

Departure Points
Guthrie Center
Panora



Michigan's European Triangle

6 Days June 3-8, 2019

This is a combination of Michigan's most unique destinations. Each having a significant European heritage that we have combined into one fascinating itinerary. On this trip you will see Bavarian Frankenmuth, the Victorian Resort of Mackinac Island, and the Dutch settlement of Holland.

Tour Highlights:

- Tour Notre Dame Campus
- Frankenmuth City Tour
- Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
- Round Trip Ferry to Mackinac Island
- Horse Drawn Carriage Tour
- Old Fort Mackinac
- Free Time Mackinac Island
- DeKlomp Wooden Shoe Factory
- Windmill Island Gardens Tour
- Visit the Dutch Village
- Five Nights Class Lodging including:
 - Two Nights at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
- Five Hotel Breakfasts
- Grand Hotel Lunch Buffet
- Four Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these services
- Luggage Handling (one bag per person)
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Travel Insurance is included

Per Person Prices

\$2,300 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,200 TRIPLE...\$2,100 QUAD...\$3,000 SINGLE

Non-Heritage Club Members add \$300 per person

\$100 per person due with reservation

\$500 per person due by February 26, 2019

Final Payment due by April 26, 2019

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Day 1 - This morning, a luxury motorcoach will pick you up in either Guthrie Center or Panora to begin your adventure. You travel today to South Bend, IN and check into the Hampton Inn & Suites for an overnight stay. Dinner is included tonight at a conveniently located restaurant.

Day 2 - Begin the day with a quick tour of the Notre Dame Campus. Most tours will include visits to the Grotto, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Main Building (the Golden Dome), and the Hesburgh Library ("Touchdown Jesus"). Tours are not permitted to enter Notre Dame Stadium.

Then you travel to Frankenmuth, MI. On arrival this afternoon, you enjoy a short historic tour of Frankenmuth. This community has the feel of a Bavarian Town with its architecture. You'll see the Bavarian Inn's Glockenspiel Tower that houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, a beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany! The Glockenspiel plays several selections which are immediately followed by figurine movement depicting the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Following your tour, you check into the Bavarian Inn for an overnight stay. Dinner is Frankenmuth's famous family style chicken at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant where a German Oompah band plays traditional music.

Day 3 – Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning, before visiting Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas Store. Then you board your coach for the 200 mile drive to Mackinaw City.

On arrival in Mackinaw City, MI, you ferry to the Island. Here a horse & carriage transports you to the Grand Hotel. Mackinac Island is oft called a place 'where time stands still' – it is a place that celebrates a historical era! Enjoy two nights at this Five-Star Resort and experience The Gilded Age as it was in America from 1870-1900. Built during the Gay 90's (1890's), The Grand Hotel was a summer resort for America's Wealthy, and remains true to that character without motor vehicles.

Once you have visited your rooms you will want to view the Straits of Mackinac from a rocking chair on the world's longest porch. The evening meal is always a special event and requires proper attire: dresses, skirts, blouses, dress sweaters and dress slacks for ladies are preferred, while gentleman are required to wear a suit coat, necktie and dress pants. Once you are seated you may catch a glimpse of the bellmen taking down the flags for the day – it's an evening sunset tradition here.

Following dinner, there will be dancing to an orchestra, champagne and punch. *"The bar is in full swing, and floating rounds of cocktails permeate the garden outside, until the air is alive with chatter and laughter."* It's a reminiscence, a social event, on the scale that legend tells us The Great Gatsby sponsored at his summer Mansion. As the orchestra plays and the sun sets . . . *"the lights grow brighter as the earth lurches away from the sun."* . . . *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

Day 4 – After breakfast at the Grand Hotel, you enjoy a narrated tour of the Island, as there are no motorized vehicles on the island, this is done by horse drawn carriages where with a clattering of hoofs on cobblestones you depart the hotel with a feeling of adventure in the morning. Included will be stops at several scenic points for photos.

You will stop at Old Fort Mackinac, a British Garrison (circa 1780) it sits on a southern bluff overlooking the majestic Straits of Mackinac. Inside the fort walls are 14 original buildings filled with interactive displays and period furnishings. Hear bugle music, rifle fire, and a cannon blast. Dance to a 19th-century tune. Drill with soldiers. You may also watch a court martial reenactment. Play Victorian children's games and create a history that's all your own.

Following your morning of sightseeing, you return to the Grand for its famous Brunch. One of the finest hotels in the world, this is a truly lovely setting, and a memorable meal.

Your afternoon is at leisure to explore both the Island and Resort. You might start with the Island shops and boutiques, rent a bicycle for two, explore the gardens and greenhouses of the Grand Hotel, rent a drive-yourself carriage, visit a fudge store and watch it made, walk through "Hubbard's Annex" of historic summer homes, step into a butterfly house, church, or even the Grand Hotel Stables.

At the Resort, you will find historic lectures and afternoon Teas and "Great Gatsby" movies, The sportsperson may even consider a round of golf (clubs and carts are available for rent). There are also competitions of bocce ball and croquet on the lawn, and putting on the golf green.

Dinner tonight is another special, formal event in the Main Dining Room followed by live music and dance.

Day 5 – Today, you head to Holland, MI where on arrival you visit the De Klomp Wooden Shoe and Delft Factory is a store that words cannot describe. From the time you walk into the door, your eyes will not believe the beauty and splendor of the items on our shelves.

Talk with the wonderful staff as they explain how they make these products from beginning to end of production. See the detail and pride of work that goes into each piece of product.. There are over 400 different pieces of hand painted by the highly trained staff.

You also visit Windmill Island Gardens is a beautiful oasis on the edge of downtown Holland, MI. It features a 249 year old working Dutch windmill "De Zwaan" (meaning graceful bird). The windmill, which reaches 125 feet from the ground to the top of the blades, towers over 36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, canals and picnic areas.

Following these stops you visit the Dutch Village. Step back in time to the Netherlands of 100 years ago where you'll enjoy Dutch architecture, canals, and beautiful gardens. Learn a few steps from the klompen dancers, watch artisans make cheese and carve candles.

Dinner is on your own this evening before checking into your hotel. Try a Metworst, Erwtensoup, Saucijzenbroodjes and the delicious dessert pastry - Banket; at the Hungry Dutchman Cafe. Following dinner, you will check into a local hotel for rest before tomorrow's drive home.

Day 6 – After breakfast, you depart for home.