

Mackinac Island & Much, Much More

7 Days: June 15-21, 2012



This travel package planned and escorted by Deb Harkness.



"M" is for Mackinac Island - Michigan at its finest and MUCH, MUCH MORE! Come join us for 7 fun-filled days full of variety and adventure.

June 15 we pick up in our scheduled departure cities. Relax as we travel east to **Middlebury, IN**, our home for the next 2 nights. Middlebury is in the midst of **Indiana Amish Country**, and our cozy, country inn is nestled in the beautiful Crystal Valley, where the Elkhart River flows gently past Amish farms and friendly towns. The area around the inn is gorgeous. You will be fascinated with the immaculate grounds and the beauty of the "Quilt Gardens" the area is known for. Adjacent to the inn is the Essenhaus Restaurant where they serve a nice family-style, sit-down dinner. Make sure to save room for a piece of fresh-baked pie. A meal you are sure to enjoy!



June 16 first enjoy **breakfast**, then we step back in time and enjoy a full day of Amish adventures. Our **step-on guide** takes us down the scenic back roads to have a first-hand look at the simple lifestyle of our industrious Amish friends. We'll browse the handmade crafts at their **cottage shops**. We'll visit a variety of shops and receive a **special treat** from some, including an Amish bakery, woodcraft shops, local cheese shops, bulk food stores (where the Amish shop) and quilt shops. Our guide will take us down the **Heritage Trail of Quilt Gardens**. Here you will see where quilting and gardening have become joined in "one-of-a-kind" art. Imagine 100,000 glorious blooms in a colorful patchwork of gigantic quilt-inspired gardens, each individual garden having its own design and its own unique story. But our Amish Adventure isn't over yet. Tonight we will have **dinner** inside an **Amish family home** complete with **Amish buggy rides**. Grandma Yoder welcomes us into the home along with Dad and the kids who serve us their family favorites that have been passed down from generation to



generation. You won't go away hungry!

June 17 enjoy **breakfast** before departing Amish Country and heading to our next adventure. Today we travel to **Frankenmuth, MI**, for a day of Bavarian-style fun. Known as Michigan's little Bavaria, Frankenmuth is a place of horse-drawn carriages, covered bridges and small-town strolls - the simple joys of life. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a sit-down **luncheon** in one of Frankenmuth's most popular restaurants. This afternoon will be yours to explore this **unique**

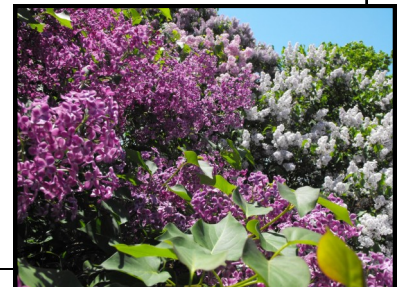


Bavarian village and its interesting shops. We'll also visit **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store, where it's Christmas all year round! Overnight tonight in Frankenmuth.

June 18 after **breakfast** we travel to Mackinaw City, MI. Upon arriving in Mackinaw City a **step-on guide** tells us the true-story history of the Mackinac Island area. The **straits of Mackinac** have documented evidence of over 200 shipwrecks beneath the icy waves and we'll hear the stories of the ships' demise. Our guide gives us an **over-the-bridge tour** of Mackinac Bridge, the "crown-jewel" of Michigan. At one time this 5-mile suspension bridge was the longest suspension bridge in the world. We'll hear the dramatic tales of the brave iron



workers who built this massive structure. Next we'll board the ferry to Mackinac Island, our home for the next 2 nights. After a late afternoon arrival on the Island and checking into our hotel on Main Street (across from the lake shore) the rest of the day will be yours to explore the Island in whatever fashion you choose. Limited to non-motorized transportation and surrounded by water, it has escaped the vast changes of time. Mid-June is lilac season on the island and the sights and smells of all the varieties are amazing - beauty everywhere!



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June 19 awake to the sound of horse hooves on silent streets. After **breakfast** we take a **horse-drawn carriage tour** of the Island. Your guides will recant tales of the Island and keep you entertained. We end the carriage tour at the **Grand Hotel** where we'll be guests at the **Grand Buffet Luncheon**. This exquisite luncheon is one you will be talking about for a long, long, time. The afternoon and evening will be yours to explore the Island, whether it be on foot, or on a bike or on horseback. You will also have tickets to visit Fort Mackinac at your leisure. **Fort Mackinac** was a military outpost from 1781-1894, and the Fort's original buildings have been preserved. Costumed interpretive staff re-enact life hundreds of years ago as musket and cannon firings echo in the background.



June 20 enjoy **breakfast** before departing the Island. We're in for a beautiful day of lakeshore traveling today. On our way down the Lake Michigan coastline our first stop will be **Castle Farms** for a **guided tour**. Castle Farms was originally built in 1918 by Albert Loeb, then-acting president of the Sears & Roebuck Co. Our guided tour will take us through the beautiful gardens, as well as stone buildings and soaring towers. We'll be treated to a **Royal Luncheon** at the farm. No trip to Michigan is complete without an orchard visit, so we'll stop at **Friske Orchards** for the chance to purchase an assortment of fresh, locally-grown fruits and fruit products. Our trip then continues down the Lake Michigan coastline to our overnight stop in Ludington, MI.

June 21 **breakfast** is provided before we board the **S.S. Badger Ferry** to cross Lake Michigan to the Wisconsin shore. Are you ready to trade some highway miles in for cruise-ship fun? Enjoy crisp lake breezes as we sail the beautiful waters. The S. S. Badger Ferry is the largest car ferry ever to sail Lake Michigan and has plenty of room for cars, motorcycles and yes, even our bus! This ferry has provided a safe, fun and reliable shortcut across the huge inland sea for over 50 years. It is the only coal-fired steamship in operation in the U.S. Our ferry will arrive in Manitowoc, WI, in time to grab some lunch before continuing our journey. You'll arrive home with wonderful memories of the summer sights and sounds from your magic getaway.

Your 7-Day Mackinac Island and Much, Much More travel package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 6 nights, luggage handling, admissions/tickets to all bolded attractions, 6 breakfasts, 3 luncheons and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax & gratuity).

\$1,299 per person, double occupancy

\$1,249 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,634 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$130 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: May 16

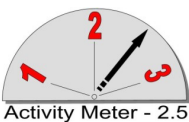
Cancel by: May 16 for penalty-free cancellation

Delayed reservation fee: after May 16, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate for this travel package. Please contact our office for details.

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

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Moderate+ itinerary - expanded standing or stairs, multiple blocks of walking

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