this resort town since we are staying on the Island.

We will be taking the ferry back to the mainland where breakfast is included. Following this meal, we will board the coach to travel to one of the most-visited areas of Michigan, the Bavarian town of Frankenmuth. This most-walkable town is much like being in a quaint, picturesque village in Germany.

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.

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Package includes 5 meals

$1184 per person in a double
$1174 per person in a triple
$1164 per person in a quad
$1473 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.