



Gladstone Parks & Recreation *Mackinac Island* August 14-20, 2017

Day 1: Monday, August 14th

Springfield, Illinois is your destination today where you will visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum documenting the life of the 16th U.S. President and the American Civil War. The museum contains life-size dioramas of Lincoln's boyhood home, areas of the White House, the presidential box at Ford's Theatre, and the settings of key events in Lincoln's life, as well as pictures, artifacts and other memorabilia. Original artifacts are changed from time to time, but the collection usually includes items like the original hand written Gettysburg Address, a signed Emancipation Proclamation, his glasses and shaving mirror, Mary Todd Lincoln's music box, items from her White House china, her wedding dress, and more. Later you will visit Lincoln's Tomb. Dedicated in 1874, Lincoln Tomb is the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, his wife Mary, and three of their four sons, Edward, William, and Thomas. Also on the site is the public receiving vault, the scene of funeral services for Abraham Lincoln on May 4, 1865. In 1960 the Tomb was designated a National Historic Landmark and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. You will overnight in Bloomington, Illinois at The DoubleTree by Hilton. *Lunch is included today.*

Day 2: Tuesday, August 15th

This morning you will travel to Holland, Michigan and visit Nelis Dutch Village with 30 structures representing different provinces in the Netherlands. Costumed klompen dancers, street organs, a carousel, carillon bells, heirloom quality gifts, souvenirs, and many other Dutch treats await. You will enjoy a guided tour and time to explore on your own. That evening you will enjoy a dinner cruise on the Holland Princess, an old-fashioned Victorian-style paddlewheel boat. You will sail through beautiful Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan and cruise past picturesque lake homes and Michigan's most photographed lighthouse- commonly known as "Big Red." Your hotel this evening will be Holiday Inn Express in Holland. *Breakfast and dinner are included today.*

Day 3: Wednesday, August 16th

Today you will head for Mackinac Island via St. Ignace where you will board the ferry to cross the Straits of Mackinac for Mackinac Island. As your ferry approaches the shore you can see your home for the next two nights, the glorious Victorian-era resort, Grand Hotel. Both your hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. Every year since 1887, Grand Hotel has welcomed countless guests and families to Mackinac Island, where bikes and horse drawn carriages are the favored modes of transportation. Few dining locales anywhere are more picturesque than Grand Hotel's Main Dining Room. It overlooks the world's longest porch and the hotel's many American flags, as well as the glistening Straits of Mackinac. Two full breakfasts, the Grand Luncheon Buffet and two five-course dinners are all included while here. The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing up for dinner. Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel after 6:30 p.m.: coat and tie for gentlemen, and dress or pantsuit for ladies. At Grand Hotel, a variety of exceptional live music is available for your listening and dancing pleasure. An evening at Grand Hotel can begin with the sounds of a jazz quartet while you enjoy your dinner in the hotel's Main Dining Room. After dinner, a harpist will perform classical standards and popular songs in the Parlor, and for a nightcap, move to the Terrace Room for a dance or two as the Grand Hotel Orchestra plays your favorite requests. *Breakfast and dinner are included today.*

Day 4: Thursday, August 17th

You will start your day with a wonderful breakfast buffet at the Grand Hotel followed by a horse-drawn carriage tour of the island with stops at the Surrey Hills Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, take some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favorite item on the island. Visit the Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory, take a step back in time at historic Fort Mackinac or tour Old Mackinac Lighthouse. Take a swim in the magnificent Esther Williams swimming pool or play croquet and bocce ball in the Tea Garden. Take a horseback ride, explore the hotel's quaint shops, rent a bicycle and ride the 8-mile paved road encircling the island, or just enjoy the stunning views while sitting on the front porch of the Grand Hotel. The famed Grand Luncheon Buffet featuring a wide variety of salads, mixed vegetable dishes, seafood, cold cuts, hot and cold entrée selections as well as a dessert table offering over 20 freshly baked pastries. *Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.*

Day 5: Friday, August 18th

Following a wonderful breakfast buffet at the Grand Hotel you will board the ferry for Mackinac City where you will meet your coach and head for Frankenmuth, Michigan, an enchanting town with a rich Bavarian influence and gingerbread-style architecture. You will visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store with a sprawling 96,000 square foot showroom. Explore this slice of Germany with time at leisure in the afternoon... perhaps shop Frankenmuth's many European-styled boutiques and bakeries. A wonderful Bavarian Meal is included this evening. Your hotel this evening is the Bavarian Inn. *Breakfast and dinner are included today.*

Day 5: Saturday, August 19th

This morning you will start your day with a German style breakfast buffet then depart for South Bend, Indiana. You will enjoy lunch at Tippecanoe Place. Fine dining at Tippecanoe Place is a tradition that was begun over 100 years ago by the mansion's original owners, the Studebakers. As the premiere landmark in the heart of South Bend's historic district, Tippecanoe Place inspires reminiscence of the charm and grace of yesteryear. The gracious spirit of the past still thrives in the mansion's 40 rooms with their wealth of fine antiques, 20 breathtaking fireplaces, and hand-crafted woods. After lunch you will tour the Studebaker Museum. Home to a priceless collection of vehicles, artwork, archival material and artifacts spanning nearly 200 years, The Studebaker National Museum displays the first and last vehicles the corporation ever made and boasts the largest Presidential Carriage Collection anywhere. You will overnight in Bloomington, Illinois at The DoubleTree by Hilton. *Breakfast and Lunch are included today.*

Day 6: Sunday, August 20th

Traveling back to Gladstone today, you will stop for lunch in Hannibal, Missouri. Later you return to Gladstone with new friends and wonderful memories. *Breakfast and Lunch are included today.*

Per Person Tour Price: \$1805.00 Double
\$2430.00 Single

Price includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 14 meals and driver's gratuity.

A deposit of \$100.00 per person will hold space with final payment due June 30th.

A full refund will be issued in the event of a trip cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. Refunds are available up to the final payment. If you have to cancel after final payment due date, we will get back for you what we can, it is at the discretion of the hotel, restaurants and attractions.

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