

AUTUMN ALONG THE GREAT LAKES

A Fall Journey Across Three Shores

September 26 - October 1, 2026



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Day 1: Journey Begins to Rothschild, WI

Your autumn adventure begins with a scenic drive along the shores of the Great Lakes, where cool breezes and vibrant fall foliage create a stunning backdrop of golds, reds, and burnt orange hues. Rolling landscapes and lakeside vistas make the journey just as memorable as the destinations themselves. This afternoon, step back in time with a visit to the **Octagon House Museum** in Hudson, Wisconsin, one of the state's most unique historic homes. Built in the 1850s, this eight-sided structure was designed using the progressive architectural theories of Orson Squire Fowler, who believed octagonal homes provided better light, ventilation, and efficiency. Inside, you'll discover period furnishings, original construction features, and stories of early Midwestern life that bring history vividly to life.

Day 2: Rothschild, WI to Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Today you'll experience one of Michigan's most awe-inspiring natural landmarks with a guided tour led by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The **Upper Tahquamenon Falls** is the largest waterfall in the state — spanning more than 200 feet wide with a dramatic drop of nearly 50 feet. Its distinctive amber-colored water, caused by tannins from surrounding cedar and hemlock swamps, is a sight unlike any other. As you stroll along well-maintained, paved trails, a knowledgeable park interpreter will share fascinating insights into the area's ecology, geology, and logging history, as well as how the falls played a role in regional development. Multiple viewing platforms offer outstanding photo opportunities framed by peak fall color, making this a true highlight of the journey.

Day 3: Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Settle in for a truly unforgettable rail experience aboard the legendary **Agawa Canyon Tour Train**, one of the most scenic and celebrated train journeys in North America. Traveling north of Sault Ste. Marie into remote Northern Ontario wilderness, this fully narrated excursion winds through untouched forests, across towering trestles, past dramatic granite rock formations, and alongside pristine rivers and lakes. At the journey's midpoint, you'll disembark in the breathtaking **Agawa Canyon**, carved thousands of years ago by glacial forces. Here, you'll have time to explore scenic walking trails, cross suspension bridges, view cascading waterfalls, and take in sweeping canyon vistas that have inspired artists and photographers for generations. This iconic experience combines nature, history, and rail heritage into one spectacular day.

Day 4: Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Ludington, MI

This morning, enjoy a scenic crossing aboard *Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry* as you glide across the waters where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet. Upon arrival at *Mackinac Island*, you'll immediately notice the charm of a place where cars are prohibited, and horse-drawn carriages and bicycles rule the streets. You'll have free time to explore at your own pace — stroll along historic streets lined with Victorian architecture, browse unique local shops, sample the island's famous homemade fudge, or enjoy breathtaking shoreline views. Whether you choose to relax or explore, Mackinac Island's timeless atmosphere makes for an unforgettable day before returning to the mainland by ferry.

Day 5: Ludington, MI to Oshkosh, WI

Today features a classic Great Lakes experience as you board the historic *SS Badger Car Ferry*, the last coal-fired passenger steamship operating on the Great Lakes. Enjoy a memorable crossing of Lake Michigan from Ludington, Michigan to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, with opportunities to relax on deck, take in panoramic lake views, and experience maritime travel as it was decades ago. This afternoon, visit the *Fond du Lac Lighthouse*, a historic beacon that once guided ships safely along Wisconsin's shoreline. You'll then enjoy a guided tour of the *EAA Aviation Museum*, home to an impressive collection of historic aircraft, interactive exhibits, and stories celebrating innovation, aviation pioneers, and America's rich flight heritage.

Day 6: Oshkosh, WI to Home

Your journey along the shores of three magnificent Great Lakes comes to a close today. As you travel home, reflect on a week filled with stunning scenery, iconic landmarks, fascinating history, and unforgettable autumn memories — a truly immersive Great Lakes experience.



For this tour, all travelers are required to present an Enhanced Driver's License, Enhanced ID, or a valid Passport. No exceptions.

Activity Level: Moderate Traveler

5 Breakfasts 1 Dinner

Occupancy	Price Per Person	Credit Card Price
Double	\$1,880	\$1,955
Triple	\$1,712	\$1,780
Quad	\$1,628	\$1,693
Single	\$2,384	\$2,480

