



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



MACKINAC ISLAND & LAKE HURON GRAND HOTEL - ELKS & ISLANDS

9 Nights – 10 Days
September 8 – 17, 2021

Grand hardly begins to describe this exciting 10-day trip to beautiful Michigan.

- After arriving to Dearborn Michigan, spend a day and a half exploring the Henry Ford Museum and Deerfield Village followed by a day in “Hitsville USA”, Motown.
- In Hillman MI, wildlife enthusiasts will love Thunder Bay Resort, famous for their hospitality and their Elk.
- On Mackinac Island step back in time when you board a horse drawn carriage to take you to the beautiful Grand Hotel for a 2-night stay. Known as *Michigan’s Crown Jewel* you will be enchanted by this beautiful Island.
- Back on the mainland it is all about shipwrecks and the Great Lakes in Alpena.
- You’ll travel through Ohio on your way home enjoying a scenic rail excursion through Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
- So much is included...read on for all the details.

Wed. September 8 – Arrive Dearborn - Dinner Buffet

Depart via motor coach and travel to **Dearborn, MI.** with rest and lunch stops along the way Enjoy a **dinner buffet** included at Ford’s Garage a restaurant with a 1920’s service station/prohibition bar vibe. After a delicious dinner, check-in to your hotel for the evening.

(Meals: D) Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton -Dearborn

Thur. September 9 – Henry Ford Museum - Greenfield Village - Ford Rouge Factory Tour

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for the **Henry Ford Museum**. Step into a world where past innovations fuel the imagination of generations to come. A vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation allows you to experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories. Step inside the bus where Rosa Parks took a stand by taking a seat. Play pilot as you explore flight innovations starting with the Wright brothers' achievements or make yourself at home inside Buckminster Fuller's circular **Dymaxion House**. Put yourself in the place of the movers and shakers who blazed the trail to where we stand today. And in doing so, discover your own path. When visiting the **Greenfield Village**, experience firsthand the sights, sounds, and sensations of America's fascinating formation, where over 80 acres brim with resourcefulness and ingenuity. Here, 300 years of American perseverance serve as a living reminder that anything is possible. Step foot in the lab where Thomas Edison had his lightbulb moment or the workshop where the Wright brothers taught us to reach for the sky. Take a ride in a real Model T or a walk through four working farms. Rub shoulders with world-class artisans and explore the place where America's can-do spirit inspires you to go out and get it done. The rides at **Greenfield Village** not only transport you—they hold stories, even mysteries, about America's past. Whether you are a passenger on the Weiser Railroad, (pulled by one of the oldest steam engines) or a carousel rider atop the giant green frog, (famous for its red pants) get ready to discover wonderful historic rides. Enjoy **lunch on own** while visiting the museum. Next up, enjoy the **Ford Rouge Factory Tour**. Pop open the hood on game-changing technology, sustainable design, and sheer American grit at America's greatest manufacturing experience. Get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150, and immerse yourself in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts. Experience the awe-inspiring scale of a real factory floor as you rev up your inner engineer. This is where big ideas gain momentum. Depart for the hotel to rest and freshen up for **dinner included** at Andiamo, a vibrant steakhouse featuring Italian favorites such as homemade pasta plus a curated wine list. **(Meals: B, D)**

Fri. September 10 – Henry Ford Museum and Tour - Meadow Brook Hall

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Meet in the hotel lobby and depart. Arrive at **Henry Ford Museum and Tour**, explore and see anything you may have missed out on the day before. Depart and enjoy **lunch included** at **Meadow Brook Hall**, a Tudor revival style mansion built between 1926 and 1929 by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred Wilson. It represents one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in America. Take a **Guided Behind the Scenes Tour** of the 88,000 sq. ft. house, exploring rarely seen areas of The Hall including staff wings, bathrooms, closets, and playrooms. Return to hotel to refresh. Enjoy **dinner included** at an iconic lumber baron's mansion with an exquisite garden serving upscale New American cuisine. Return to your hotel for the evening. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Sat. September 11 – Music City Tour- Motown Museum- MGM Grand Casino

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel before embarking on a **Guided Detroit Music City Tour** including **Tuskegee Airman National Museum**, where you can see model aircraft, equipment, supplies, uniforms, photographs, and a continuous video presentation depicting participation of Blacks in aviation. See the **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, (Birthplace of the Model T)** a former factory located in the Milwaukee Junction area of Detroit, built in 1904. It is a symbol of Detroit's ability to invent, innovate, and interpret automotive heritage. Visit the **Motown Museum**, Motown's first headquarters and former photographer's studio nicknamed "Hitsville U.S.A.". Enjoy **lunch with live entertainment included** during the tour. Depart with free time and **dinner on own** at **MGM Grand Detroit Casino**, where a premier gaming experience is draped in modern luxuries, luxe décor, and plush places to relax and play. Return to the hotel. **(Meal: B, L)**

Sun. September 12 – Hillman - Elk Viewing

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart for **Hillman, MI**. Upon arrival, enjoy **free time** and **lunch on own** in **Hillman**, a tiny village in Alpena and Montmorency counties. Depart and check-in to **Thunder Bay Resort**, one of Northern Michigan's most unique destinations, known for its award-winning Elk Viewing, carriage/sleigh rides, gourmet dining, and wine tasting events. Experience **Elk Viewing** by boarding a horse drawn carriage or sleigh led by massive draft horses. You will be whisked "over the river and through the woods" to the resort's elk preserve to view Rocky Mountain elk in their natural habitat. Later, you will be treated to a five-course gourmet **Dinner and Wine Tasting Event!** You will be greeted at the **Elk Antler Cabin** by a warm fire and enchanting aromas where a culinary artist has prepared a five-course gourmet dinner on 125-year-old wood cooks stoves and your hosts share entertaining stories.

(Meals: B, D)

Mon. September 13 – Trolley Tour - Ferry Ride - Horse Drawn Carriages

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart for **Mackinaw City** and enjoy free time and **lunch on own** in the village on the northern tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Experience a **Trolley Tour of Mackinaw City** followed by boarding the **Ferry to Mackinac Island**. As a crossroads between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, the Straits of Mackinac was once of great strategic importance for the French, British, and American forces that fought in the Midwest during the 18th and 19th centuries. Upon arrival, meet **Horse-drawn Carriages** to transfer you to **Grand Hotel**. **Grand Hotel was the setting for *Somewhere In Time* starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour.** Check-in and enjoy **dinner included** in the **Salle a Manger Dining Room**. **(Meals: B, D)**

Tues. September 14 – Island Carriage Tour

Enjoy **breakfast** at your leisure at the resort before embarking on a **Narrated Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island**. Experience the history and charm of Mackinac in the most enjoyable and authentic way. Your tour includes the following stops: **Surry Hills Carriage Museum, Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory, and Arch Rock**. Return and enjoy **lunch on own** here or we suggest taking a carriage taxi into town for a delightful afternoon of shopping at quaint shops and boutiques and enjoying lunch in one of the many delicious offerings located there. Enjoy **dinner included** at your leisure in the **Salle a Manger Dining Room. (Meals: B, D)**

Wed. September 15 – Shipwreck Cruise - Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center & Museum

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart and take the **Ferry** to the **mainland** to **Mackinaw City Dock**. Depart to **Alpena, MI** and enjoy a **boxed lunch** while en route. Experience the **Lady Michigan Alpena Shipwreck Cruise**, in a glass-bottom boat. See magnificently preserved shipwrecks and scenic shorelines of Thunder Bay. Afterwards, visit the **Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center & Museum**, where there is a shipwreck gallery, theater, and archaeology lab. It includes a full-size replica wooden Great Lakes schooner, and shipwreck, where visitors can walk the decks, feel a Great Lakes storm, and touch the massive timbers of the boat resting on the lake bottom. Enjoy **dinner included** this evening at Alpena's oldest **historical saloon- John A Lau Saloon & Restaurant**. Depart and check-in to your hotel.

(Meals: B, L, D) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriot Bay City

Thur. September 16 – Saginaw Castle Museum

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Visit the historic **Saginaw Castle Museum**, previously known as Castle Station or Saginaw Post Office, where you can explore exhibits dedicated to the story of the people of the Saginaw region. Depart to **Independence, OH**, and enjoy **lunch on own en route**. Arrive and check-in to your hotel. Enjoy **dinner included** at Lockkeepers a local elegant and sophisticated restaurant boasting a range of gourmet Italian American dishes. **(Meals: B, D)**

Fri. September 17 – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad - Corbin Conservatory - Gate Lodge

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart for **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**, a Class III railroad operating diesel-electric and steam-powered excursion trips through Peninsula, Ohio. Enjoy a journey through scenic Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Visit the **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**, a 65-room Tudor Revival Manor, plus **Corbin Conservatory, Gate Lodge**, and 70 acres of artistically landscaped grounds and formal gardens. Enjoy a **Grand Estate Guided Tour** of the **Manor House and Gardens** with a focus on significant landscape elements that make the property unique. Enjoy free time and **box lunch** in the **Carriage House** before departing for home. **(Meals: B, L)**

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 3285 Member / \$3330 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 4305 Member / \$4350 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by Luxury Motorcoach
- Nine (9) Nights' Hotel Accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts; 4 Lunches; 8 Dinners
- Baggage Handling, taxes, admissions, and guide services
- Payable in 5 equal installments

Not Included:

- Optional driver gratuity and step on guide gratuities

Cancellation Policy:

- No refunds unless space is resold, if your seat is resold, you will receive a refund minus a 20% administrative fee.
- Travel Insurance highly recommended.

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