



Amazing Michigan

AUGUST 21-25, 2018

Shows, Dunes, and Wildlife



Explore the beautiful and unique state of Michigan with RCS Empowers. Included are a variety of wonderful sights and attractions that will appeal to everyone. From the excitement of a dune buggy ride to the serenity of a horse-drawn carriage tour on Mackinac Island; from watching the elk graze at Thunder Bay River to having your picture taken with a bear at Oswald's Bear Ranch, you will enjoy every moment of this five-day summertime tour.

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 21**



The day has arrived, and it is time to board the coach for our adventure in Michigan. Our route takes us north along the scenic western and northern shores of Lake Michigan. After a delicious lunch, mid-afternoon we find ourselves at **Oswald's Bear Ranch**. Four separate habitats allow us to explore the perimeters and view these great live roaming bears. Platforms provide a barrier free view of these amazing animals. Rescued cubs and neglected adult bears are brought every year to the ranch for care. A picture with a bear will be a perfect souvenir of our visit. We enjoy dinner and head to the **Jack Pine Lumberjack Show** in Mackinaw City. We'll cross the **Mackinac Bridge**, known as the "Mighty Mac." The five-mile bridge spans the gap between the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Lower Michigan and crosses the confluence of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The exciting lumberjack show features world champion lumberjacks in head to head competition. Chopping, sawing, axe throwing, log rolling and speed climbing - it's a great combination of action packed fun and comedy. Hotel accommodations are in St. Ignace. **(L, D)**



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 22**



First on our itinerary, this morning, is a stop at the **Mystery Spot** near St. Ignace, where gravity seems to be a little different. We take an interactive tour and experience the many physical and optical sensations. Say "goodbye" to the mainland as we cross the Straits of Mackinac by ferry. Upon arrival we'll be treated to a **horse-drawn carriage tour** of the island.

We learn all of the ins and outs and what makes this island one of the most popular destinations in the country. Our tour concludes at the magnificent **Grand Hotel**. We enter the dining room and enjoy every bite of the fabulous luncheon buffet. Feeling really stuffed, we let our lunch settle as we rock on the 660-foot front porch. The world's largest porch provides breathtaking views of the straits. Later, **wander down Main Street** and visit some of Mackinac Island's unique shops. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. The ferry carries us back to Mackinaw City, where dinner is included before our drive to the Hillman area. Thunder Bay Resort is our home for two nights. Our day concludes with a bonfire and the sweet treat of s'mores. **(B, L, D)**



**THURSDAY
AUGUST 23**

Today we travel to the shores of Lake Huron and tour the **Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center**, a visitor center for the **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**. The Shipwreck Century exhibit includes a full size replica of a wooden Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck where visitors can walk the decks, feel a Great Lakes storm, and touch the massive timbers of the boat



resting on the lake bottom... without getting wet. National Marine Sanctuary staff will illustrate the challenges of global climate changes and their effects on the Great Lakes Region in the Science on a Sphere Theatre. Then we move on to the **Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan**. The museum is dedicated to providing the public with cultural experiences in art, history and science. It houses a digital full dome planetarium, and we will take in one of the shows. There will be a unique opportunity to dig and keep all of the fossils you find in the outdoor Lafarge Fossil Park exhibit. This evening, step back in time as we board a **horse-drawn wagon** that takes us through the woods and over a wooden bridge, crossing the Thunder Bay River. We enter the **elk preserve**, for a close up view of majestic bull elk, and make our way to **Elk Antler Log Cabin** where a blazing fire welcomes us. Savor the aromas put forth by the twin antique wood stoves as the staff prepares our delicious dinner. **(B, L, D)**



**FRIDAY
AUGUST 24**

This morning our route takes us southeast across Lower Michigan to Mears. Fun is the order of the day at **Mac Woods Dune Rides**. We hop aboard special dune schooners to ride the sand dunes in the Silver Lake area. Our experienced driver will amuse and educate us as we cruise the slopes and valleys of one of Michigan's treasures. Traveling north along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, we find ourselves in Ludington, the location of our hotel for the night. **(B, L, D)**



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 25**

What an exciting finale to our Michigan adventure! We board the **S.S. Badger**, the last coal fired, steam powered passenger ship built in the U. S., and the last still operating on the Great Lakes. Carrying passengers, cars, and semi-trailers, she makes daily sailings across Lake Michigan between Ludington, MI and Manitowoc, WI. We enjoy lunch on board and arrive in

Manitowoc mid-day. On the short trip back to Sheboygan, we remember all of the interesting places we visited, the varied means of travel we experienced, and all the fun we had on this summertime trip through Michigan. **(B, L)**

*****MEAL CODE: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner*****



TOUR PRICE:

\$1259 Per Person Multiple Occupancy
(Number of Occupants Per Room May Vary.)



TOUR INCLUDES:

- * **Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation**
- * **Hotel Accommodations for 4 Nights**
- * **Sightseeing and Admissions Per Itinerary**
- * **4 Breakfasts**
- * **5 Lunches**
- * **4 Dinners**
- * **Services of a Personalized Tour Director**

"TRAVEL INSURED" TRAVEL PROTECTION:

\$82 Multiple Occupancy

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

\$200 Due with Reservation
\$200 Due April 16, 2018
\$200 Due June 1, 2018
Balance Due July 16, 2018

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