



FARM BUREAU  
presents  
**Michigan & More**  
August 9-13, 2025

**Day #1 Saturday August 9, 2025**

***Dune Buggies – Windmill Island - Holland Tour***

A delightful day is in store for us as we become acquainted with our traveling friends and enjoy activities by our tour director. This afternoon we ride a specially modified Dune Buggy over the **Saugatuck, Michigan Sand Dunes** while our drivers narrate the ecology and history of the area. Next, we'll visit the famous **Windmill Island** of Holland and a narrated tour of this very Dutch city. We arrive in Grand Rapids for our overnight stay.

(Kick-Back Reception)

OVN: Grand Rapids, MI

**Day #2 Sunday August 10, 2025**

***Frederik Meijer Gardens - Thunder Bay Resort***

This morning, we visit the **Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory**, a five-story, 15,000 square-foot facility featuring rock landscapes, a waterfall and a variety of exotic plant selections. Included in our visit is a **tram tour** of the more than 30 acres of outside exhibits and the sculpture gardens. This afternoon we travel to **Thunder Bay Resort, Michigan**. This family run resort offers the beauty of Northern Michigan combined with a friendly staff to give you a matchless Northern Michigan experience.

This evening step back in time as we board a **horse drawn carriage** that takes us over the Thunder Bay River and into the woods to see the magnificent elk. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way through the woods to the beautiful **Elk Antler Log Cabin**. A blazing fire in a massive split stone fireplace welcomes us. This elegant cabin maintains its rustic appearance while providing every amenity. Warm yourself by the fire as the staff prepares your gourmet meal. Throughout your **dinner, sample wines** from nearby wineries and for dessert a special White Chocolate Filled Pizzelles fresh raspberries! (BD)

OVN: Thunder Bay Resort, MI



**Day #3 Monday August 11, 2025**

***Tales of the Big Mack-Mackinac Island-Ferry the Straights-Behind the Scenes of the Grand Hotel- Grand Buffet***

After a hearty breakfast we travel to Mackinac City to meet author Mike Fornes. Hear dramatic tales of the brave iron workers that constructed the "Big Mack" Bridge as we travel to meet the Mackinac Ferry to the island. Upon arrival on the island enjoy a horse drawn taxi ride to the Grand Hotel where Mike will take us behind the scenes to reveal the iconic stories of this historic hotel. After the included Grand Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel the balance of the afternoon and evening are free to enjoy the many activities on the island. We will have a special ticket to reboard the ferry at Mackinac Island to return to Mackinac City and our hotel for the evening. (B,L)

OVN: Baymont by Wyndham Hotel Mackinac City, MI

**Tour Includes**

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Nights Accommodations
- Luggage handling at hotels and ferry crossing
- 8 Meals (4 breakfasts, Grand Luncheon Buffet, 2 Dinners, Kick-Back-Reception)
- All Admissions as highlighted in itinerary
- Ferry to and from Mackinac Island
- Carriage Tours
- All Park Fees
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, Step-On Guides, Tri-State Travel Tour Director and Motorcoach Driver

**Not Included**

- Travel Protection Plan
- Items of a Personal Nature



**Your Tour Cost**

4 to a Room (2 Beds)  
\$1,845.00 per person

3 to a Room (2 Beds)  
\$1,929.00 per person

2 to a Room (1 or 2 beds)  
\$1,999.00 per person

Single  
\$2,409.00 per person

**Day #4 Tuesday August 12, 2025**

**Petoskey & Little Traverse Bay-Sleeping Bear Dunes**

Our adventure continues when we arrive at the town of **Petoskey, Michigan**. A local docent will provide an educational, informative and fun tour of the Petoskey downtown area, the historic Bay View Association, the Bay Harbor community and the Little Traverse Bay waterfront. Learn about the native American residents, the earliest white settlers, the impact of the railroad and how Petoskey as we know it came to be. Get a glimpse of a Methodist Chautauqua and see examples of Victorian architecture which includes over 450 cottages, many of which were built before 1900. There will be time to explore the unique shops and many dining options for lunch (on our own). Next, we will visit the popular **Sleeping Bear Dunes Visitor Center** and an opportunity to see "World-Class" vistas! This evening a **Farewell Dinner** is included. **(BD)**

**OVN: Ludington, MI**

**Day #5 Wednesday August 13, 2025**

**S.S. Badger Ferry-LaClare Creamery**

**Welcome Home!**

Welcome aboard the **S.S. Badger Ferry** for our morning cruise across Lake Michigan to Manitowoc, WI. The ferry is a "National Historic Landmark" and the last remaining coal fired steam ship on the Great Lakes. Enjoy the 4 + hour cruise across Lake Michigan with many activities and food service available. Upon arrival we will visit the **LaClare Creamery and Cheese Shop** and an opportunity to purchase their fine dairy and specialty products. We arrive home in the late afternoon with great memories of our Michigan & More Adventure! **(B)**

**Travel Protection Plan:**

The Travel Protection Plan is not included but is available and strongly recommended. There are two plans available.

**#1** sign up for insurance and pay the premium at the time you register for the tour and the pre-existing condition waiver is included. (See insurance brochure for details)

**#2** sign up for the travel insurance any time after your initial trip deposit and prior to the final date for trip registration and receive the same travel insurance inclusions except the pre-existing waiver will not apply.

The trip interruption and medical cancellation insurance Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise

Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to [www.tripmate.com/Plan\\_TPD13](http://www.tripmate.com/Plan_TPD13) for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-existing condition will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

**Responsibility Clause:**

Tri-State Travel and The Farm Bureau, in offering this tour, do so only as agents as outlined in this brochure. Therefore, Tri-State Travel and The Farm Bureau shall not become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, pandemics, dangers incident to the waters, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments, or other civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, plagues, defaults, delays, quarantines, or cancellations of or changes in itinerary, accommodations or schedules. The right is reserved to decline; to accept or retain any person should a person's health, mental or physical condition or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare or enjoyment of the other passengers and a refund of the unused land tour services is the limit of the agent's liability should such a person be required to terminate the tour.

The right is reserved to withdraw the tour at any time and liability is limited to refund of all monies received. No refunds will be granted for unused portions of this tour unless arranged with the operator's approval in writing in advance. Application for membership and / or posting deposit for this tour shall constitute the participant's consent to the above terms and conditions

**\*Tri-State Travel reserves the right to change any arrangements listed in this itinerary. Should conditions necessitate changes:**

**substitution of equal value or cancellations of the arrangements may occur.**

**\*Tri-State Travel reserves the right to add any fuel surcharges that we receive from all of our vendors ie: airlines, cruise lines, motorcoach companies, etc. Additional costs may be added any time prior to travel.**

**Non-Member Pricing:**

Non-Farm Bureau members who wish to join the tour, will be assessed an additional fee of \$50 per person. By joining the Farm Bureau you receive many benefits including, discounts on products and services, eligibility for insurance with COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company® and COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company® along with great travel opportunities! Contact your local Farm Bureau office for membership information, tour details, registration and remittance

**Payment/Cancellation & Refund Policy:**

- \$500.00 per person deposit is due with reservation
- Balance of payment due on or before June 1, 2025
- Final date for sign up is June 1, 2025 (subject to availability)
- Cancellations received on or before June 1, 2025, will receive a full refund less a \$100 per person administrative fee
- Cancellations received on or after June 1, 2025 and prior to June 15, 2025 will be assessed 25% of the per person tour price
- Cancellations received on or after June 15, 2025 and prior to June 30, 2025 will be assessed 50% of the per person tour price
- Cancellations on or after June 30, 2025 will forfeit the full price of the tour

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED A 4.0 % CONVENIENCE FEE**

**To assist the traveler in understanding the general physical activity levels associated with a tour, we have assigned a Physical Activity Rating LEVEL 2 to this program (Walking two or more city blocks, possibly climbing a flight of stairs and some standing during tours and handling your carry-on bag.)**

**We hope this will be of benefit in choosing a tour that will be a "Worry Free Vacation"**

**For Additional Information or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

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