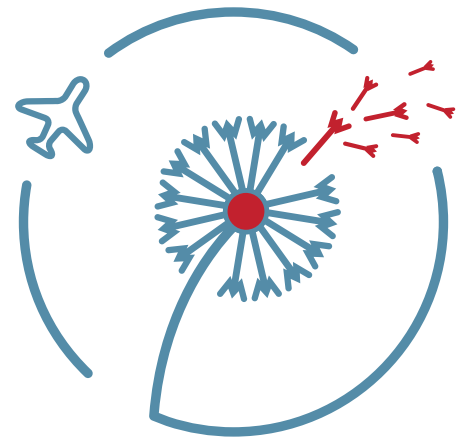


# MACKINAC ISLAND

## LAID-BACK LAKESIDE

with Women of the Midwest

September 3-10, 2025



**WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST**

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Dear Women of the Midwest,

I warmly invite you to join me on a delightful Laid-Back Lakeside Tour, where we will explore three enchanting destinations! Our adventure begins in the stunning lakeside town of Traverse City, Michigan, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and hopes for a touch of fall color. After we arrive at our lovely hotel in Traverse City, we will gather for a welcome dinner at Michigan's oldest continuously operated restaurant. While there, we will also visit a charming winery and have time for some leisurely shopping.

Next, we will uncover the hidden gem of Petoskey, one of the most picturesque spots along Lake Michigan, where you won't want to miss the incredible dining options. On the way to Petoskey we take a whimsical tour of the Mushroom Houses in Charlevoix, led by a local expert. This is sure to be a highlight of the tour!

Our grand finale brings us to Mackinac Island for a three-night stay at the outstanding Grand Hotel, celebrated as one of the 20 most iconic hotels on earth. Here, you can bask in the ambiance of the Victorian Age, sip a drink on the longest porch in the world, and recall scenes from "Somewhere in Time," filmed right here. With no cars allowed on the island, we will arrive by ferry and enjoy a charming horse-drawn carriage ride up to our hotel. You will have plenty of time to explore the serene paths on foot or by bicycle. And let's not forget the island's famous fudge perfect for bringing a sweet treat back home to share!

Whether you love shopping, dining in style, or simply savoring a quiet moment on the porch, this trip is designed for you. Come join me, solo or two-by-two, for this grand and historic adventure with Women of the Midwest. It promises to be a truly magical experience!

Sincerely,  
Sally Dunham  
Women of the Midwest Ambassador



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

## Charlevoix Lighthouse



## Listen to the Silence!



## Mackinac Transportation



### September 3, 2025, Wednesday

#### Traverse City

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Traverse City, Michigan. We will meet our 34-passenger motorcoach and our Michigan-based Tour Director Nancy, and in just 15 minutes we will be at our lovely hotel in the heart of this small city. We can drop our luggage and head straight out walking to lunch or shopping. The world is our oyster. Tonight we will take a leisurely stroll to our welcome dinner at Sleder's Family Tavern, the oldest continuously operating restaurant

in Michigan. The rest of the evening could be for a lakeside stroll or a drink at the rooftop retreat back at the hotel. D

### September 4, 2025, Thursday

#### Wineries

Today, we will ease into our vacation with a delightful breakfast at the hotel, savoring local flavors to energize us for the adventures ahead. After our meal, we will embark on a leisurely late-morning departure for a full day of winery exploration! As we wind our way through the picturesque countryside, the stunning landscapes will take our breath away - rolling hills, lush vineyards, and sparkling views of the water will create a perfect backdrop for our journey. We will visit a selection of charming wineries, each offering a unique experience. The day promises not just great wine but also wonderful conversations and the chance to connect with fellow travelers. This evening, you can dine on your own or with new friends at a local restaurant. B | L

eateries, indulge in shopping, or take a peaceful stroll along the harbor to soak in the beautiful views. Your tour director will be on hand to share recommendations and answer any questions you may have about the area's offerings.

But our lovely day is just getting started! In the afternoon, we will head to our new accommodations at the lovely Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey, Michigan. This historic gem will truly knock your socks off with its elegant decor and warm hospitality. And while your socks are off, why not dig your toes into the sand at the nearby beach?

Tonight, you will have the chance to explore one of the many delightful dining options downtown. Whether you are in the mood for upscale cuisine or a cozy bistro, Nancy and Sally will surely secure reservations for you. Get ready for an unforgettable evening in this charming lakeside town! B



## Pretty Petoskey Stone

### September 5, 2025, Friday

#### Charlevoix - Petoskey

After breakfast, we will board our motorcoach for a short drive to the vibrant city of Charlevoix! There, an expert guide will lead us on a tour of Earl Young's captivating mushroom houses, each uniquely designed to blend with the landscape and create a magical, fairytale-like atmosphere. At the end of our tour, you will enjoy some free time downtown. You can savor a leisurely lunch at one of the charming local

### September 6, 2025, Saturday

#### Chill Day!

After your included breakfast, enjoy Petoskey. Perched at the top of Michigan's Lower Peninsula on Little Traverse Bay, it is celebrated for its natural beauty, breathtaking sunsets, and the historic Gaslight Shopping District. Surrounded by stunning views of the Bay, Petoskey is perfect for outdoor activities - whether you enjoy walking, hiking, biking, or simply relaxing on the beach. The Gaslight District is marked by its charming green light posts. Here,



## Let's go Grand!



you will find a delightful variety of shops where you can uncover treasures for friends or tasty treats to enjoy on the spot. Perhaps grab a sandwich at a local shop and head to the beach with friends. Alternatively, if you would rather save your appetite, tonight we will dine in style on local fare at Stafford's Perry. This dinner is sure to be a highlight of your tour. B | D

### September 7, 2025, Sunday

#### Mackinac Island

Today we will have a leisurely breakfast and a late morning departure from our hotel. Heading even further north, we will take in beautiful countryside vistas and stop for lunch on our way to Mackinaw City, where we hop on the ferry to our new digs at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Our horse-drawn carriages will roll us slowly uphill for a grand entrance to the Grand Hotel! One of the wonderful aspects of Mackinac Island is that it truly has something for everyone. If you prefer a low-key stay, you can enjoy fresh food and chilled wine while savoring an afternoon on the longest porch in the world. If you're feeling more adventurous, there are over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails to satisfy your inner outdoorsy spirit. The rest of your day is yours! B | L

### September 8, 2025, Monday

#### Mackinac Island

After a lovely breakfast, your professional tour guide will take you on a walking tour of Mackinac Island. The tour will conclude near the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau,

## Who can Resist?



where you can gather information on how to make the most of your free time on the island. Your guide will be available to share tips on getting around and answer any questions you may have and will provide tickets for your included carriage tour to be taken at your leisure. B

### September 9, 2025, Tuesday

#### 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 fudge are 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

## Life in the Village!



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. In the afternoon, we will meet at the hotel at your appointed time (to be determined) for your Historical Tour of the Grand Hotel. You'll learn all the behind-the-scenes secrets of America's most recognized hotel before enjoying a beautiful dinner at our hotel. B | D

### September 10, 2025, Wednesday

#### Traveling Home

After breakfast, it's time to roll back down the hill in our horse carriage and catch our ferry to the mainland. We will wave goodbye to our wonderful home at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. On the other side of the lake, our motorcoach will drive us back south for lunch on your own enroute and then to the Traverse City Airport for your afternoon flight home. What a wonderful time we've had - a dream come true. B

*The itinerary is subject to change.*

B = Breakfast  
L = Lunch  
D = Dinner



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**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**

Via our website [www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys](http://www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys)

**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room: \$4,995

Per person in a single room: \$6,995

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 6, 2025, 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 DISCOUNT:**

Register at least four (4) months prior to departure and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

**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:**

See separate page.

**Accommodation:**

Traverse City: Hotel Indigo or similar (standard rooms)

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

Mackinac Island: The Grand Hotel (Grand Guest Rooms - Lake View 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
- 3 x dinner
- All transfers as per tour program
- Ferry tickets to/from Mackinac Island
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Professional tour director as per tour program
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, September 3-10, 2025
- Detailed travel documents (hard copy and electronic format)
- All local taxes as per October 28, 2024

**Excluded:**

- Airline baggage fees (estimate \$40 per checked bag per way)
- Travel Insurance
- Professional fees, \$75 per person due at time of registration
- Gratuities (estimate \$15 per day)
- 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 DETAILS!

Group airfare with United Airlines is included in your package:

September 3, 2025	Omaha* - Chicago	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
September 3, 2025	Chicago - Traverse City	10:55 AM	1:11 PM
September 10, 2025	Traverse City - Chicago	4:40 PM	5:07 PM
September 10, 2025	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM	9:29 PM

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote. Additional individual transfers may be necessary if meeting the main group in Traverse City on September 3 around 1:00 PM is not possible. The same applies for the return on September 10. We can assist with this; a small supplement may be applied.

### Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We 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 seat).
- Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**  
*Economy Plus* can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$200-400.  
*Premium Economy and Business Class* can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Please reach out to us for your personal quote. Not all flights offer Premium Economy and Business Class. Estimate a supplement of \$500-\$1,000 for Premium Economy and a supplement of \$1,500-\$1,800 for Business Class seating.
- Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of check-in at your local airport** on the days of departure.

**Taxes**, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

**Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

