

DESTINATION:

Great Lakes



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Chicago: From our docking point at Navy Pier to towering skyscrapers to regional cuisine and a quirky dialect, this city represents the heart and soul of the Midwest. The quintessential Chicago experience is a visit to the 24.5-acre Millennium Park, a well-loved public space that is home to the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, iconic Cloud Gate – a shiny bean-shaped sculpture, famous Crown Fountain, and Lurie Garden. Admire Chicago's architecture and history on an organized excursion or informal walking tour through the city. Navy Pier is a good place to sample the local fare. Deep-dish pizza, Italian beef, or signature Chicago dogs... you decide. Shoppers are in for adventure along the Magnificent Mile, a 14-block stretch of Michigan Avenue, from the Chicago River to Oak Street.

Mackinac Island: Trapped in time and surrounded by staggeringly beautiful landscapes, visitors have found this treasured landmark to be the ideal vacation spot for centuries. No cars. No chain hotels. Just world-famous Mackinac Island Fudge, historic Fort Mackinac, and unique shopping. With awe-inspiring sunrises and unforgettable sunsets, Mackinac Island centers the spirit and soothes the soul. Visitors can experience the tranquil pace on a tour by horse-drawn carriage, just as they did back in 1920. Alternatively, enjoy stunning views of the Straits of Mackinac from the colossal porch – the world's longest – at the legendary Grand Hotel, opened in 1887.

Detroit: Commonly known as the "Motor City," is vibrant, progressive, and bustling at the seams with charm. The West Canfield Historic District, located on Canfield Avenue between Second and Third streets, is the only block in Detroit lined on both sides with well-preserved Victorian homes and broad sidewalks. Corktown, the city's oldest neighborhood, has charming little shops and great places to eat. The Detroit Institute of Arts has one of the largest and most significant art collections in the country, with over 100 galleries to peruse. Detroit is the home of MOTOWN so to see where some of the greatest legends in R&B recorded their tunes, visit the Motown Museum. Last, but not least, is the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, which showcases more contemporary art.

Cleveland: The reinvented city reverberates with vitality and a cool new atmosphere. Expand your mind at the world-class Cleveland Museum of Art, with over 45,000 works to explore. You can also feel the backbeat at the museum devoted to one of America's finest gifts to the world – the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Manitoulin Island: Recognized as one of the best freshwater boating regions in the world, an evening stroll along the boardwalk will reveal boats from all over the Great Lakes Basin and east coast of Canada, as well as the U.S. Little Current's main street is home to many stores and shops, some with a long and rich history. If you decide to venture out of town during your visit, there are two must-sees. Ten minutes away, you'll find the Cup and Saucer hiking trail – a 7-mile (12-km) network of trails leads up to the summit. Further down the road at the small settlement of Kagawong, enjoy the natural beauty of Bridal Veil Falls, which you can admire from the lookout above.