MAGNIFICENT MICHIGAN May 3 – 8, 2025

6 Days, 5 mights 11 meals, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dimners, all tips included \$1,910 per person, double occupancy w/out air based on 30 travelers. Trip Leader: Denise Cleveland 805-358-2976 denisedc2@hotmail.com

<u>DAY 1: Flight to Detroit – Motor City</u>. **American Innovation**. Ford Motor Company's Dearborn Truck Plant - 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 most iconic moments of American manufacturing history immersing yourself in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts. This is where big ideas gain momentum. Walk through the Legacy Gallery and *Electric Vehicle Display*. Feel the force of modern engineering in the multisensory *Manufacturing Innovation Theater*. Travel up to the observation deck for sweeping views of the *historic Rouge Complex* and one of the world's largest living roofs. Step onto the elevated plant walkway for a look at where the legendary Ford F-150 is assembled. A true model of 21st-century sustainable design, Ford's Dearborn Truck Plant showcases how community, business, and the environment can thrive together in a single location. **Best Western Greenfield Inn (D)**



<u>Day 2: Detroit.</u> *Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation.* **American History**. Experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories. The museum host cars, planes, railroad engines, antiques, and displays of the American Industrial Revolution. *Greenfield Village and Museum.* Step foot in the lab where Thomas Edison had his "lightbulb moment" and into the workshop where the Wright brothers learned to reach for the sky. Take a ride in a real Model T. World-class artisans, early American craftworks, and historic buildings. **Best Western Greenfield Inn (B)(D)**

<u>DAY 3: Michigan's Lower Peninsula - St. Ignace</u>. **America the Beautiful**. This morning, we head north through Michigan's lower Peninsula which is bordered on the west by beautiful Lake Michigan and on the east by Lake Huron which is renowned for its beaches, sand dunes, wetlands, forests, and extensive river systems. Our first stop will be at *Spicer Orchards Farm Market* where we will enjoy fresh apple cider and donuts. Then onto historic *Frankenmuth*, a small town in the style of German Bavaria. Make sure to stop by *Bronner's Christmas Wonderland*, the largest Christmas store in the world. Of the more than 6,000 styles of ornaments Bronner's carries, half of the glass ornaments are Bronner's exclusive designs. *Zehnder's of Frankenmuth* will serve us their *Famous Chicken* for lunch after which we will be joining more than 30,000,000 guests served over the past 150 years! This afternoon we'll cross the five-mile long Mackinaw Bridge, the third longest suspension bridge in the United States. **Hampton Inn – St. Ignace. (B)(L)(D)**



<u>DAYS 4 & 5: Mackinac Island.</u> American Playtimes. Ferry to *Mackinac Island*. Every year since 1887, the *Grand Hotel* has welcomed guests and families to Mackinac Island, where bikes and horse-drawn carriages are the favored modes of transportation. Ranked as Conde Nast Traveler's Top 10 Mid-Atlantic and Midwest Resorts in 2021, the Grand Hotel offers outstanding accommodations where no two guest rooms are alike. Enjoy spectacular views of the *Straits of Mackinac* from a rocking chair on the world's largest porch, the Jewel golf course, swimming, tennis, lawn games, gardens, bicycling, carriage tours, shopping, and Sadie's Ice Cream Parlor. The movie "Somewhere in Time" was filmed here. An 1895 local ordinance prohibits motor vehicles so we'll go back to basics in a place that loves a bygone era. We will have opportunities for a traditional afternoon tea with live music or wine & whiskey tastings. We can rent bikes and circle the island, explore Fort Mackinac built by the British in 1775 during the American Revolutionary war, visit Arch Rock, the Governor's Mansion (no tours), go shopping, and taste delicious fudge. <u>Grand Hotel (FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED AFTER 6:00 P.M.)(B)(D)(Dinner and Horse drawn carriage tour included.)</u>



<u>Day 6: Detroit/LAX.</u> **American Music and Culture.** We will start our trip south, stopping at the *Cross in the Woods*, the largest crucifix in the world, established in 1959. *Motown Museum* is the ongoing heartbeat of the Motown legacy – a global tourist destination for music and history fans that celebrates the authentic story of Motown from its humble beginnings to its emergence as the "Sound of Young America" and beyond. The Motown Museum brings together fans, people, and ideas from different generations as it captures the imagination to fuel dreams and inspire accomplishments. Original recording equipment and the legendary *Studio A* where Motown artists recorded some of their greatest songs from 1959-1972. Be ready to sing, dance, and learn about Motown and its music industry greats. (B) Lunch and dinner on your own. Depart for airport.