

Great Lakes *Tour*

June 22 - 30

MI, OH, PA, NY & Ontario, Canada

Four Great Lakes. One Unforgettable Adventure.

Travel through the heart of the Great Lakes region, experiencing four of the five Great Lakes and the breathtaking beauty of Niagara Falls before flying home from Buffalo, New York.

Highlights

- View shipwrecks from a glass bottom boat on Lake Huron
- Lunch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
- Tour the Ford Motor Company Rouge Complex and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- Experience the power of Niagara Falls
- Motorcoach trip with one-way flight home
- 8-night hotel accommodations
- 18 meals: 8 Breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

Passport required.

Always included in all GYC Tours: Deluxe round-trip motorcoach, escort and gratuities for group activities.

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Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Tuesday, June 22 | D

Our Great Lakes adventure begins in Manitowoc where we board the historic S.S. Badger for a relaxing four-hour cruise across beautiful Lake Michigan to Ludington. Stretch out on deck to enjoy panoramic views of the open water, watch for passing freighters or simply unwind and relax. The crossing offers a memorable introduction to the natural beauty and rich maritime heritage that defines the Great Lakes region.

Upon arriving in Ludington, we'll travel a short distance north along Michigan's scenic shoreline to the charming waterfront community of Manistee. We'll check into the Hampton Inn & Suites Manistee Waterfront for a comfortable two-night stay before gathering this evening for dinner at the hotel's Windward Restaurant. It's the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow travelers as we begin a week filled with picturesque harbor towns, spectacular shoreline scenery, fascinating history and unforgettable Great Lakes experiences.

Day 2 – Wednesday, June 23 | B/L/D

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day with a relaxed breakfast and time to savor the peaceful setting of our waterfront hotel. Take a stroll along the beach, breathe in the fresh Lake Michigan air or simply enjoy the tranquil views.

Mid-morning, we're off on one of Michigan's most scenic drives as we follow M-22, a route renowned for its lovely shoreline vistas, quaint lakeside communities and rolling forests. At Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore stand atop towering sand dunes that rise hundreds of feet above the sparkling blue waters of Lake Michigan, creating one of America's most awe-inspiring natural landscapes.

Our next stop will be at the iconic Point Betsie Lighthouse, one of the most photographed lighthouses on the Great Lakes. The view from the top of the lighthouse is spectacular!

After time to relax at the hotel, we will be treated to a wonderful dinner in Manistee at The Golden Stag.

Day 3 – Thursday, June 24 | B/L/D

This morning we bid farewell to Manistee and journey northward to Mackinaw City where we'll take a short ride on a high-speed ferry across the Straits of Mackinac, which connect Lake Michigan and Lake Huron and take us to Mackinac Island, a magical summer vacation spot. Pass by full and fragrant lilac bushes as your horse-drawn carriage takes you to the iconic Grand Hotel to enjoy a fabulous lunch buffet. You'll have time to explore the shops in town before returning to the mainland. Be sure to sample the fudge!

Located on Lake Huron, our destination today is Alpena, Michigan where we will check into the Holiday Inn Express for the night. We'll have pizza at the hotel this evening.





Day 4 – Friday, June 25 | B/L

Today we'll visit the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, where fascinating interactive exhibits bring to life the stories of the more than 200 shipwrecks resting beneath the waters of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Then it's time for an adventure as we board a glass-bottom boat for a cruise over several of these remarkably well-preserved shipwrecks, offering a glimpse into the rich maritime history hidden beneath the surface of Lake Huron's pristine waters. A sandwich lunch will be waiting for us upon our return to the Heritage Center.

Next, we're on our way across Michigan's scenic landscapes to the River Road National Scenic Byway, a lovely 22-mile route winding through peaceful forests, rolling hills and along the banks of the Au Sable River. Along the way, we'll stop at the Lumbermen's Monument Visitors Center to learn about the hardworking men and women who shaped Michigan's logging industry and helped build communities throughout the region.

Upon arrival In Dearborn, Michigan, we'll check in at the Courtyard by Marriott Dearborn where you will have the rest of the evening free.

Day 5 – Saturday, June 26 | B/L

Today we'll spend the morning at the Ford Motor Company Rouge Complex where we'll experience a five-part, multi-sensory self-guided tour beginning with a short introductory film detailing the history of the massive Rouge industrial complex. Then take part in a multi-sensory 360-degree theater experience with special effects that demonstrates how trucks are manufactured. In the Legacy Gallery you'll see a display of iconic vehicles produced at the Rouge over the decades, such as the Model A, Thunderbird and Mustang alongside modern F-150 trucks. Finally, watch an active assembly floor where new trucks roll off the line. Following our visit, it's only appropriate to have lunch at Ford's Garage, a bustling restaurant with memorabilia dedicated to the Ford Motor Company.

We'll then continue our journey into Ohio and to the shores of Lake Erie stopping at the historic Marblehead Lighthouse, one of the oldest continuously operating lighthouses on the Great Lakes. Perched on the rocky shores of the Marblehead Peninsula, this picturesque landmark offers beautiful views and a glimpse into the maritime heritage of Lake Erie.

Our lodging for the evening will be at the Hampton Inn Cleveland Westlake.

Day 6 – Sunday, June 27 | B/D

Today we explore Cleveland's top attraction, the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Music history comes alive through exhibits celebrating the artists, songs and moments that have defined generations. Relax and have lunch at one of the many eateries at Cleveland's festive East 4th Street District before we ride along the shores of Lake Erie, making our way from Ohio into Pennsylvania. Our destination is Erie, PA, where we'll visit the Erie Maritime Museum to uncover the fascinating maritime history of one of the Great Lakes' most important ports. Through engaging exhibits and historic displays, we'll learn about Erie's naval heritage, shipbuilding traditions and its vital role on the waters of Lake Erie.

Later this afternoon we will check into the Courtyard Marriott Erie Bayfront situated in a stunning location on a marina and by Lake Erie. Dinner will be a treat next door at the Pier 6 Rooftop Bar & Restaurant.





Day 7 – Monday, June 28 | B/D

This morning we'll make our way to Lockport, New York, where we'll take a boat ride along the scenic Erie Canal. You will be amazed as our boat is raised and lowered through Locks 34 and 35 as our narrator explains this engineering marvel, the canal's fascinating history and its role in shaping America's growth.

After our visit, we'll enjoy lunch before continuing our journey north into Canada, crossing the border into Niagara Falls, Ontario. Upon arrival, we'll have unforgettable views of the iconic Niagara Falls, where millions of gallons of water thunder over the crestline into the Niagara River. We'll then check into the Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview for a two-night stay. With spectacular views, convenient location and the breathtaking power of Niagara Falls nearby, this will be the perfect home base as we prepare to experience one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural wonders.

Day 8 – Tuesday, June 29 | B/D

We'll begin our day with a visit to Niagara Falls' Floral Showhouse where you can stroll through this garden oasis with its three main displays houses, a stunning tropical foyer and seasonal shows. Then we're on our way to the picturesque village of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a charming community known for its beautifully preserved 19th-century architecture, colorful gardens, boutique shops and scenic location along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Niagara River. Enjoy time to explore this delightful town at your own pace and soak in its unique charm.

Later, we'll experience the excitement of the famous Voyage to the Falls boat ride, that will bring us up close to the powerful spray and magnificent beauty of Niagara's cascading waters. This evening, we'll celebrate our Great Lakes journey with a memorable farewell dinner at the revolving Skylon Tower with its breathtaking panoramic views.

Day 9 – Wednesday, June 30 | B

This morning we cross the border back into the United States and make our way to the Buffalo airport for our flight home. We'll depart with wonderful memories of majestic waterfalls, scenic shorelines, charming harbor towns, rich maritime history and the unforgettable landscapes that make the Great Lakes region truly remarkable.

Trip Details

	Cost Per Person	*Travel Protection*
Member (Standard Double)	$4,350	$313
Non-Member (Standard Double)	$4,485	$323
Member (Standard Single)	$5,250	$378

Down Payment	**$500 + Travel Protection** Due within 10 days of placing reservation.
Final Payment	**Due February 26, 2027** A $10 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.

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