



# MIGHTY MICHIGAN

7 Day Tour  
September 18 – 24, 2026

We'll travel to the Great Lakes region, enjoy magnificent scenery, explore unique attractions, see historic sites on Mackinac Island, and you know we like to throw in a few surprises here and there!

It's Magnificent. It's Mighty. It's Michigan!

**\*All passengers must have a valid passport, passport card, or enhanced driver's license to join this tour as we will cross the border and travel through Canada.**

## Day 1 - Friday, September 18

Our deluxe motorcoach will depart from Clinton for the longest travel day of the tour. (Let's just get that out of the way.) We'll cross the border and travel through Canada and arrive in **Detroit** this evening for a one-night stay at **Hotel Pontchartrain**. **Dinner** included at the hotel. Break stops and lunch on own.

## Day 2 - Saturday, September 19

**Breakfast** included at the hotel. Today includes a visit to the **Castle Museum of Saginaw**, a historic building which features distinct, iconic turrets and gargoyles in a stunning 1898 French Chateau-style former post office. Discover three floors of artifacts detailing the area's Native American roots, lumber industry and automotive industry. After checking in to the **Hampton Inn Alpena** for one night, depart for a **Horse Drawn Carriage Elk Viewing and Dinner**. Ride through the forest and into the Elk Preserve to see massive bull elk up close and learn about their habitat. A five-course gourmet dinner (with wine tastings) is cooked before you on antique wood stoves in the cabin.

## Day 3 - Sunday, September 20

**Breakfast** included at the hotel. This morning explore the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. **The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Alpena Shipwreck Tour** offers views of magnificently preserved shipwrecks, scenic shorelines and majestic lighthouses of Lake Huron.

After the tour, enjoy a **boxed lunch** and **photo stops at Old and New Presque Isle Lighthouses**. Upon arrival in Mackinaw City, board a **ferry to Mackinac Island** and check into the **Murray Hotel** for two nights, located in the heart of downtown. The entire island is listed as a National Historic Landmark and you won't find cars here. The most common mode of transportation is by horse drawn carriage, bicycle, and foot. See charming Victorian architecture at this popular summer resort location. Dinner on own.

#### **Day 4 - Monday, September 21**

**Breakfast** included at the hotel. This morning take a **Horse-drawn Carriage Tour** to get acquainted with the Island's history, geology, and ecology. A highlight of the Island visit will be the **Grand Luncheon Experience** at the historic **Grand Hotel**. The hotel has the world's largest porch at more than 600' feet, lined with rocking chairs where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful gardens and lake views. The movie *Somewhere in Time* was filmed at The Grand and movie memorabilia is on display. This afternoon explore as you choose. There are many boutiques and shops downtown and be sure to try the famous Mackinac Fudge. Dinner on own.

#### **Day 5 - Tuesday, September 22**

**Breakfast** at the hotel. It's an early-morning ferry back to Mackinaw City. Travel to **Charlevoix** for a **tour and lunch at Castle Farms**, a hidden gem of northern Michigan! The Castle was built in 1918 by the acting President of Sears, Roebuck & Co. There's over 100 years of history to explore including an outdoor model railroad with 2000' of track, World War I museum, Sears & Roebuck Museum, extensive gardens, Hidden Forest, Giant dragon, and much more. This afternoon we head to  **Frankenmuth**, Michigan's Little Bavaria, and check in to **Zehnder's Hotel** for one night. **Dinner** included at hotel.

#### **Day 6 - Wednesday, September 23**

**Breakfast** included at the hotel before checkout. Visit **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland**, a spectacular sight with a showroom the length of two football fields. We start the journey toward home but we're not done exploring yet. Spend the night at the beautiful **Embassy Suites Buffalo** where an **evening reception** is offered. Dinner on own.

## **Day 7 - Thursday, September 24**

A made-to-order **Breakfast** is included before a **fun adventure**. It's a Mystery that you're sure to enjoy! Depart for home this afternoon with an early evening return to central New York filled with wonderful memories of Michigan and the Great Lakes, and new friendships made.

*\*We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary and substitute tour components with equal or better quality if deemed necessary.*

**A timed itinerary will be provided with luggage tags closer to departure**

### **COST PER PERSON:**

**TWIN OCCUPANCY \$2479.00      TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$2269.00**  
**SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$3149.00**

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, tour escort, 6 nights accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 3 lunches, attractions and admissions as found in bold print on the itinerary. **Not included:** *Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort, housekeeping gratuity.*

**RESERVATION & PAYMENT:** \$100.00 deposit per person required to make a reservation, refundable until July 10, 2026 less a \$5.00 service fee. Balance/full payment by July 10, 2026 at which time all payments become non-refundable.

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