

A TASTE OF EUROPE..... in "MICHIGAN" October 3-8, 2021

\$1,569.00 Double ~ \$1,469 Triple
\$1,369 Quad ~ \$1,969.00 Single

This adventure is a blend of Michigan's most unique destinations. These exciting localities have a momentous European heritage that when linked together constitute an impressive itinerary. This tour will include Bavarian Frankenmuth, the Victorian Resort of Mackinac Island, and the Dutch settlement of Holland. You will see vibrant, seasonal colors, breath cool, refreshing air, and experience spectacular scenic views. Michigan is a state in the Great Lakes and Upper Midwest regions of the United States. Its name comes from the Ojibwe word mishigami, meaning "large water" or "large lake".

ALL travelers are required to submit a copy of their Proof of Covid Vaccination along with their Registration Form!

Some Tour Highlights

- Frankenmuth City Tour
- Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
- Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- Old Fort Mackinac
- DeKlomp Wooden Shoe Factory
- Windmill Island Gardens



Day 1—Sunday, October 3

Overnight at Wingate Inn, Detroit Airport

All group members will arrange their own flights to Detroit. On arrival at the airport travelers should dial the Wingate Inn 734.720.4144, Ext.0. And ask for a transfer to the hotel. Our group is registered under Harmony Travel and all rooms are pre-paid. Note this property does not have baggage handling. (It does have a pool, restaurant, bar and room for first night Meet and Greet!)



Day 2—Monday, October 4

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation—This morning your motorcoach for the week will meet you at the Wingate Inn and you start your tour by driving to Frankenmuth.

Pretzel Rolling Class—Become a German baker as you try your hand at pretzel rolling after being shown proper pretzel rolling methods.

Frankenmuth City Tour— A local guide will show you the sights of this Bavarian looking city that has the feel of a Bavarian Town with its architecture. The shops and boutiques offer items with an international flare, and the music and cuisine are definitely reminiscent of the old country. It was settled in 1845 by conservative Lutheran immigrants from the Bavarian region of Germany as a mission post for the spread of Christianity to the Chippewa tribe. While the missions are long gone, the Bavarian atmosphere remains.



You will see the Bavarian Inn's Glockenspiel Tower that houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, a beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany! The Glockenspiel plays several selections which are immediately followed by figurine movement depicting the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

World Famous Chicken Dinner —Tonight enjoy the World Famous family-style chicken dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. A German OomPah Band plays traditional music. But, before dinner, it's time for a sampling of German wine. You will sample several Private Label German Wines from the area and also discover how to read the label and understand the character of German Wines.

Overnight Accommodations at the Bavarian Inn— Overnight accommodations are at the Bavarian Inn Lodge nestled on the banks of the beautiful Cass River, a treasure in the heart of downtown Frankenmuth.

Your warm pretzels will be waiting for you at the Bavarian Inn. (B, D)

Day 3—Tuesday, October 5

Breakfast—Enjoy the hotel's breakfast before departing (

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland—Visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas Store. See their huge collection of ornaments and holiday displays.



Day 3—Tuesday, October 5 Cont'd

Ferry to Mackinac Island—This afternoon you board Shepler's Ferry for a journey into the Victorian Age of America, a visit to one of our very favorite places: Mackinac Island. Accessible only by boat, this summer resort has the feel of life in the 1890's. There are no motorized vehicles on the island, horse drawn carriages will meet your ferry, and then with the clattering of hoofs on cobblestones, whisk you off on a narrated tour.



Included will be stops at several points for photos and a visit to Old Fort Mackinac, a British Garrison (circa 1780), that sits on a southern bluff overlooking the majestic Straits of Mackinac. Inside the fort walls are 14 original buildings filled with interactive displays and period furnishings. Hear bugle music, rifle fire, and a cannon blast. Dance to a 19th-century tune. Drill with soldiers. Watch a court martial reenactment. Play Victorian children's games and create a history that's all your own.

Two Nights at Bicycle Street Inn & Suites— Located on Main Street in the center of downtown Mackinac Island, Bicycle Street Inn and Suites offers walk-out balconies with unparalleled views of the quaint shops and gorgeous Straits of Mackinac. You will have free time tonight to explore the island and have dinner on your own. (B)



Day 4—Wednesday, October 6

Grand Luncheon Buffet—Today is a free day on Mackinac to enjoy the shops and ambiance. Rent a bicycle for two. Visit a fudge shop. Much more to explore.

At lunch time you will take a carriage to The Grand Hotel for its famous Brunch. One of the finest hotels in the world, this is a truly lovely setting for a memorable meal. Take a moment to enjoy a rocking chair view from the world's longest porch. The Grand Hotel is one of the leading hotels of the world. (B, D)



Day 5—Thursday, October 7

Ferry to the Mainland—This morning you board the ferry for your return to the Mainland where your motor-coach is waiting for your morning drive to Holland, Michigan.

Veldheer Gardens & Wooden Shoe Factory—Visit Veldheer Gardens, where six million tulips are readied for the spring Tulip Festival. See the ten acre landscaped perennial garden, open from Jun1 to October. Here you will find thousands of Dutch lilies, daylilies, peonies and other rare perennials amid a setting of windmills, drawbridges and canals.

Wooden shoes are a very practical footwear for gardening and general use. See the shoe maker produce wooden shoes from a block of poplar wood using authentic Dutch machinery (still used in Europe today) designed especially for making wooden shoes. Talk with a staff member as they explain how the product is made from the beginning to end. See the detail and pride of work that goes into each piece of product made.



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Visit the Dutch Village—Step back in time to the Netherlands of 100 years ago where you enjoy Dutch architecture, canals, and beautiful gardens. Learn a few steps from the Klompen Dancers, watch artisans make cheese and carve candles.

Windmill Island Gardens— This afternoon you visit the Windmill Island Gardens. It's a beautiful oasis on the edge of downtown Holland, Michigan. It features a 249 year old working Dutch windmill "De Zwaan" (meaning graceful bird). The windmill, which reaches 125 feet from the ground to the top of the blades, towers over 36 acres of manicured gardens, dikes, canals and picnics areas.

Dinner at local restaurant, dine at one of Holland's best restaurants

Overnight Lodging, Holland, Michigan—Check into your Holland, Michigan hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 6—Friday, October 8

Depart for Detroit Airport—This morning we depart Holland at 8:00 AM returning to the Detroit Airport (180 miles). You should schedule homebound flights for mid-afternoon or early evening. (B)