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Michigan Autumn Treasures: Charlevoix, Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth, Grand Rapids Motor Coach Tour – Small Group Size October 2 – 6, 2023 | 5 Days

AUTUMN! What a great time to travel and discover the hidden gems so close to home. Let us do the driving and relax!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Wisconsin Maritime Museum and Rooftop Lunch
- SS Badger Ferry
- Evening snack at Inn at Manistee National (weather permitting)
- Guided drive of the Pierce Stocking Drive
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakefront
- Admission & Tour of Castle Farms, Charlevoix
- Shepler’s Ferry to and from Mackinac Island
- Horse Drawn Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island
- Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel
- Thunder Bay River Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- Introductory tour of Frankenmuth
- Visit Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland
- Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
- Gerald Ford Presidential Museum
- Farewell Dinner in Grand Rapids



TRIP COST PER PERSON *

Double	Single
\$ 1,888	\$ 2,376

* Travel Protection Plan: (highly recommended) Call Nadine for details at 847-902-8064

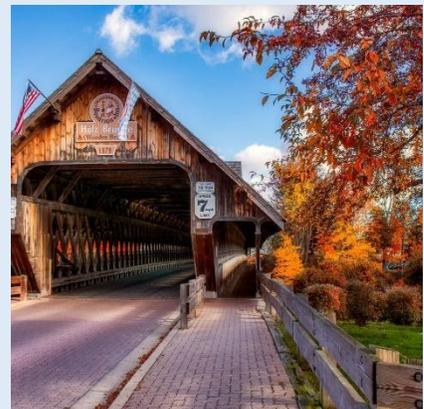
INCLUSIONS: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation with onboard washroom; Gratuities for Driver and Step-On Guides; 4 Nights Quality Accommodations; Baggage handling and Tour Manager-Nadine

11 MEALS: 4 Breakfasts | 4 Lunches | 3 Dinners |

ACCOMMODATIONS:

4 Nights Lodging

- 1 night at the Inn at Manistee National, Manistee, MI
- 1 night at the Bicycle Inn at Mackinac Island, MI
- 1 night at Thunder Bay Resort, Hillman, MI
- 1 night at deluxe Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI



DAY 1 (Lunch) This morning, we will explore the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum and WWII Submarine**, the Midwest's largest maritime museum, and tour the nation's most completely restored WWII submarine, the **USS COBIA**. Discover a gallery dedicated to Wisconsin-built recreational boats, or time-travel back to a 19th century shipbuilding town. Operate a working triple-expansion marine steam engine. No visit is complete without the Museum's Gift Store, Pier 75, for all your nautical purchases! All at the region's **only Smithsonian affiliate** and the **largest Maritime Museum on the Great Lakes!** Lunch will be served on the roof top with incredible views of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.



After lunch, we board the **SS Badger and Ferry** across Lake Michigan. There is plenty to see and do aboard the huge ship - including games, entertainer(s), free movies, shopping in the gift shop, or just strolling or lounging on the spacious outside decks. Arrive in Ludington, MI at the Inn at Manistee National. This 42-room Inn is nestled between two stunning golf courses, Canthooke Valley and Cutters' Ridge, and is surrounded by Michigan's Manistee National Forest. Enjoy an evening snack before retiring for the night.

DAY 2 (Continental Breakfast / Lunch) We are off to **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**. World-class vistas await us with views of Michigan that is simply spectacular! It is no wonder that in 2011 Good Morning America's viewers voted Sleeping Bear Dunes "The Most Beautiful Place in America." This afternoon, lunch is included at **Castle Farms in Charlevoix**. Enjoy a tram tour and a walking tour through buildings that showcase the grandeur of the French Chateaux styled buildings of Castle Farms. Our tour guide will delight us with the rich history of Castle Farms, from its original construction in 1918 as the Loeb Farm, to the Van Haver art studio and gallery period, as well as the music concert era, and through the extensive restoration process from 2001 to present. The completed buildings and landscaped gardens are breathtaking.

Next, it's on to **Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry**. As you step upon the island you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transport everything from supplies to the island to passengers. Our hotel is on **Main Street** at the Bicycle Street Inn. The evening is free for you to explore this unique island at your leisure. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. Dinner is included at the **Great Turtle Brewery**. **OPTIONAL:** Put on your dancing shoes and join in the fun. The **Grand Hotel's Terrace Room** invites all to dance with Alex Graham and **Grand Hotel Orchestra** nightly starting at 9:30 PM. The dress code must be observed, men in suits and ties, women in dresses, skirts, blouses, dress sweaters and dress slacks. This, along with the jazz orchestra, makes for a glamorous night out.



DAY 3: (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) A full breakfast is included at the Bicycle Street Inn. Board a carriage for a tour of the island. For anyone who has seen the movie "Somewhere in Time" there will be moments of déjà vu during the tour of this picturesque island. The tour ends at the **Grand Hotel** with its fabulous buffet. Following lunch take some time to relax on the hotel's porch. At 660 feet, the Grand Hotel's Front Porch is the world's largest and has one of the most spectacular views of the straits. Wander

down Main Street and visit some of Mackinac Island's unique shops. Next, we continue to **Thunder Bay resort**, located on a 165 acre Elk Preserver. This family run resort offers the beauty of Northern Michigan combined with a friendly staff to give you a matchless Northern Michigan experience. Next, we board **horse drawn carriages for a ride** "Over the River (the Thunder Bay River) and into the woods to **view the magnificent Elk**. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to the beautiful **Elk Antler Log Cabin**. Wonderful aromas mix with the scent of hardwood smoke and emanate from two antique wood cook stoves in full view. This elegant cabin maintains its rustic appearance while providing every amenity. Savor the delicious aromas as culinary artist Spenser James and his staff

prepare a **gourmet meal** featuring a Crown Roast complete with five to seven wines sampling from a nearby winery as attentive servers see to your every need.

DAY 4: (Breakfast / Farewell Dinner): This morning we depart for **Frankenmuth** and meet our guide for an introductory tour of Frankenmuth. Enjoy free time on your own to explore the many shops lining Main Street and enjoy lunch (on own) in one of their famous downtown Frankenmuth restaurants. And, take time to visit the 50-foot Glockenspiel Tower. Continue to **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland** the world's largest Christmas store. The building is 7.35 acres in size with landscaped grounds covering 27 acres. It features over 50,000 trims, gifts, and collectibles. Of the more than 6000 styles of ornaments which Bronner's carries, half of the glass ornaments are Bronner's exclusive designs. Bronner's electric bill averages \$1250 per day. Next, it's on to Grand Rapids, Michigan. We have a unique and special Farewell dinner – it's a surprise.

DAY 5: (Breakfast / Lunch) Arrive at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and enjoy a Tram tour of the outside gardens. The permanent collection features more than 180 works, including important works from Auguste Rodin and Edgar Degas to Henry Moore and Alexander Calder, to Mark di Suvero and Andy Goldsworthy. The greatest concentration of work is featured in a 30-acre sculpture park. Included is a Guided tour of the Conservatory. The Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory is a five-story, 15,000 square-foot facility featuring rock landscapes, a waterfall and a variety of exotic plant selections. A lunch voucher is included at Taste of the Gardens Café with its dazzling glass ceiling sculpture by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. This afternoon, we depart for the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum which contains exhibits on President Ford's life and career and the Office of



President. The main floor includes a full-scale replica of the Oval Office furnished as it was during Ford's presidency. Special exhibits highlight the 1976 Bicentennial celebration and Mrs. Ford's role during her husband's term in office. Take a holographic tour of the Ford White House; and experience a day in the Oval Office through a sound and light show. A Watergate gallery includes a six-minute, multi-screen history beginning with the June 1972 break-in and a

display of the actual burglary tools. An interactive Cabinet Room allows visitors to take part in presidential decision making. Visitors can see gifts presented by heads of state and other foreign dignitaries, as well as personal gifts to Ford from the American people. The award-winning film, "A Time To Heal," is shown hourly in the museum auditorium. A section of the Berlin Wall stands in the museum's lobby. This afternoon, we depart the Gerald Ford Museum for home and say our goodbyes to the Michigan Autumn Treasure with the satisfaction of a memorable vacation ... until our next Destination!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE

Don't Wait! Each traveler must complete a reservation form. **Mail your completed reservation form with \$100 deposit to: Destinations With Nadine, Inc. | P.O. Box 304 | Mundelein IL 60060**

Optional Travel Protection Plan is highly recommended. Request a quote via email:

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

+ Optional Travel Protection Plan (Highly Recommended)		Final Payment
– Call Nadine for details and price quote.		
Due at Time of Reservation:	\$100 Deposit	Due July 28, 2023

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Our destinations include:

- SMALL GROUP SIZES!
- Round-Trip Airfare and Deluxe motor coach transportation with onboard washroom
- **For Motor Coach Destinations** - deluxe motor coach transportation with onboard washroom
- Round-trip O'Hare group transportation to/from Mundelein (and Fox Lake with 6+)
- Private Group Check-in at airports
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodation(s)
- Gratuities (Including Driver, Tour Manager and Escorts)
- Many delicious meals as listed in itinerary
- Souvenir Gift
- Baggage Handling
- Attractions, Tours and Admissions as listed in itinerary
- Professional Tour Manager - fully escorted tour
- Our tours are well paced throughout with just the right amount of free time.
- Services of Nadine Mihaljevic, owner of Destinations With Nadine, Inc. Nadine escorts our groups to ensure everything runs smoothly and safely; makes certain to acquaint all of our warm and friendly guests to each other; and ensures everyone has a truly memorable and pleasurable experience.

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