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presents...

Mackinac Island

October 1 – 9, 2027

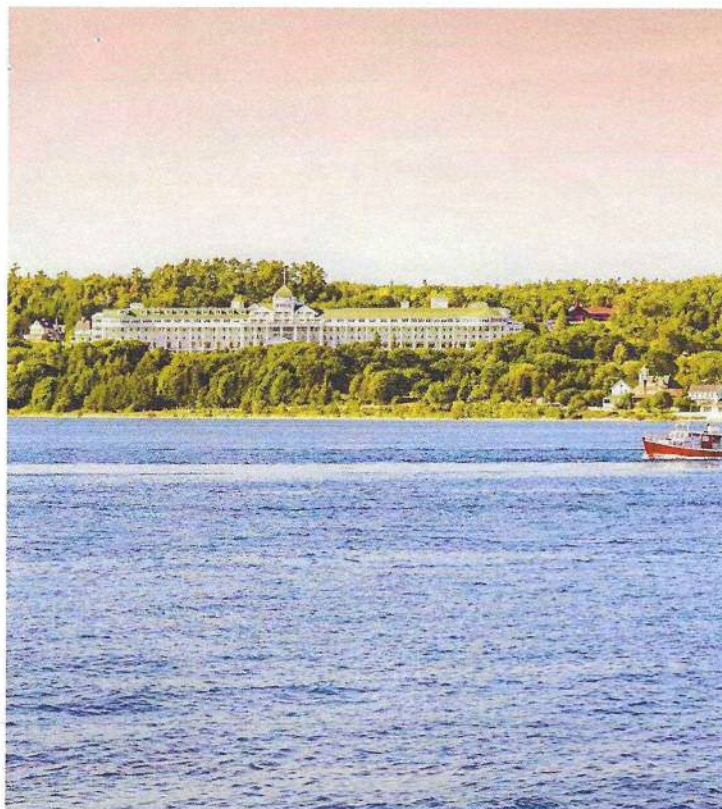


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9 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel, Chicago's Millennium Park, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit Mobster & Prohibition Tour

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Day 3	Courtyard Grand Rapids Downtown, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Days 4, 5	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI
Day 6	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront, Bay City, MI
Days 7, 8	Hilton Garden Inn Detroit Downtown, Detroit, Michigan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Day 1: Friday, October 1, 2027 Chicago, Illinois Get ready for a relaxing journey through the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region. This stunning landscape comes alive amid old-fashioned traditions. No activities are included today as flight arrival times will be scattered through the afternoon and evening.

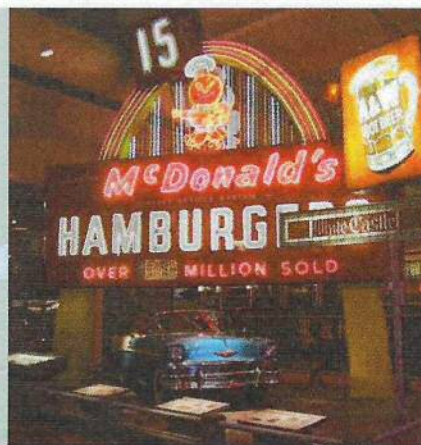
Day 2: Saturday, October 2, 2027 Chicago Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Chicago's remarkable and impressive architecture. This dynamic city goes by many names including "Second City" and "The Windy City," but no matter what you call it, you're sure to fall in love. Highlights of your tour include famous Michigan Avenue, the "Magnificent Mile," the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront, and a walking tour through Millennium Park. Arriving back to the hotel around 1 p.m., the remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. You may want to visit one of Chicago's many museums, relax during a scenic boat ride along the Chicago River, or visit the Chicago Cultural Center. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the legendary Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse. The historic landmark building, which houses the restaurant, has a storied past including ties to notorious gangster, Al Capone. (B, D)

Day 3: Sunday, October 3, 2027 Chicago - Grand Rapids, Michigan Travel north as we make our way to the city of Grand Rapids. This afternoon, take some time to explore the many gardens, greenhouses, and art exhibits of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. (B)

Day 4: Monday, October 4, 2027 Grand Rapids - Mackinac Island This morning, enjoy a scenic drive before arriving in Mackinaw City at the tip of Michigan's lower peninsula. You will have some time to explore this coastal vacation town and grab lunch before boarding the ferry that will take you back to a simpler time on Mackinac Island. Upon arrival, listen for how the neighs of horses replace the roar of engines. Your home for the next two nights is the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel.* Both your hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem with over eighty percent of its land preserved by Mackinac State Park, a woodland paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. After dinner at your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the quaint village or relax on the Grand Hotel's famous porch. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 5, 2027 Mackinac Island Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, savor some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Enjoy brilliant views while sitting on the front porch of the Grand Hotel or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favorite item on the island. Later, choose from a menu of tasty delicacies when you dine at the elegant Salle à Manger. After dinner, enjoy a cup of coffee while listening to the refined sounds of the Grand Hotel's orchestra. If you crave a secluded hideaway, retreat to the charming Cupola Bar. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 6, 2027 Mackinac Island - Bay City Enjoy some leisure time at the Grand Hotel and in town before departing this afternoon for your riverfront accommodations in Bay City. This evening is at leisure. Perhaps you will head to the river walk where you can explore downtown on your own. (B)



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Day 7: Thursday, October 7, 2027 Bay City - Detroit Today, explore the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home and studio during a guided tour. This legendary 20th century architect designed his home to be the peak of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern Architecture, and it's since been declared a National Historic Landmark. Continue your journey to Detroit, a city with a soul as deep as its history – where roaring engines, Motown melodies, and bold architecture tell stories of resilience and reinvention. This afternoon, step into a fascinating chapter of the city's past as you explore Detroit's colorful history. From Prohibition-era speakeasies to legendary mob families and the lawmen who chased them, you'll uncover tales woven into the fabric of Detroit's streets and landmarks. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

Day 8: Friday, October 8, 2027 Detroit - Dearborn - Detroit Today we visit Dearborn, hometown of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. At the Henry Ford Museum, learn how the automobile forever changed American life and society. Then take in the historic homes at Greenfield Village, and see the workshops where famous American icons like the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and Robert Frost were once inspired. During your farewell dinner this evening, get ready to be immersed in Detroit's musical legacy as a passionate local musician shares sounds and stories of Motown legends, jazz greats, and the creative forces that shaped the city. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, October 9, 2027 Detroit - Tour Ends Your tour ends today, leaving you with a bounty of happy memories from your visit to America's heartland. (B)

Experience It! The Grand Hotel

Stay for two nights in one of North America's most impressive hotels — the legendary Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Built during America's Gilded Age, the Grand Hotel is an elegantly designed Victorian lodge made from Michigan white pine. The grand opening of the Grand Hotel took place on July 10, 1887 with room rates starting at \$3.00 a night. Guests arrive and depart the hotel by horse-drawn carriage — a romantic and whimsical nod to a simpler era. As you approach the majestic manor, the first thing you'll notice is the hotel's seemingly endless front porch. At 600 feet in length, it is the longest porch in the world. Five U.S. Presidents — Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Gerald Ford, John Kennedy, and Harry Truman — have all stayed at the Grand Hotel. The 1979 motion picture, *Somewhere in Time*, in which Christopher Reeve's and Jane Seymour's characters found love across time, was filmed here. Every October, fans of the film gather at the hotel for a weekend. Esther Williams' 1949 film, *This Time for Keeps*, was also shot at the hotel. The heated 220 foot, serpentine shaped, 500,000-gallon swimming pool is named in her honor. Your stay at this historic landmark is sure to be the highlight of your trip!

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Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 01, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by people-watching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 5,000 feet.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Accessing the horse-drawn carriages in Mackinac Island will require mounting 2-3 steep steps.

To fully enjoy certain stops on this tour - such as Chicago and the Frederik Meijer Gardens - please be prepared for periods of walking or standing that may last up to 1.5 hours. During your self-guided visit to the Henry Ford Museum, you'll have approximately 4 hours to explore which involves walking or standing at your own pace.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

*The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing up for dinner. After 6:30 p.m., ladies should wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit and gentlemen are required to wear a coat and necktie. Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel except the Cupola Bar, where casual dress is acceptable at any time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

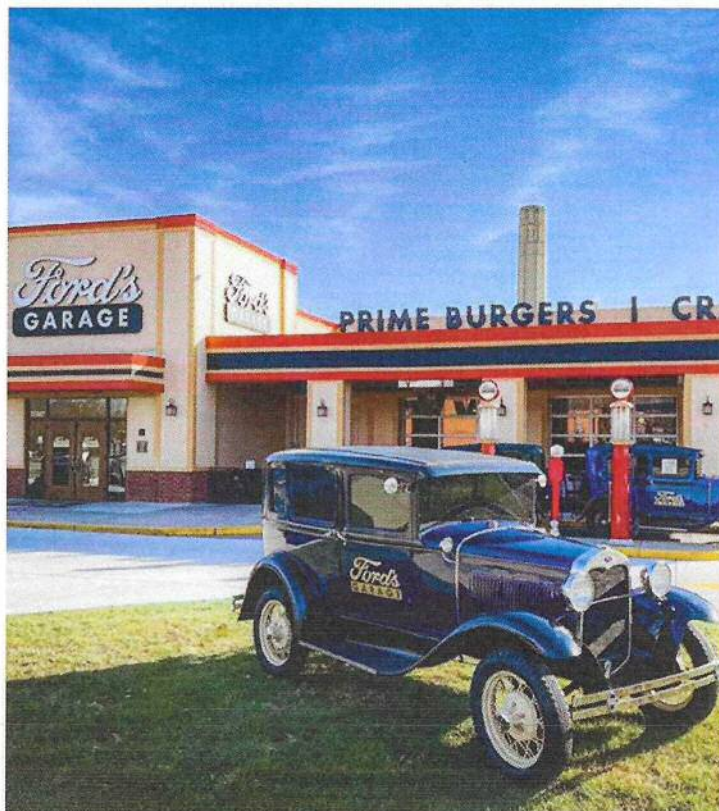
To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our air travelers will arrive into Chicago and depart from Detroit.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with AAA Member Choice Vacations® and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at airports. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the traveler. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

AAA Member Choice Vacations® will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

A deposit of \$1,167 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of January 25, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 03, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until February 01, 2027.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

AAA Vacations® cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through AAA Vacations® and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

If you choose not to purchase AAA Vacations'® Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: (subject to availability)

() Grand Hotel – Standard (included)

() Grand Hotel – Lake View (additional charge of \$110.00 double, \$220.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AAA Northeast - Worcester

WAIVER: Travel Protection (Already included in price shown on flyer) () Yes, I wish to keep the Travel Protection () No, decline



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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to AAA Member Choice Vacations at the time the reservation is made. *AAA Member Choice Vacations will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither AAA Member Choice Vacations nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call AAA Member Choice Vacations to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. AAA Member Choice Vacations cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____

Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers.

Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

AAA Member Choice Vacations cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

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I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

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