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Smitten with Mitten

Featuring the rest & relaxation of Northern Michigan

Fly into Traverse City's Cherry Capital Airport (TVC). The moment you step off the plane you will be enveloped with the calm of Northern Michigan. Arrive at your hotel at your leisure and relax in your accommodation to wake rested and ready for adventure.

Day 1:

This morning, depart for **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**.

Arrive at the **Philip A. Hart Visitor Center** in **Empire**. View the 26-minute visitor video with a beautiful view and stories of the National Lakeshore, speak with **Rangers** who are ready to give you an educational overview of the park layout and group friendly restrooms.

Depart on a **Pierce Stocking Scenic Driving Tour**. A 7-mile-long drive through the dunes and forest with stops for a quick walk to scenic lookouts over **Lake Michigan**.



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Depart for **Glen Arbor** and the **Cherry Republic** to sample more than 200 tasty products made with local cherries and enjoy lunch at the Cherry Public House. You can also include free time to wander this quaint village.



Stop in at one of *Traverse City's nearly 50 wineries* to enjoy a **tasting flight and charcuterie**. **Rove Vineyard** is on your way back to Traverse City and is the highest point in Leelanau County with spectacular views.

Arrive at the downtown **Traverse City Visitor Center** to park the bus and begin an afternoon of exploration followed by dinner on your own.

Return to your hotel.

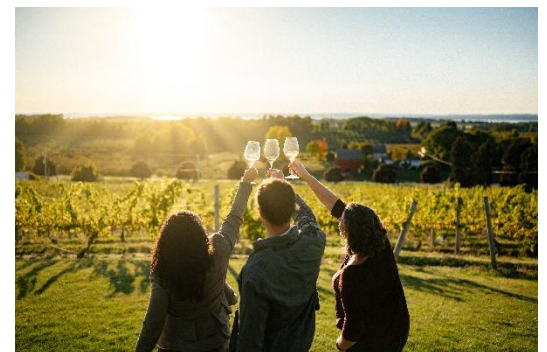
Day 2:

After **breakfast** at your hotel depart for the **Village at Grand Traverse Commons** for a full **tour** and shopping on your own.

Enjoy **lunch** at Michigan's oldest continuously operating taverns, **Sleders Family Restaurant** and "**Kiss the Moose**".

This afternoon head to **Dennos Museum**, with 'hands on' interactive and changing exhibits of art and science. Enjoy an exclusive **behind-the-scenes experience with the curator**.

Depart for the 17-mile long **Old Mission Peninsula** for breathtaking views of **Grand Traverse Bay**, farmlands, and vineyards. Make stops at the **Mission Point Lighthouse** for a quick tour and dip your toes in **Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay** before heading to **Chateau Chantal Vineyards** for a tour and wine paired dinner.





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Day 3:

After **breakfast**, check out and depart for the **Music House Museum**, a curated collection of antique automated music machines. You will hear the music played on these restored treasures.

Next, let's head to **Charlevoix and Castle Farms** for a **tour**, and **lunch**.

Depart for **Petoskey** for overnight, with time for shopping downtown's **Gaslight Village** and dinner on your own.

Check into your **Petoskey accommodations**.

Day 4:

After **breakfast** at your hotel, check out, board your coach, & head north along **Lake Michigan**.

Arrive at **Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry in Mackinac City** for a ferry ride across the Mackinac Straits to **Mackinac Island**, where cars are banned and horses' rule. We will take a **guided horse drawn carriage ride** ending at the **Grand Hotel** with a magnificent **lunch buffet**.

Check-in to the hotel and enjoy the afternoon on your own at your leisure.

Day 5:

Enjoy a **Free Day on Mackinac Island** on your own at your leisure today.

Day 6:

After **breakfast** on the Island, check out and climb aboard the **Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry** and head to St. Ignace.



Stop to pick up a **step-on guide** for an educational crossing on the **Mackinac Bridge**, a 5-mile suspension bridge that connects Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas.

Arrive in **Frankenmuth** at **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** for a shopping experience like no other. Enjoy lunch on your own while exploring.



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Check-in to your local hotel to relax before a family style **Famous Chicken Dinner** at either **Zehnder's** or **Bavarian Inn**. Loosen your belts! It is a delicious experience.

Day 7:

Depart for **Detroit** for a step-on **guided tour of downtown Detroit**, take in the splendor of the Motor City and learn the origins of this center of commerce and change.

Lunch will be included at an historic restaurant representing Detroit's rich Polish culture called **Polish Village**.

Visit the historical beginnings of **Motown Music in Hitsville USA** where you will stand where the greats of Motown stood and recorded the records we know and love. Depart for Dearborn for an overnight and dinner.

Day 8:

This morning there are choices before heading to the Detroit Metro Airport for departure.

Choice 1: Tour the **Ford Rouge Plant** to watch the Ford F-150 trucks being built and learn about the "living" roof and Ford's sustainability efforts.

Choice 2: Tour the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**

Depart for home via Detroit Metro Airport (DTW).



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