



Gladstone Parks & Recreation

Mackinac Island

August 13-19, 2018

Day 1: Monday, August 13th

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 14th

This morning you will travel to Chicago, Illinois. Your first stop will be Navy Pier where you will have lunch on your own. If you have time, you may want to ride on the 150-foot Ferris wheel, which offers great views of the city and Lake Michigan. Your next stop is The Field Museum, one of the largest natural history museums in the world. Permanent collections include animal exhibitions and dioramas such as Nature Walk, Mammals of Asia, and Mammals of Africa that allow visitors an up-close look at the diverse habitats that animals inhabit. Most notably featured are the infamous Lions of Tsavo, the Grainger Hall of Gems and its large collection of diamonds and gems from around the world, and also includes a Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass window. The Hall of Jades focuses on Chinese jade artifacts spanning 8,000 years, and the Underground Adventure gives visitors a bug's-eye look at the world beneath their feet. Visitors can see what insects and soil look like from that size, while learning about the biodiversity of soil and the importance of healthy soil. Inside Ancient Egypt offers a glimpse into what life was like for ancient Egyptians. Twenty-three human mummies are on display as well as many mummified animals. The exhibit features a tomb that visitors can enter, complete with 5,000-year-old hieroglyphs. There is also an expanded dinosaur hall, with dinosaurs from every era, as well as interactive displays. You definitely won't see it all in one afternoon, so you'll have to pick and choose the exhibits that peak your interests. Your hotel this evening will be the Hilton Garden Inn in Benton Harbor, Michigan. *(Breakfast is included today).*

Day 3: Wednesday, August 15th

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 16th

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 17th

Following a wonderful breakfast buffet at the Grand Hotel you will board the ferry for St. Ignace where you will meet your coach and head for St. Sault Marie, Michigan. Upon arrival you will enjoy a Soo Locks boat tour. You will see all four U.S. Locks, Canadian Lock, St. Mary's Rapids, three hydro-electric plants and historic scenic waterfronts of U.S. and Canada, and experience "locking through" the Soo Locks. Your narrator will explain the history and operation of the Locks as your boat is raised 21 feet, straight up, to the level of Lake Superior. You'll cruise alongside lake freighters and ocean vessels and learn about passing ships as you get a close up view from your tour boat. Lunch will be served on board the boat. Your hotel this evening is the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac, Michigan. *(Breakfast and lunch are included today).*

Day 5: Saturday, August 18th

This morning you will depart for Grand Rapids, Michigan and visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum. The museum collections houses approximately 20,000 artifacts from the life and career of President Ford. You will also see a full-scale replica of the Oval Office furnished as it was during Ford's presidency. Special exhibits highlight the 1976 Bicentennial celebration and Mrs. Ford's role during her husband's term in office. Other exhibits, which are the core of the museum's program, enable visitors to travel by video with President Ford and Secretary Kissinger to various hot-spots around the globe; take a holographic tour of the Ford White House; and experience a day in the Oval Office through a sound and light show. A Watergate gallery includes a six-minute, multi-screen history beginning with the June 1972 break-in and a display of the actual burglary tools. A section of the Berlin Wall stands in the museum's lobby. Your hotel this evening is the Clarion Hotel in Joliet, Illinois. *(Breakfast is included today).*

Day 6: Sunday, August 19th

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: \$1800.00 Double
 \$2595.00 Single

Price includes motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 12 meals and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$100.00 per person will hold space with final payment due June 27th.

Cancellation policy: 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. After that time, a full refund cannot be guaranteed. It will be at the discretion of the hotels, restaurants and attractions. A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any refund checks issued.

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