

MARS Tours & Travel

Mackinac Island

Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Detroit

Arrive in Detroit, the birthplace of America's automobile industry, and check in to your hotel. Enjoy free time this evening to relax, explore nearby dining options, and settle in for the exciting days ahead.

Day 2 – American Innovation & Ford Family History

After breakfast, dive into American ingenuity at the remarkable Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, where groundbreaking inventions and historic artifacts bring the nation's creativity to life. Visit the living-history complex of Greenfield Village before witnessing modern manufacturing during the Ford Rouge Factory Tour. The day concludes with a guided visit and special dinner at the elegant Edsel and Eleanor Ford House overlooking Lake St. Clair.

Day 3 – Frankenmuth & Arrival on Mackinac Island

Depart Detroit and travel to the charming Bavarian-style town of Frankenmuth, where you'll enjoy time to browse unique shops & dine at your leisure. Travel the impressive Mackinac Bridge before ferrying to Mackinac Island. Arrive by at the legendary Grand Hotel, where a luxurious five-course dinner caps the night.

Day 4 – Mackinac Island Experience

Wake to a grand breakfast before touring the island by horse-drawn carriage, the traditional way to explore this timeless destination where automobiles are not permitted. Spend the afternoon enjoying the charm of Mackinac Island – relax on the famous porch of the Grand Hotel, browse quaint shops and galleries, or take in spectacular views of the Straits of Mackinac. This evening features another elegant five-course dinner and live music for ballroom dancing.

Day 5 – Charlevoix & Grand Rapids

Return to the mainland and travel along the shores of Lake Michigan to the picturesque Charlevoix. Enjoy a Guided Tour highlighting the whimsical "mushroom houses" designed by Earl Young before free time for lunch. Continue on to Grand Rapids for an included dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6 – Presidential History, Sculpture Gardens & Amish Heritage

Today begins with a visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Continue to the acclaimed Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park for a Guided Tram tour through spectacular gardens and world-class sculptures. Later, step into a simpler way of life with a visit to Amish Acres featuring a traditional buggy ride, farm tour, and hearty Amish feast before checking in at your hotel.

Day 7 – Chicago Highlights & River Cruise

Discover the energy and beauty of Chicago on a narrated City Tour showcasing the famous Magnificent Mile. Walk through vibrant Millennium Park to see the iconic Cloud Gate before enjoying a scenic architecture cruise along the Chicago River. This evening, savor a special Farewell Dinner.

Day 8 – Frank Lloyd Wright & Departure

After breakfast, visit the celebrated Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in nearby Oak Park. Enjoy free time for lunch before beginning the journey home with wonderful memories of the Great Lakes region.

Discover the rich history, scenic beauty, and vibrant culture of the Great Lakes region on this unforgettable journey through Detroit, Mackinac Island, and Chicago.

From fascinating museums and historic estates to charming waterfront towns and world-class architecture, this tour blends iconic American innovation with classic Midwestern charm.

Highlights

- The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island
- Henry Ford Museum
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
- Mackinac Island Carriage Tour
- Ballroom Dancing
- Driving Tour of Charlevoix
- Grand Rapids
- Gerald R. Ford Museum
- Amish Acres
- Meijer Sculpture Park
- Narrated City Tour of Chicago
- Architecture Cruise
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio
- Oak Park

Inclusions

- 7 nights' hotel accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees

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