

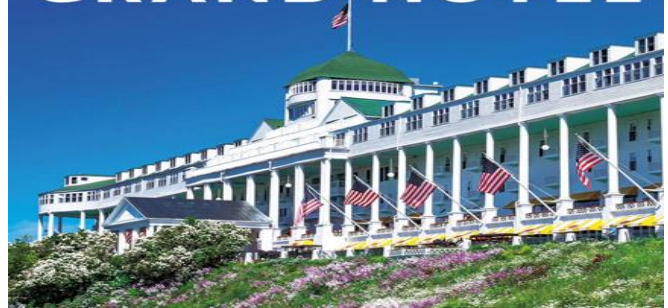
Join the Fun Tours presents...

# Mackinac Island featuring the Tulip Time Festival



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\*Escorted Tour with Collette Tours  
Mackinac Island, Michigan & Tulip Festival  
**May 8-16, 2025**

## MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL



9 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Chicago, Millenium Park, Holland's Tulip Time Festival, 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.*

## **About the Tour**

**Day 1: Thursday, May 8, 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: Friday, May 9, 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 across the Chicago River, or visit the Chicago Cultural Center. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 3: Saturday, May 10, 2025** -Chicago - Holland, Michigan - Grand Rapids This morning you will depart Chicago and make your way to Holland, Michigan, to celebrate the Tulip Time Festival. After an included lunch, a local guide will show off the town's beautiful floral displays while also giving you the history of this celebration dating back to 1929. Your tour will end with time to explore the Windmill Island Gardens and discover a palette of color that spreads across 36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, and canals. You can also see the only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States. Later arrive in the nearby city of Grand Rapids for an evening at your leisure. (B, L)

**Day 4: Sunday, May 11, 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 to 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: Monday, May 12, 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: Tuesday, May 13, 2025** -Mackinac Island - Bay City Enjoy some leisure time at the Grand Hotel 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: Wednesday, May 14, 2025** -Bay City - Frankenmuth - Southfield Today, explore the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home & 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: Thursday, May 15, 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: Friday, May 16, 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!

### Activity Level



#### Activity Level 1 - Light & Leisurely

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.

# Highlights And Inclusions



## Your Tour Includes

- 5 Handpicked Accommodations
- 12 Meals

## Must-See Inclusions:

- Spend two nights at the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel.
- Enjoy a guided tour of Chicago's unique and remarkable landmarks.
- Experience the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home during a guided tour.

## Cultural Experiences:

- Visit the Henry Ford Museum and explore Greenfield Village.
- Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour.
- Explore the many gardens of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

## Culinary Inclusions:

- Dine at the Grand Hotel where "every meal is an event."

## Highlights

- Chicago
- Millennium Park
- Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
- Mackinac Island
- Grand Hotel
- Frankenmuth
- Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village



**Hyatt Regency Chicago**  
Nights 1-2



**Canopy by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown**  
Night 3



**Grand Hotel**  
Nights 4-5



**Courtyard Bay City**  
Night 6



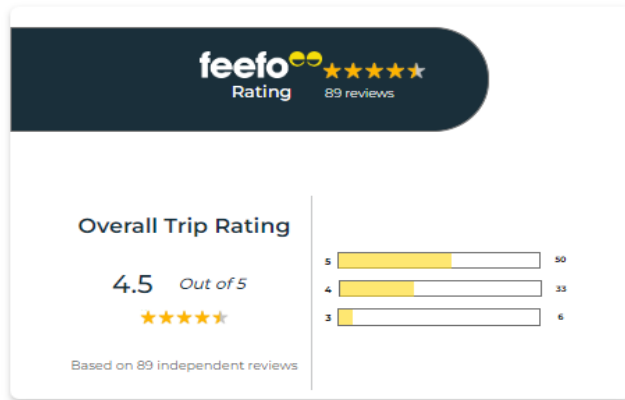
**Westin Hotel Southfield Detroit**  
Nights 7-8



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Reviewed on 10/02/2023

Every thing was good. My favorite other than the island was the boat tour in Chicago.

Sue Dunaway



### Join The Fun Mackinac Island Package Includes:

- ✓ Escorted by Stefan (guests & Concierge to you)
- ✓ Gratuity to Collette Tour Manager & Motor Coach Driver
- ✓ Transfer r/t with Stefan to Orlando International Airport
- ✓ Overnight Car Parking Ormond & Viera
- ✓ Air r/t with 1 checked bag
- ✓ (9) Day Collette Tour
- ✓ All Sightseeing / Attractions
- ✓ 12 Meals
- ✓ Level 1 Activity- Perfect for all Guests

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