



MICHIGAN FEATURING THE GRAND HOTEL

FEATURING 2 NIGHT GRAND HOTEL STAY, MACKINAC ISLAND, FRANKENMUTH, GRAND RAPIDS, DEARBORN

MAY 23-29, 2013 ~ 7 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Imagine it now...you're soaking in the lovely views of Lake Huron as you ferry to the incredible Mackinac Island. As you approach the shore you can see your home, the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel. You disembark the ferry and board a horse-drawn carriage for the ride through town to the hotel. This spectacular new itinerary not only includes a two-night stay at the famed Grand Hotel but so much more...explore two centuries of American history and innovation at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn...discover fine Michigan wines at a private tasting and dinner at the Elk Antler Cabin...explore the Frederik Meijer Gardens...dine at an auto-baron's home...stroll amongst the Bavarian Village of Frankenmuth and so much more!



you'll see why it is known as "America's Greatest History Attraction" – it's like stepping into a giant encyclopedia that is alive with three-dimensional storytelling. The American experience of progress and innovation comes to life before your eyes. Climb into the cab of the world's largest steam locomotive. See the limousine that President Kennedy was riding in when he was assassinated and the rocking chair Lincoln was sitting in at Ford's Theatre. Sit in the very bus where Rosa Parks showed us what it meant to be a hero among so much more. This afternoon we travel to **Grand Rapids** and enjoy an included dinner at a restaurant where every day is Christmas as this former country church is decorated year-round in an elaborate Victorian Christmas Garden theme. (Breakfast, Dinner)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Stay at the majestic *Grand Hotel* on Mackinac Island with two dinners at the hotel and a carriage tour of the Island
- ◆ In Dearborn tour the incredible Henry Ford Museum and visit a Ford assembly line
- ◆ Enjoy an included lunch and tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford mansion to see first-hand how these auto pioneers lived
- ◆ Tour the charming Bavarian Village of Frankenmuth with a local guide and learn how to roll your own Bavarian pretzel
- ◆ In Grand Rapids, tour both the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and the Fredrik Meijer Gardens – an indoor botanic garden
- ◆ Horse-drawn carriage ride to go elk viewing followed by wine tasting and a five-course lunch at the Elk Antler Log Cabin



Grand Hotel

◆DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE MICHIGAN◆

Start with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to Los Angeles International Airport for a nonstop flight to Detroit, Michigan. Upon our arrival a deluxe motorcoach will be waiting to transport us for the next seven days. We'll travel the short distance to **Dearborn** for an overnight stay. An included dinner this evening at a local favorite. (Dinner)

◆DAY 2 ~ DEARBORN, GRAND RAPIDS◆

The auto industry remains central to Michigan's economic and cultural identity and Dearborn is a city instrumental in America's automobile culture. After an included breakfast we'll tour the **Ford Rouge Factory** (pending availability) to better understand the industry's rise and see how automobiles are assembled today. Henry Ford built this factory along the Rouge River and it was the scene of the Battle of the Overpass, a key moment in the rise of American unions. You'll get a peek at a Ford F-150 truck's assembly line and a set of classics like the 1965 Ford Mustang. We'll then visit **The Henry Ford Museum** – and



Mackinac Island

◆DAY 3 ~ GRAND RAPIDS, MACKINAC ISLAND◆

After an included breakfast this morning we'll visit the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum** which includes a full scale reproduction of his Oval Office and the original Watergate burglar tools amongst thousands of other pieces of history related to our 38th President and Mrs. Ford. Then, a visit to the **Frederik Meijer Gardens** – an indoor botanic garden and sculpture park, featuring 70 permanent bronze pieces. One of the world's most significant botanic and sculpture experiences,

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Night 1 **Best Western Greenfield**
Dearborn, MI
- ◆ Night 2 **Hyatt Place**
Grand Rapids, MI
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Grand Hotel**
Mackinac Island, MI
- ◆ Nights 5-6 **SpringHill Suites**
Frankenmuth, MI

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 13 Meals – 5 dinners, 2 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,799 / Single \$2,299 • Deposit \$300

*Roundtrip group airfare available from \$585

Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

RESERVATIONS

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Community Services Program
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Santa Ana, CA 92706

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www.sac.edu/community/services

Tour operated by *Good Times Travel*
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)
- ◆ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows:

From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p.

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

SINGLE SHARE PROGRAM

Should a single traveler wish to take advantage of the double price, tell us when making your reservation that you wish to have a roommate. We will provide the contact information to others requesting a roommate and the two parties can determine if they would be a good fit and the price will be adjusted.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

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the 132-acre grounds feature Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; arid and Victorian gardens with bronze sculptures by Degas and Rodin; a carnivorous plant house; and at the garden entrance a three-story tall casting of Leonardo da Vinci's Horse as well as a newly added Dale Chihuly-designed 14-foot glass chandelier. This afternoon we travel north to **Mackinaw City** and board a hydroplane ferry for the short ride across the **Straits of Mackinac** to **Mackinac Island** – where Michigan's early traditions have been preserved. From the moment you step off the ferry dock, you will have entered a Victorian village and it seems, escaped from modern civilization. Limited to transportation by horse and buggy, bicycle, or foot, on Mackinac Island life itself seems to slow down. You'll ride in a horse-drawn carriage to perhaps the most celebrated hotel in America, the majestic colonial-style **Grand Hotel**. Known as the world's largest summer hotel, it was built in the late 19th century for the elite that traveled here to escape the heat of the Midwest summers. This stately hotel's front porch is the longest of its kind at 600 feet and is still a very popular gathering place for guests and local residents alike. This evening, an included dinner at the hotel before enjoying a two-night stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

◆ DAY 4 ~ MACKINAC ISLAND ◆

After an included breakfast this morning at the hotel we'll enjoy a **guided horse-drawn carriage tour** that will reveal all that is magical about Mackinac Island. The island is a natural gem, with over eighty percent preserved by the Mackinac State Park, a wooded paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. A visit to "downtown" Mackinac Island with its many historic homes and grand Victorian cottages. After strolling along Main Street and visiting the many gift and fudge shops, you'll be able to call yourself a true "fudgie". Enjoy the afternoon at the hotel at leisure to sit on the hotel's porch, stroll in the beautifully landscaped gardens or have afternoon tea. An included dinner at the hotel this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

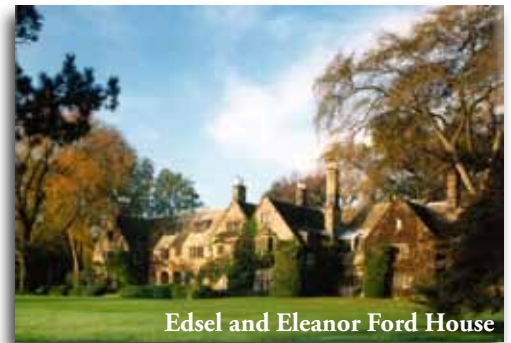
◆ DAY 5 ~ ELK VIEWING, FRANKENMUTH ◆

Following an included breakfast at the hotel we'll return to Mackinaw city and travel to the **Thunder Bay Resort** where we embark on a horse-drawn carriage to go elk viewing. These majestic elk bugle, wallow, strut, spar and fight for dominance. It's truly magical to see newborn calves and the world-class bull elk with such large antlers in velvet this close! Following, enjoy an included lunch with **wine tasting** at the resort's beautiful **Elk Antler Cabin**. This elegant log cabin deep in the woods maintains its rustic appearance while providing every amenity. Warm yourself by the split-stone fireplace and savor the delicious aroma being put forth as a

superb **five-course gourmet lunch** is prepared for you on antique Detroit Jewel and Garland wood cook-stoves. You'll imagine this is how your great-grandparents might have lived on the frontier at the turn of the century! We continue on this evening to **Frankenmuth**, also known as Michigan's "Little Bavaria." (Breakfast, Lunch)

◆ DAY 6 ~ FRANKENMUTH ◆

You'll awake this morning in the village of Frankenmuth and think that you've landed in Bavaria. Founded by German pioneers in the 1840s, memories of the old world are still prevalent in the town's buildings and ornaments. Following an included breakfast, a **local guide** will join us and provide a tour of the village highlighted by the **Glockenspiel Tower** and a visit to the historic **St. Lorenz Lutheran Church** with its magnificent organ and stained glass. Time to browse the Bavarian shops that line the streets and a visit to **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store (96,000 square feet) featuring more than 50,000 trims and gifts. This afternoon you'll have the opportunity to play German baker for an hour and roll your own pretzel and reap the rewards with a delicious treat! An included dinner tonight at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Edsel and Eleanor Ford House

◆ DAY 7 ~ FORD ESTATE, FAREWELL ◆

After an included breakfast this morning we head south for the shores of **Lake St. Clair**. Enjoy an included farewell lunch and tour at the **Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**. This 87-acre estate displays the couple's lifelong interest in art and architecture. The only son of automobile pioneer Henry Ford, Edsel began his career at the Ford Motor Company in 1912 and became the President at age 26! On a **docent-guided tour** of the lake-front mansion you'll see first-hand how these auto barons lived, experience a bygone era and be awed by this historically acclaimed architectural masterpiece. Later this afternoon we arrive at the Detroit Airport for our nonstop return flight back to Los Angeles. We return home with countless fond memories of our spectacular journey and a new appreciation of the "Great Lakes State". (Breakfast, Lunch)