ONE NIGHT STAY ON MACKINAC ISLAND

# **LILACS & LIGHTHOUSES**

Explore the best the Great Lakes has to offer, including a one-night stay on Mackinac Island. Visit charming lighthouses, enjoy the summer blossoms, visit Upper Tahquamenon Falls State Park, and more on this 9-day getaway!

**1** // **St. Louis, MO** Our journey north begins today. Travel across the Show Me State, eagerly anticipating our grand adventure. The Great Lakes are dotted with charming lighthouses and rolling waves, and our itinerary is filled with fun activities.

**2** // Holland, MI This morning we continue up north, watching the landscape change from the Midwest prairielands to the hills of the Great Lakes region. The long travel day will be worth it, though, when we end our journey with a relaxing **dinner boat cruise** on Lake Michigan.

3 // Cadillac, MI The picturesque community of Whitehall plays host to a number of historical gems including the unforgettable White River Light Station. Built in 1875, the lighthouse contains artifacts of the Great Lakes origin and stories of the family that was responsible for the



lighthouse. Take a thrilling **dune ride** among the windswept scenic Michigan dunes.

**4** // Mackinaw City, MI This morning begins with a drive past some of Charlevoix's iconic Mushroom Houses. These whimsical structures were built by native and legend Earl Young and look like something straight out of a fairytale. We will also visit Castle Farms, where we will be treated to a special lunch and given time to explore acres of gardens and experience Michigan's largest outdoor model railroad. The Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse serves as a monument to the area's shipping industry in the often fog-choked straits of Mackinac. Enjoy a delicious dinner as we eagerly await our visit to Mackinac Island tomorrow.

**5** // Mackinac Island, MI The breathtaking beauty of Mackinac Island awaits us a short ferry ride away. The island's old-fashioned atmosphere makes our visit peacefully quiet without the roar of motorized vehicles. Our time here begins with a carriage tour through luscious lilacs, and the colossal limestone formation, Arch Rock. Enjoy a delicious lunch at the beautiful and historic Grand Hotel and an afternoon of free time for shopping and exploring. Perhaps grab yourself some of the island's famous fudge for the ride back home. There will be plenty of time to enjoy ourselves on our one-night stay on Mackinac Island tonight!

6 // Escanaba, MI This morning we will return to the mainland and visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. Whitefish Point Light Station is home to the oldest operating lighthouse on Lake Superior and houses this fascinating museum. Learn how closely connected the history of this region is to the seafaring way of life. After lunch, enter the Upper Tahquamenon Falls State Park, where the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi roars in all its glory.

### JUNE 2 - 10, 2025

**Departs:** Wichita

## JUNE 25 - JULY 3, 2025

Departs: OKC, Tulsa

#### **Included Meals:**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 2 Dinners

# Activity Level

#### \$2379 Double \$2159 Triple \$1999 Quad \$3099 Single

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

#### **Cancellation Policy B**

7//Milwaukee, WI Today we will tour Lambeau Field, home of the Greenbay Packers! Explore the stadium, see behind-the-scenes, and stop at the Hall of Fame to learn about Cheesehead history. Lunch at the stadium is included. Over 130 years ago, North Pointe Lighthouse was constructed on the bluffs of Lake Michigan. and today we will stop and marvel at its beauty. Learn about this landmark's unique history as we tour the lighthouse and museum.

**8** // **Des Moines, IA** We wouldn't dare leave Wisconsin without first stopping for some of their famous cheese! **Alp & Dell Cheese** has the largest variety of Wisconsin cheese curds in an array of flavors. With your snacks in tow, we'll cross state lines and arrive in lowa for the evening.

**9** // **Home** Picturesque scenery and the sweet scent of lilacs will linger in our memory as we journey home today.