

Discover the charm and allure of

Autumn in Michigan

September 19 - 23, 2010

With the Clarksville Parks Department



Day 1/Sunday: Depart Clarksville and set out to a place where to-do lists and busy schedules stop screaming for our attention. Unspoiled nature and authentic character revive our spirits. Welcome to Michigan. Upon your arrival in Frankenmuth, you will wonder how this city became so perfect. Normally you would have to thumb through a book of fairy tales or peer into a sno-globe after a vigorous shaking...but here it is, in all of its Old World, European flavor. A special dinner at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn will be sure to delight everyone especially those looking for an authentic German entrée. Overnight at the Springhill Suites. (Meals: D)

Day 2/Monday: Merry Christmas in September! After breakfast, we spend our morning at the world's largest Christmas store visited by millions of people each year, the Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. Founded in 1945 by Wally Bronner, little did he dream that his store would feature over 50,000 trims and gifts. As we head out of Frankenmuth and make our way to Mackinac Island, we will enjoy Hartwick Pines State Park. Home to the largest stand of virgin white pines in the Lower Peninsula, it also tells a fascinating story on the history of logging, forestry and the numerous ways we utilize trees in our daily lives. Travel on the Shepler's Ferry to Mackinac Island and check-in for our two-night stay at the quaint Chippewa Hotel Waterfront. (Meals: B,D)

Day 3/Tuesday: We will definitely step back in time on the island as no vehicles are allowed. After breakfast, we enjoy a fringe-topped horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Mackinac Island for a look at sites such as Arch Rock, Skull Cave, the Beaufort Memorial and historic points of interest. We will also visit the third oldest Butterfly House in the United States. The world-renowned facility has 1800 square feet of tropical garden filled with hundreds of live butterflies from four continents. Our carriage will drop us off at the Grand Hotel for their fabulous buffet lunch. The 100 foot buffet tables are decorated with fresh flowers and ice carvings that enhance the multiple selections prepared fresh daily. The afternoon is free for shopping and exploration! Overnight at Chippewa Hotel Waterfront. (Meals: B,L)

Day 4/Wednesday: This morning we will ferry to St. Ignace and journey to the Soo Locks Boat Tour. Travel along the international shoreline of the lower harbor, allowing you to experience all the sights, sounds and excitement of Michigan's oldest city. The Soo Locks have been referred to as one of the great wonders of the world and it is still the largest waterway traffic system on earth. Then enjoy a magical place on this planet that still speaks to something in our hearts, places so

gorgeous and diverse that they allow us to know exhilaration and peace, awe and understanding, Sault Ste. Marie. Have time to explore and lunch on your own in this captivating city. This afternoon, we will make our way to Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Made famous in the Longfellow poem Hiawatha and according to Indian lore, the origin of the name Tahquamenon is attributed to the water's amber color, which is the result of leaching of tannic acid from the cedar and hemlock swamps that feed the river. The Tahquamenon is special in many ways. One little known fact is that it is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi, with Niagara being the largest. Our special farewell dinner is a bonfire cookout dinner! Overnight at the Best Western Harbour Pointe Lakefront. (Meals: B,D)



Day 5/Thursday: All good things must come to an end! We have to say good-bye to this tranquil, timeless area and head home to Clarksville. Late evening arrival into Clarksville. (Meals: B)

Price Per Person:

\$779, double

\$979, single

**A deposit of \$200 due at time of reservation.
Final payment due by August 5, 2010.**

Price includes:

- Roundtrip tour transportation throughout by chartered, latest-model luxury touring coach from Clarksville
- 4-nights lodging in a AAA ♦♦♦-rated hotel or better
- 8 dining experiences (Meals: B,L, D): 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 full course dinners
- All admissions/fees for complete sightseeing program indicated
- Gratuities for handling of one large suitcase per person throughout
- Pre-trip itinerary and information packet for each guest
- All applicable taxes and tips on tour inclusions.

Prices do not include:

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not indicated

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