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# MACKINAC ISLAND

## Featuring a Grand Hotel Stay

June 22 - 29, 2026



### Day 1: Journey Begins to Green Bay, WI

Your adventure begins with a touch of serenity at **Monk Botanical Gardens** in Wausau, Wisconsin. This lush oasis invites you to stroll shaded pathways, admire curated plantings, and simply breathe in the calm before the journey ahead. By evening, you'll arrive in Green Bay, where comfort awaits for your first overnight stay.

### Day 2: Green Bay, WI to Ludington, MI

Step into Wisconsin's maritime legacy at the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum**—the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Here, sailors, shipbuilders, and submariners come to life through immersive exhibits. Later, board the historic **S.S. Badger Carferry** for a leisurely crossing of Lake Michigan, a tradition that has connected Wisconsin to Michigan since the 1950s.

### Day 3: Ludington, MI to Bay City, MI

Spring blossoms burst into color at the acclaimed **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park** in Grand Rapids—ranked among the world's most visited art museums and home to America's premier sculpture park. Then, in Frankenmuth, step into the twinkling wonder of **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the "World's Largest Christmas Store." No matter the season, its Alpine charm and endless holiday displays rekindle childhood magic.

### Day 4: Bay City, MI to St. Ignace, MI

History and engineering combine in Sault Ste. Marie. At the **Museum Ship Valley Camp**, explore 20,000 square feet of exhibits housed inside a retired Great Lakes freighter—including lifeboats salvaged from the legendary Edmund Fitzgerald. Later, embark on a **Soo Locks Boat Tour**, where your vessel rises 21 feet to meet Lake Superior's level—an unforgettable marvel of navigation.

### Day 5: St. Ignace, MI to Mackinac Island

This morning, **Shepler's Ferry** sweeps you across sparkling waters to **Mackinac Island**, where horse-drawn carriages replace cars. Your destination is the storied **Grand Hotel**, a timeless icon since 1887. With each guest room uniquely designed and a guest list that has included Hollywood stars and U.S. presidents, the hotel promises an experience that is both elegant and steeped in tradition. As evening falls, indulge in an **included dinner** and a dining experience like no other at the magnificent Grand Hotel—where timeless elegance meets exceptional cuisine.

## Day 6: Mackinac Island

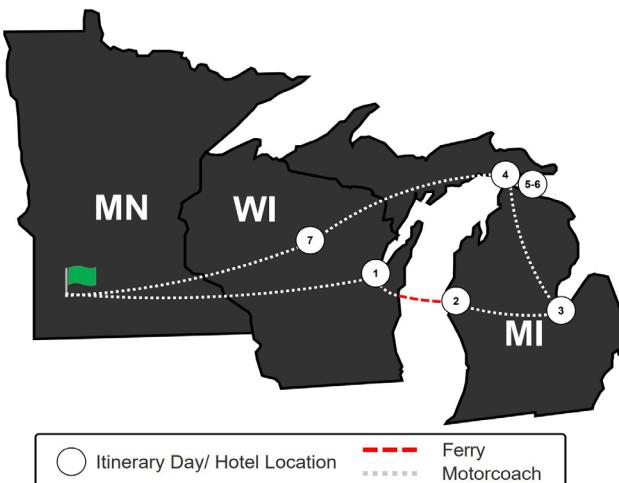
After a lavish breakfast in the Grand Hotel's elegant dining room, step outside to begin a **guided horse-drawn carriage tour** of the island. With motorized vehicles prohibited, this is the most authentic—and most enchanting—way to experience Mackinac's rolling landscapes and Victorian charm. Clip-cloppaststately summer homes, fragrant lilac trees, and natural landmarks like Arch Rock, while your guide shares stories that bring the island's rich history to life. Return to the hotel for the celebrated **Grand Luncheon Buffet**, where the setting is as impressive as the cuisine. Gleaming chandeliers, sweeping views of the Straits, and a dazzling array of gourmet offerings make this meal a true highlight of the journey. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. Perhaps wander into downtown Mackinac, where old-fashioned shopfronts brim with treasures—everything from handcrafted jewelry and nautical artwork to antiques and home décor. And of course, no visit is complete without sampling the island's world-famous fudge, still prepared in copper kettles and cooled on marble slabs. Back at the Grand, enjoy the many amenities of this legendary hotel, or simply claim a rocking chair along the iconic 660-foot porch—the longest in the world. From here, the view of Lake Huron stretching endlessly before you is the perfect reminder of why Mackinac Island remains one of America's most beloved escapes.

## Day 7: Mackinac Island to Schofield, WI

Bid farewell to Mackinac Island as Shepler's Ferry carries you across the sparkling waters back to the mainland. The rhythm of the waves and the island fading behind you mark the beginning of your homeward journey. In Menominee, Michigan, step into the fascinating **West Shore Fishing Museum**, a lovingly restored tribute to the region's once-thriving commercial fishing industry. Nestled along Lake Michigan's shoreline, the museum preserves the legacy of Charles Bailey, who operated one of the area's largest fisheries from 1893 to 1950. Explore original fishing boats, restored gill net tugs, and exhibits that trace the evolution of the industry from prehistoric practices to modern times. This hidden gem not only tells the story of hard work on the Great Lakes but also paints a picture of the families and communities built around it.

## Day 8: Schofield, WI to Home

No journey through Wisconsin would be complete without a taste of its most famous export—cheese! Stop at **Burnett Dairy Cady Cheese Store**, where more than 100 varieties await alongside local jams, syrups, wines, and irresistible treats like fresh curds and Olson's hard-scoop ice cream. Savor one last taste of the Midwest before returning home with memories as rich as the landscapes you've explored.



### Activity Level: Very Active Traveler

8 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 2 Dinners

Occupancy	Price Per Person	Credit Card Price
Double	\$3,694	\$3,841
Triple	\$3,277	\$3,408
Quad	\$3,069	\$3,192
Single	\$5,187	\$5,395

