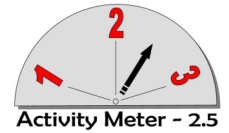




Apostle Island & Lake Superior

5 Days: October 8-12, 2012

This travel package planned and escorted by Kathy Hawkins.



Join us as we explore the Apostle Islands – long considered the “jewels” of Lake Superior. The 22 islands and 12 miles of mainland host a unique blend of cultural and natural resources. Lighthouses shine over Lake Superior and the new wilderness areas. Along windswept beaches and cliffs, visitors experience where water meets land & sky, culture meets culture and past meets present.



October 8 we pick up through our scheduled departure cities. Relax as we travel north to Eau Claire, WI. Check into our hotel and freshen up for an elegant **dinner** at the **Fanny Hill Inn**. Fanny Hill, overlooking the Chippewa Valley, offers a unique blend of scenic beauty, premier dining, captivating gardens as well as seasonal decorations and displays.



October 9 after **breakfast** we continue northward, enjoying the outstanding foliage of the Wisconsin countryside. Our destination today is **Lake Superior**, the largest freshwater lake in the world, containing more water than all the other Great Lakes combined. We arrive at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** and see many interactive displays of the history, topology, natural resources and animals unique



to the Lake Superior area. Next we arrive in **Bayfield**, a fishing village nestled in the hillside on the southern shore of Lake Superior, where rooftops and church spires peek out from brilliant fall foliage. As a travel destination, it's known as the “Best Little Town in the Midwest.” We will have lunch by the waterfront before we board a **ferry** for a cruise to nearby **Madeline Island**, the largest of the Apostle Island Archipelago, only 14 miles long and 3 miles wide. The year-round population of the Island is approximately 220, but swells to between 2500 and 3000 when the summer residents arrive – many of whom are descendants of early Island settlers who came to log, fish, and farm, while some came just to establish a summer retreat. On the island, a **step-on guide**



takes us to many rustic places, including a walk over a quaint bridge to a sandy beach. We stop for a visit to the **Madeline Island Historical Museum** with a pioneer home, many artifacts of the area and a lighthouse reflective prism light demonstration. We will ferry back to the mainland and drive to nearby Red Cliff, WI, to **Legendary Waters**, a hotel where all rooms have a view of the Apostle Islands of the Apostle Islands National



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Lakeshore and Lake Superior. A casino is also available for your entertainment where you will be presented with **coupons and discounts** for, gambling, bowling and the gift shop. We will enjoy a **buffet dinner** tonight in the Event Center. You may also choose to swim in the indoor/outdoor pool, or relax at the shore, taking in the natural beauty of the waters and starlit sky.



October 10 we enjoy **breakfast** before boarding the **Island Princess** in Bayfield for our **Grand Island Cruise**. The 2-level boat takes us through the heart of the 22 Apostle Islands and includes views of the historic Raspberry and Devils Island Lighthouses and the famous Devils Island Sea Caves. The captain's narration will reveal rich heritage, including geology, legends and lore, as we view miles of pristine National Lakeshore. After disembarking, we ride up the hill to a special **luncheon** at the historic **Old Rittenhouse Inn**. Amid antique furnishings and 19th century grandeur, lunch will be an elegant meal with salads, homemade breads, jams and jellies, deli-



cious entrees and dessert to tempt and delight you. After lunch we will have time to peek into the elegantly furnished rooms of this 1890's Queen Ann-style mansion, and sit in the swing on the wrap-around porch to relax and view the lake. We then stop at the **Bayfield Maritime Museum** to see a recreation of a pilot house and the light from a lighthouse. Next we drive past the historic **Iron Bridge** and climb high into the hills above Bayfield. We'll stop at family-owned and -operated **Hauser Apple Orchard**



which has a gift shop filled with local crafts, breads, jams and jellies, along with many unusual items in the loft. Next, a short drive south to **Ashland, WI**, to meet a **step-on guide** for a tour of the beautiful **murals** for which Ashland is famous, and other historic sites in this lakeside haven. Tonight we lodge in Ashland, right on the Lake Superior shore. You will have time to relax by the pool and have dinner on your own either at the poolside café or a nearby restaurant.

October 11 after **breakfast** we leave the lake area and travel through Wisconsin to **Red Wing, MN**, for an overnight stay at the **Treasure Island Casino**. You will have time to enjoy this charming, historic river town renowned for its exquisite pottery and stoneware, Red Wing Shoes, cheesecakes and confections, antique and specialty shops and unparalleled scenery. We will have a little time for shopping or browsing before dinner on your own at the Casino. You will be presented with **coupons and discounts** for dining, gaming, bowling and the gift shop.



October 12 after **breakfast** a **step-on guide** will take us on a **tour of Red Wing**, through the historic homes area and to a bluff overlooking the entire town and river. We'll then journey along the unique river harbor and take in a **pottery demonstration** at the **Red Wing Pottery** sales room, with additional time for shopping. We will have an elegant **buffet lunch** today in the Victorian dining room in the historic **St. James Hotel**. Then it's time to say farewell to Red Wing, make an afternoon stop at the **Bushel and A Peck Apple Orchards** and continue to wind our way home, with many memories of this fun-filled trip.



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Your 5-day Apostle Islands & Lake Superior package includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 4 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$830 per person, double occupancy

\$800 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$994 single room accommodations



Deposit: \$85 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due by: September 7

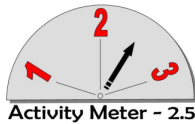
Cancel by: September 7 for penalty-free cancellation

Delayed reservation fee: after September 7, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$25 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo.

When circumstances arise beyond our control, Northland Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



Moderate itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking



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