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# Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel

featuring the Agawa Canyon Autumn Foliage Train

**Departure Date: October 3, 2026**



**DAY 1 Arrive in Chicago:** Chicago is America's third largest city and boasts a friendly, Midwest atmosphere. For those arriving early, your hotel is close to the Lake Michigan waterfront. Visit one of Chicago's great museums or stroll along the "Magnificent Mile." Your Tour Manager is available in the lobby at 6:00 p.m. to offer suggestions for dining this evening.

**DAY 2 Chicago to Michigan:** This morning, begin the day with a panoramic tour of downtown Chicago with a local guide. Leave the big city behind for charming Traverse City, Michigan, known for its sparkling beaches, unique shops and cherry orchards. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 3 Sleeping Bear Dunes Touring:** Begin your day exploring Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore that was named for an Indian legend. These expansive golden dunes stretch for more than 35 miles along the twinkling blue waters of Lake Michigan. A local guide tells the history and lore of the area including the peninsula and lighthouse. The observation deck at the Lake Michigan Overlook is about 450 feet above the lake and the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive is dotted with lookouts and covered bridges. Then, continue north and cross into Canada and arrive at your hotel. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Agawa Canyon Autumn Foliage Train:** Board the Algoma Central Railway for a spectacular train ride through scenic Agawa Canyon during autumn foliage time. This all-day adventure takes you past massive rock formations, through thick forests of maple and birch and over pristine streams and lakes as you wind your way to Agawa Canyon. Explore the Agawa River and its waterfalls on the valley floor before returning to your hotel. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 5 Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel:** A trip to Mackinac Island is a like a trip back in time. From its bluff cottages to its quaint horse-drawn carriages (no cars are allowed on the island), this peaceful resort island offers a glimpse into life during a simpler and more genteel era. Upon arrival, tour the Island via horse-drawn carriage and step back in time as you enjoy the atmosphere of this unique treasure. At the end of the tour, the carriage brings you to the crown jewel of Mackinac Island, the Grand Hotel, the world's largest summer hotel, built in 1897, and your home for the next two nights. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Explore Mackinac Island:** You will have the entire day at leisure on Mackinac Island. Browse the many shops, visit historic Fort Mackinac or rent bikes and peddle along the coast of Lake Huron. "The Grand" is a venerable island institution and the perfect place to enjoy a stroll in the landscaped gardens or enjoy afternoon tea. Don't forget to sample the world-famous Mackinac Island fudge! **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 7 Traveling in the Great Lakes State:** Leave Mackinac Island today and travel through the Great Lakes State. Michigan has the unique distinction of being surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes. Your destination is Dearborn, the heartland of the Ford Motor Company. **Meal: B**

**DAY 8 Ford River Rouge Factory Tour and The Henry Ford Museum:** This morning, you go behind the scenes at the world's largest automotive complex as you watch the Ford F150 pickup truck being built on a Ford Motor Company factory tour. This afternoon you visit The Henry Ford Museum, often called "Henry's attic" because of its amazing collection. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**Day 9 Journey Home:** Your journey ends with a group transfer to Detroit Metropolitan Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m. or Chicago O'Hare Airport for flights after 5:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

\*Note: The Grand Hotel has a dress code policy. Please refer to your travel documents for details.

## Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Guided sightseeing tour of Chicago, the "Windy City"
- Explore Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore where the expansive dunes stretch for more than 35 miles
- Embark on a narrated rail excursion through scenic Agawa Canyon during autumn foliage time
- Spend two nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Mackinac Island
- Explore the charm of a bygone era on Mackinac Island and enjoy free time
- Tour Mackinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage en route to the hotel
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour to see the F150 pickup truck being built
- Visit The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** – Embassy Suites Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois

**Day 2** – Country Inn, Traverse City, Michigan

**Days 3 and 4** – Hotel Ojibway, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

**Days 5 and 6** – Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan

**Days 7 and 8** – DoubleTree Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.

Cost for a room in Chicago is \$449, tax and breakfast included.

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 3, 2026	\$4,398	\$1,999

**Includes roundtrip airfare from Billings Montana**

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