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Holland Tulip Festival

Holland, MI ~ Lake Michigan ~ Port Washington, WI

7 Days / 6 Nights ~ First Week of May 2021 & 2022

Experience Holland and the Tulip Festival, a multi-day tradition occurring annually for over 90 years and featuring more than 5 million tulips blooming throughout the city. From Dutch traditional garb and dance, to nationally renowned entertainment, Tulip Time celebrates both culture and community. Then, indulge in luxury, with a visit to secluded Mackinac Island, where your group will be met by horse-drawn carriages to transport them to their island resort. All of this and much more await on our supremely soothing and smooth-sailing upscale tour.

Day One - Welcome!

Arrive in **Holland, Michigan** and **check-in** to your **local hotel**. This evening, enjoy a **Twist on Tradition Welcome Dinner**; a four-course meal, putting a spin on traditional **Dutch cuisine**. Each course will be served with a brief presentation by your host offering insight into their twist on the traditional recipe. (Meals: D)

Day Two - Holland Tulip Festival

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning before departing for the **Holland Tulip Festival!** For over 90 years, millions of people have gathered to participate in **Holland's Tulip Time Festival**. Drawing more than 500,000 people annually, Tulip Time offers a nine-day experience of the town and its traditions. With over five million tulips blooming throughout the city and hundreds of **Klomp Dancers**, Tulip Time has been heralded as the nation's Best Flower Festival and America's Best Small-Town Festival. Enjoy a **luncheon show** at the Tulip festival. Depart and explore **Dutch Marktplaats** prior to visiting **Veldheer-Dekloomp Farm**. It all began in 1950 when Vern Veldheer planted a couple hundred

tulip bulbs as a hobby. Now, around *five million tulip bulbs are planted each year!* In addition to tulips, there are several other imported flowers and perennials to enjoy. Enjoy a **free evening and dinner on own** at your leisure. (Meals: B, L)

Day Three - Trolley Tour & Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to **checking out** and heading north. Enjoy **free time** and **lunch on own** in **Mackinaw City**, a village on the northern tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, where Great Lakes Huron and Michigan meet. **Colonial Michilimackinac** is a reconstructed 18th-century fort and fur-trading post. Founded in 1889, **Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse** has restored quarters and views from the top. **Wilderness Park** includes stretches of Lake Michigan shoreline, trails, and campsites. Relax and enjoy a **Trolley Tour of Mackinaw City** before boarding the **Ferry to Mackinac Island**. The five-mile ride across the Straits of Mackinac takes around 15-20 minutes. Upon arrival, meet your majestic **Horse-drawn Carriages** to transport the group to **Mission Point Resort**. After **checking-in**, enjoy **free time** to explore the Island,

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indulge in the **resort's amenities**, and enjoy **dinner on own** at your leisure. (Meals: B)

Day Four - Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning. Depart and enjoy a **Narrated Carriage Tour** of **Mackinac Island** and experience the history and charm of in the most enjoyable and authentic way. Your tour includes: **Surry Hills Carriage Museum**, the **Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory** where you can stroll among hundreds of butterflies dancing and chasing each other in this climate-controlled conservatory filled with lush flowers, and **Arch Rock**, a beautiful natural limestone formation and one of the most photographed spots on the Island featuring breathtaking views of Lake Huron. The final stop will be at **Fort Mackinac Tea Room** for an **included lunch** with the most scenic views of **Mackinac Island**, followed by a tour of the Fort. More than just a military outpost, **Fort Mackinac** served as a home for soldiers, their families, and eventually became the headquarters for **Mackinac National Park**, where tourists to the island visited the great fortress on the bluff, much like they do today. The afternoon is yours to explore the Island, the resort amenities, or just a relaxing stroll along Main Street. This evening, a special **Farewell Dinner** is included at the resort. (Meals: B, L, D)

Day Five - Castle Farms & Friske's Farm Market

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and boarding your **horse-drawn carriage** transport back to the ferry to the Mainland. Step back in time with a visit to **Castle Farms**, one of Michigan's premier historical attractions. Located in the beautiful resort community of Charlevoix, Castle Farms offers the chance to explore acres of gardens, discover dragons, and experience Michigan's largest outdoor model railroad. Enjoy a **tour and luncheon** included while visiting. Spend some time this

afternoon at **Friske's Farm Market**, everything you love about "Up North" in one stop: beautiful scenery, incredible eats, and local products! This evening, **check-in** to your **local hotel** and enjoy a **free evening** and **dinner on own** tonight. (Meals: B, L)

Day Six - The S.S. Badger & Memories Ballroom Dinner Show

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out** and boarding the 410-ft. **S.S. Badger - Lake Michigan Carferry!** Enjoy a relaxing 4-hour trip between **Ludington, Michigan** and **Manitowoc, Wisconsin**. There's plenty to see and do aboard the huge ship, including games with the entertainer, free movies and satellite television, shopping in the gift shop, or just strolling or lounging on the spacious outside decks. **Lunch** is included while on board. Disembark in **Manitowoc** with some **free time** to explore the area before **checking-in** to the **local hotel** to rest and freshen up for dinner. Tonight, take a step back in time and be engulfed by the beautiful ambiance of a by-gone era at **Memories Ballroom** with a delicious dinner and show included. Return to the hotel for the night. (Meals: B, L, D)

Day Seven - Boerner Botanical Gardens & the Mars Cheese Castle

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to **checking out**. Explore the **Boerner Botanical Gardens** where thousands of plants bring the spring season to life with colorful and fragrant displays laid out in 12 formal gardens including: the rose, peony, and daylily gardens. Afterwards, enjoy a **Guided Kringle Tour in Racine** before making the traditional stop at the **Mars Cheese Castle**, offering more than just cheese - it's an experience! The castle includes a specialty food store, delicatessen, in-house bakery, taproom, and gift shop. Enjoy meat and cheese samples galore and save room for one of their savory sandwiches and brew from the pub. Depart for home. (Meals: B)

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*Rate Estimate Includes: 6 nights' hotel accommodation; 6 breakfasts; 4 lunches; 3 dinners; admissions to events and guide service as stated in the itinerary.

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