

Mackinac Island







Discover a storybook getaway on Mackinac Island—Michigan's enchanting, car-free paradise. Step back in time as horse-drawn carriages and bicycles wind through streets lined with grand Victorian architecture and blooming gardens. Breathe in the fresh lake breeze, indulge in the island's world-famous fudge, and soak in sweeping views of Lake Huron. Whether you're exploring historic landmarks or simply enjoying the peaceful pace, Mackinac Island promises a magical experience unlike any other.

Highlights:
Island lodging
Grand Luncheon Buffet
Carriage Tour
Frankenmuth
Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
Soo Locks Cruise

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Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island

Arrive in Mackinaw City and catch the ferry to Mackinac Island, where life moves at the pace of horse-drawn carriages and bicycles. After stepping onto the island, you'll enjoy a narrated carriage tour through quiet lanes, wooded trails, and charming downtown streets. The island's rich history and natural beauty make it a favorite for first-time and returning visitors alike. Check into your hotel and enjoy a group dinner in this peaceful, car-free retreat.

Day 2: Grand Hotel Luncheon & Leisure on the Island

This morning is yours to explore the island however you wish. Ride a bike around the island's 8-mile perimeter, browse the local fudge shops, or hike to scenic lookouts like Arch Rock. Midday, gather for the Grand Hotel's legendary Luncheon Buffet, served in the elegant Main Dining Room with views of the Straits of Mackinac. Afterward, spend the afternoon and evening at your own pace, soaking in all the beauty and nostalgia the island has to offer.

Day 3: Soo Locks Cruise & Arrival in Frankenmuth

Depart Mackinac Island and travel north to Sault Ste. Marie for a narrated cruise through the Soo Locks, one of the engineering marvels of the Great Lakes. Cruise past freighters, hydroelectric plants, and historic canals as you pass between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. Then continue south to Frankenmuth, a Bavarian-style village known for its festive charm, German roots, and unique shops. Arrive at your cozy lodge for the evening and settle in.

Day 4: Frankenmuth Fun & Christmas Spirit

Start your day with a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store, bursting with festive cheer year-round. Enjoy time to shop and explore the quaint streets of Frankenmuth, filled with bakeries, boutiques, and old-world charm. Later, join a step-on guide for a tour of the town's rich history and culture. Cap off the day with a hearty dinner at one of Frankenmuth's iconic German restaurants.

Day 5: Return Travel Day

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to head home. Reflect on the beautiful memories made—from the quiet shores of Mackinac Island to the bustling charm of Frankenmuth. With fudge in your bag and stories to share, your journey wraps up with plenty of smiles and new friendships made along the way.