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Cecil Retired School
Personnel Association
presents

Mackinac Island
featuring the Tulip Time Festival
Departing May 2028



Please Note: Itinerary, departure date and rate

Day 1: 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. No activities are included today as flight arrival times will be scattered through the afternoon and evening.

Day 2: 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. Arriving back to the hotel around 1 p.m., 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 3: 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 38 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. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Grand Rapids - Mackinac Island

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive before arriving in Mackinac 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

Highlights...

Holland's Tulip Time Festival • Mackinac Island •
Grand Hotel • Chicago's Millennium Park • Henry Ford
Museum & Greenfield Village • Detroit Mobster &
Prohibition Tour

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itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem that 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: 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 head to the river walk where you can explore the downtown on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Bay City - Detroit

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. Continue your journey to Detroit, a city with a soul as deep as its history – where roaring engines, Motown