



GREAT LAKES VOYAGE

AUGUST 2-12, 2024

The tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region comes to life amid old-fashioned traditions, historic charm, spectacular lighthouses and picturesque views. Get ready to explore the magnificent coastal scenery of four Great Lakes: Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie. No Passport Required!

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1 // Des Moines, IA Daydream about crashing waves and beautiful views as we make our way toward the Great Lakes region.

2 // St. Paul, MN Travel to southern Minnesota, arriving in time for a hearty **lunch**. Today we will tour **Mayowood Mansion**, the 1911 estate of renowned Mayo Clinic founder, Dr. Charles Mayo. The 38-room mansion is the centerpiece of the 3,300 acre property, surrounded by a grand terrace, beautiful botanical gardens and an Oriental Tea House. End the day with reflection at the **Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial**, where generations of valiant veterans are featured on the Wall of Remembrance.

3 // Duluth, MN Panoramic views of the North Shore await us during a **sightseeing cruise** aboard the Vista Star. Considered the gateway to the Great Lakes, **Gooseberry Falls State Park** is known for its magnificent waterfalls, unique structures, and unparalleled views. Perched atop a 130-ft cliff on the rocky coast, the **Split Rock Lighthouse** guided ships across the stormy waters for decades. Walk in the century-old footsteps of the lighthouse keepers and see the 1000-watt bulb. **Dinner** will be included this evening.



4 // Marquette, MI The **Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center and Museum** offers a fantastic voyage into the history of the great lakes! Today we'll visit the proud flagship of U.S. Steel's Great Lakes Fleet. Stop for **lunch** before continuing on to the Wolverine State. Spend some time at the **Michigan Iron Industry Museum** and learn about the state's three iron ranges and the people who worked them.

5 // Mackinac Island, MI Sail out on the crystal clear blue-green waters of Lake Superior. Enjoy a relaxing **cruise** along the **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** where you'll see colorful cliffs, sea caves, and pristine beaches. For decades, travelers have gone this same route, marveling at Lovers Leap, Indian Head, Miners Castle, Chapel Rock, and other natural landmarks seen on this cruise. This afternoon we will ferry over to the beautiful **Mackinac Island**. Check in to the hotel and get your bearings before walking down to **dinner** as a group.

6 // Mackinac Island, MI A **horse drawn carriage tour** will be our introduction to this quiet island, unpolluted by the noise of modern-day vehicles. Enjoy a delicious **lunch** at the aptly named **Grand Hotel**. This afternoon you will have **free time on the island**. You could choose to sample some of their world-famous fudge or take a leisurely bicycle ride along the lakeshore. There's plenty to do and see!

7 // Frankenmuth, MI A point in the storm and a guiding beacon since 1889, **Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse** helped passing ships navigate the treacherous waters of the Straits of Mackinac. We will drive through the charming town of **Charlevoix** on our way to **Castle Farms** for **lunch** and a tour of the property.

8 // Toledo, OH Welcome to "Little Bavaria!" We'll spend the day exploring the German town of **Frankenmuth**. Admire the Bavarian architecture during a **city tour**. Experience the local flavor as we learn how to **make and bake pretzels** by hand, sip during a **German Wine Tasting**, and fill our bellies with world-famous **Frankenmuth**

Included Meals:

- 10 Breakfasts
- 5 Lunch
- 4 Dinner

Activity Level

\$2999 Double
\$2499 Quad

\$2699 Triple
\$3999 Single

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person
Optional Travel Protection Available
Final Payment Due 60 days before departure

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Style Chicken. This afternoon we'll explore the "World's Largest Christmas Store." Admire all 7.35 acres of **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland's** ornaments, trims, trees, wreaths, lights, nativities, and collectibles. Later, enjoy some **free time** in this unique city.

9 // Dayton, OH This morning a short **ferry ride** will carry us to the crown jewel of **Bass Islands, Put-in-Bay**. Familiarize yourself with the island village during a **narrated trolley tour**. Make a stop at the **Heineman Winery** for a tour and sampling, as well as an unusual attraction located 40-ft below the winery, **Crystal Cave**. Shop and explore the island's many attractions during **free time**.

10 // St. Louis, MO No visit through Indiana would be complete without a stop at the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway** to take a guided tour of the tracks. We'll cover some miles this afternoon as we continue our journey south.

11 // Home Travel home with stories to tell of our scenic northern adventure now that our "Great Lakes Voyage" has come to an end!