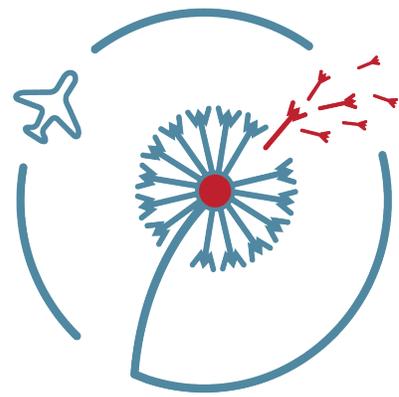


MACKINAC ISLAND

LAID-BACK LAKESIDE

with Women of the Midwest

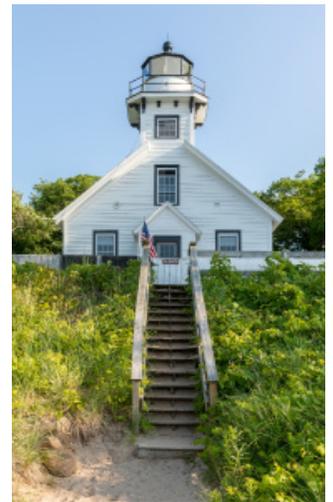
September 4-11, 2024



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Dear Women of the Midwest,

I welcome you to travel with me on a Laid-Back Lakeside Tour. We'll visit two outstanding destinations, one a hidden gem - Petoskey, Michigan, and one named one of the 20 most iconic hotels on earth – The Grand Hotel.

Join me September 4 - 11, 2024, for 8 days and 7 nights in the Great Lakes area of the United States. We'll journey to Mackinac Island for a three-night stay, where we'll savor the romantic history of the Grand Hotel. Harkening to the Victorian Age in architecture and design, you can slow down and sip a drink on the longest porch in the world. Recall scenes from "Somewhere in Time," with Christopher Reeve (filmed here in 1980). No cars are allowed on the island, so once we arrive by ferry, we'll enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride, and you can go for walks or bicycle rides on the secluded paths in your free time. Oh, did I mention the island is famous for its fudge? A great place to buy your goodies to take back home to friends.

Maybe you have not heard of Petoskey. It is high-time you did, considering it is one of the most stunning gems on the shores of Lake Michigan. We will make our way through the tunnel of trees for a stop in the dazzling town of Harbor Springs, where you will have no problem dropping a little spending money at stores like McClutcheys or Ivy Boutique.

Our tour extravagance doesn't stop there. We also get an opportunity to tour the Mushroom Houses in Charlevoix and enjoy the smashing views and tempting shops.

Traveling south, we end our journey in Traverse City for a fun and fine farewell to a memorable tour.

If you love shopping, dining in style, or just sipping and rocking on the front porch ...this trip is for you!

Come join me, solo or two-by-two, on this Grand and historic adventure with Women of the Midwest.

Sincerely,
Lisa Anderson
Women of the Midwest Ambassador



Call Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

Let's Go Grand!



September 4, 2024, Wednesday Traverse City - Mackinac Island

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Traverse City, Michigan. We will meet our 34-passenger motorcoach and our Michigan-based team and zip off straight to Mackinac Island, where we will spend our first three nights. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director, with box lunches in hand, who will be traveling alongside us from our arrival to our departure back in Traverse City. Prepare for a 3-hour drive, but it will be more than worth it when, in the late afternoon,



Pretty Petoskey Stone

Who can Resist?!



we ferry to the port of Mackinac Island, where our horse-drawn carriages roll us slowly uphill for our grand entrance to the Grand Hotel! One of the wonderful things about Mackinac Island is that there is something for everyone. Maybe you prefer a low-key stay to enjoy fresh food and chilled wine and an afternoon snooze. Are you more active? There are over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails to pamper your inner outdoorsy self. L

September 5, 2024, Thursday Mackinac Island

After a lovely breakfast, your professional tour guide will take you on a walking tour of Mackinac Island. The tour will end near the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, where you can gather information on how to spend your free time on the Island. Your guide will be available to you for tips and tricks about getting around and general information. Make sure to be back at the hotel by 3:00 PM to get ready for our 3:30 PM afternoon tea at the beautiful Grand Hotel. B | T (Tea)

September 6, 2024, Friday Mackinac Island

Breakfast is served! Today, let your imagination run wild, a full day in stunning Mackinac Island to do as you wish. The day is free to enjoy and explore the quaint town and its simple life. Eighty percent of Mackinac Island is parkland, and if a golf cart is too modern for you, how about getting around by horse and buggy or by a rented bike? Don't forget to swing by one (or more!) of the 13 fudge shops downtown. More than 10,000 pounds of

Mackinac Transportation



fudge is slabbed daily on marble, allowing the fudge to cool evenly and quickly giving it a unique flavor and creating a great show too. Or visit the fascinating butterfly conservatory, the Wings of Mackinac, to watch the butterflies eat dried fruits and nectar. A lovely experience!

Maybe you prefer to take a carriage tour (tickets provided) which is a fantastic way to see the sites, make mental notes on where to eat and shop, and get a general lay of the land. Your coachman will share historical information as well as information about your new horse friends. Your tour may stop at Arch Rock, where you will see the most beautiful view of the lake through the arch. The Fort is located at the tip-top of a high hill, so this may be a good time to take advantage of the Fort tour if you like. Check to see if you can hop off at Fort Mackinac if you would like to. Then you may catch a tour carriage (based on space available) back down toward our hotel. Enjoy a beautiful evening at leisure. B

September 7, 2024, Saturday Farewell Mackinac - Ahoy Harbor Springs

Today, a new adventure awaits! After the ferry arrives back at Mackinaw City, we will board our motorcoach and head off for the stunning lakeside community of Harbor Springs for lunch and an afternoon of shopping. Harbor Springs is a charming waterfront community that lies in a sheltered bay on the north shore of Little Traverse Bay on Lake Michigan. The area offers an abundance of natural beauty, lots of outdoor activity, and an array of

Life in the Village



cultural and culinary attractions. Situated on a beautiful natural, deep harbor, this tiny, beautiful community has a wonderful downtown business district with fabulous shopping and dining overlooking the water. Departing Harbor Springs in the afternoon, we will head just a short way to Petoskey, where we will end our busy day at our beautiful hotel. B | L

September 8, 2024, Sunday Charlevoix

After breakfast, we will board our motorcoach and whisk off to the dazzling city of Charlevoix! We will be able to see Charlevoix's "Master Builder in Stone" Earl Young's fascinating mushroom houses. Each house is unique and designed to blend into the surrounding landscape.

At the end of our tour you will enjoy free time downtown to savor lunch on your own, shopping, or take a walk to look at the amazing harbor. Your tour director will tell you about the offerings and be available to answer any questions. B

September 9, 2024, Monday Petoskey

Chill Day! Petoskey, Michigan, located at the top of Michigan's Lower Peninsula on Little Traverse Bay, is known for its natural beauty, million-dollar sunsets, historic Gaslight Shopping District, and of course, Petoskey Stones! Do you want to find one of your very own? We can give you a hint on where to start your dig! Natural beauty surrounds you with stunning views of the Bay from many vantage points. Are you outdoorsy?

Charlevoix Lighthouse



Petoskey is superb for walking, hiking, biking, or relaxing at the beach. A must! Visit The Gaslight District downtown anywhere you see the green light posts. With a variety of shops, you can spend the day finding treasures for friends or treasures you can eat on the spot! Maybe grab a sandwich at Petoskey Cheese and head for the beach with a group of friends. Alternatively, save your appetite and treat yourself to dinner at Chandler's or one of the other fine dining options downtown. B

September 10, 2024, Tuesday Petoskey to Traverse City

Today we bid a fine farewell to Petoskey and a heartfelt hello to Traverse City. We have another fun-filled day in store. After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a laid-back late-morning departure from Petoskey. We will continue our trip down the shores of Lake Michigan to prepare for our farewell dinner in the cherry capital of the world, Traverse City, Michigan, where we will spend our last night. B | D

September 11, 2024, Wednesday Traveling Home

After a leisurely breakfast, we have a final fabulous day in store! Today you will roll up your sleeves and put on your pickin' pants. We are going to the fruit farm! We will head out to the countryside to a beautiful and iconic local family-owned farm where we will be able to pick our own seasonal fruit. The friendly and welcoming staff will assist, telling us where the best fruit is to be found.

Pick your Favorite!



After our farm adventure, we will continue our journey to the Traverse City Airport, where we will wrap up our tour and begin indulging in the enjoyable recollection of our touring sisterhood. B

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast
T = Tea
L = Lunch
D = Dinner



Petoskey Artisanal Cheese



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Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$4,595

Per person in a single room: \$6,195

Remember our "Pair & Share" program for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on May 7, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!

SAVE 3.5%!

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Tour Activity 1 2 3 4 - This journey is a soft level 3:

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk approximately 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Airfare, included in your package:

Group airfare details will be available by the end of January 2024. A small supplement may occur, if you fly from/to a different city than Omaha, NE.

Accommodation:

Mackinac Island: The Grand Hotel (Grand Guest Rooms)

Petoskey: Stafford's Perry (standard rooms) or similar

Traverse City: Hotel Delamar or similar (standard rooms)

Final accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

Included

- Airfare to/from Traverse City, economy class (direct flights not guaranteed)
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 x breakfast
- 2 x lunch
- 1 x dinner
- 1 x afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel
- All transfers as per tour program
- Ferry tickets to/from Mackinac Island
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Gratuities to local guide and drivers
- Professional tour director as per tour program
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, September 4-11, 2024
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and electronic format)
- All local taxes as per January 25, 2024

Excluded:

- Airline baggage fees (estimate \$35-40 per checked bag per way)
- Travel Insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person due at time of registration
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrance fees to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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GROUP AIR INFORMATION

Group airfare with United Airlines is included:

September 4, 2024	Omaha* - Chicago	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
September 4, 2024	Chicago - Traverse City	10:55 AM - 1:11 PM
September 11, 2024	Traverse City - Denver	3:45 PM - 4:27 PM
September 11, 2024	Denver - Omaha*	5:55 PM - 8:25 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Chicago on September 4 and return from Traverse City around the same time as the rest of the group on September 11.

Individual additional transfers may be necessary if connecting with the main group is not possible (not included).

Important notes:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle).
- **Premium seating upgrades** (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.
- The airfare is subject to change until tickets are issued, 30 days prior to departure.

