# Banklowa Travel Club presents... Mackinac Island

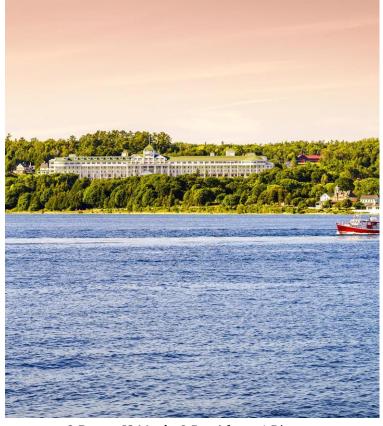
June 20 – 28, 2025





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9 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Chicago, Millennium Park, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel, Frankenmuth, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Days 1, 2	Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago,Illinois	
Day 3	Canopy by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown, Grand Rapids,Michigan	
Days 4, 5	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI	
Day 6	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront, Bay City, MI	
Days 7, 8	Westin Hotel Southfield Detroit, Southfield, MI	
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.		

**Day 1: Friday, June 20, 2025 Chicago, Illinois** Get ready for a relaxing journey through the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region. This stunning landscape comes alive amid old-fashioned traditions.

Day 2: Saturday, June 21, 2025 Chicago Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Chicago's remarkable and impressive architecture. This dynamic city goes by many names including "Second City" and "The Windy City," but no matter what you call it, you're sure to fall in love. Highlights of your tour include famous Michigan Avenue, the "Magnificent Mile," the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront, and a walking tour through Millennium Park. The remainder of your day is at leisure. You may want to visit one of Chicago's many museums, relax during a scenic boat ride along the Chicago River, or visit the Chicago Cultural Center. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the legendary Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse. The historic landmark building, which houses the restaurant, has a storied past including ties to notorious gangster, Al Capone. (B, D)

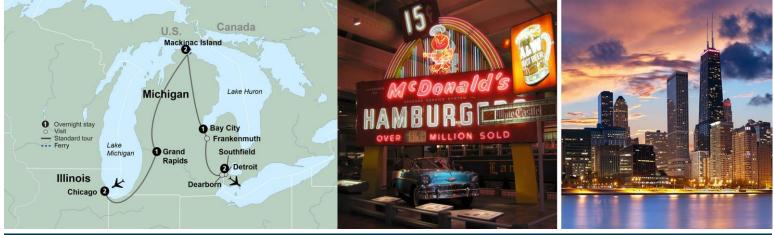
**Day 3: Sunday, June 22, 2025 Chicago - Grand Rapids, Michigan** Travel north as we make our way to the city of Grand Rapids. This afternoon, take some time to explore the many gardens, greenhouses, and art exhibits of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. *(B)* 

## Day 4: Monday, June 23, 2025 Grand Rapids -

Mackinac Island This morning, enjoy a scenic drive before arriving in Mackinaw City at the tip of Michigan's lower peninsula. You will have some time to explore this coastal vacation town and grab lunch before boarding the ferry that will take you back to a simpler time on Mackinac Island. Upon arrival, listen for how the neighs of horses replace the roar of engines. Your home for the next two nights is the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel.\* Both your hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem with over eighty percent of its land preserved by Mackinac State Park, a woodland paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. After dinner at your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the quaint village or relax on the Grand Hotel's famous porch. (B, D)

**Day 5: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Mackinac Island** Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, savor some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Enjoy brilliant views while sitting on the front porch of the Grand Hotel or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favorite item on the island. Later, choose from a menu of tasty delicacies when you dine at the elegant Salle à Manger. After dinner, enjoy a cup of coffee while listening to the refined sounds of the Grand Hotel's orchestra. If you crave a secluded hideaway, retreat to the charming Cupola Bar. (*B, D*)

Day 6: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Mackinac Island -Bay City Enjoy some leisure time at the Grand Hotel



# **Book Now & Save \$450 Per Person:**

Single <del>\$5,449</del>; Triple <del>\$4,399</del>

Double \$4,449; **Double \$3,999**\* Single \$4,999; **Triple \$3,949** 

## For bookings made after Dec 20, 2024 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Cedar Rapids Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

and in town before departing this afternoon for your riverfront accommodations in Bay City. This evening is at leisure. Perhaps you will take to the river walk where you can explore the downtown on your own. (B)

#### Day 7: Thursday, June 26, 2025 Bay City -

Frankenmuth - Southfield Today, explore the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home and studio during a guided tour. This legendary 20th century architect designed his home to be the peak of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern Architecture, and since its construction has been declared a National Historic Landmark. This afternoon, we visit the quaint town of Frankenmuth, or as the locals call it, "Little Bavaria," because of its Franconian-style architecture. Upon arrival, visit the largest Christmas store in the world -Bronner's. (B)

### Day 8: Friday, June 27, 2025 Southfield - Dearborn -

Southfield Today we visit Dearborn, hometown of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village for an experience in living history. Learn how the automobile forever changed American life and society as you explore the Henry Ford Museum. At Greenfield Village,\*\* take in the historic homes and see the workshops where famous American icons like the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost were once inspired. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening, toasting the end of your wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Saturday, June 28, 2025 Southfield - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today, leaving you with a bounty of happy memories from your visit to America's heartland. (B)

#### **Experience It! The Grand Hotel**

Stay for two nights in one of North America's most impressive hotels — the legendary Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Built during America's Gilded Age, the Grand Hotel is an elegantly designed Victorian lodge made from Michigan white pine. The grand opening of the Grand Hotel took place on July 10, 1887 with room rates starting at \$3.00 a night. Guests arrive and depart the hotel by horse-drawn carriage — a romantic and whimsical nod to a simpler era. As you approach the majestic manor, the first thing you'll notice is the hotel's seemingly endless front porch. At 600 feet in length, it is the longest porch in the world. Five U.S. Presidents — Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Gerald Ford, John Kennedy, and Harry Truman — have all stayed at the Grand Hotel. The 1979 motion picture, Somewhere in Time, in which Christopher Reeve's and Jane Seymour's characters found love across time, was filmed here. Every October, fans of the film gather at the hotel for a weekend. Esther Williams' 1949 film, This Time for Keeps, was also shot at the hotel. The heated 220 foot, serpentine shaped, 500,000-gallon swimming pool is named in her honor. Your stay at this historic landmark is sure to be the highlight of your trip!

# For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1234961

#### PLEASE NOTE:

# Book Now rates valid until Dec 20, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by people-watching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 5,000 feet.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Accessing the horse-drawn carriages in Mackinac Island will require mounting 2-3 steep steps.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*\*The Greenfield Village is closed during the month of October. During this time, you will visit the Ford Rouge Factory instead.

\*The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing up for dinner. After 6:30 p.m., ladies should wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit and gentlemen are required to wear a coat and necktie. Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel except the Cupola Bar, where casual dress is acceptable at any time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, firstserved basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will arrive into Chicago and depart from Detroit.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

#### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

Effective for travel May 7, 2025 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver's license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting



from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the guest. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: https://www.dhs.gov/real-id

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of December 13, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 22, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until December 20, 2024.

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# Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.
Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>
Fax: 401.727.4745
Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

# TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

Reservation #	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle one)

# Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair: Height \_\_\_\_\_\_ Length\_\_\_\_\_ Width\_\_\_\_\_

## Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

• Does your walker collapse? Yes No This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length\_\_\_\_\_ Width\_\_\_\_\_

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

# Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat
   Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

## Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

# Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature:		
Print Name:		
Internal Use Only		
Reason:		
Tour:	_Reservation #	
TS/Group:		
Tour Date:		