

## Jazzing It Up on Mackinac Island

### Labor Day Weekend Jazz Fest ~ Sault Ste. Marie ~ Michigan's Little Bavaria

Seven Day Tour ~ September 2-8, 2021

Highlights: Nonstop Roundtrip Air from Newark to Detroit, Michigan • Four Nights of Elegant Accommodations in the Historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island • Two Nights at Merv Herzog in Frankenmuth "Little Bavaria" • Colonial Michilimackinac • Michilimackinac State Park • Horse and Carriage Tour on Mackinac Island • Three Evening Receptions on the Grand Hotel's Front Porch • Two Tea Garden Lunches at The Grand Hotel With Live Jazz Music • Two Evening Jazz Concert Performances • Sunday Gospel Session • Evening Entertainment in The Grand Hotel by The Grand Hotel Orchestra – Ballroom Dancing • Roundtrip High-Speed Ferry Boat Ride to Mackinac Island • Michigan's Upper Peninsula • International Boat Cruise Through The Soo Locks • All Breakfasts • Four Lunches • Four Five-Course Dinners in The Grand Hotel • Fully Escorted

Join us as we indulge in a memorable experience filled with jazz and grandeur, including four nights' accommodations in the elegant Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island which has been delighting guests since 1887. The island is a place where time seems to have stood still. Victorian architecture is the standard here, and all private motor vehicles are banned. The Grand Hotel's Jazz Fest Labor Day Weekend is a phenomenal event that includes live musical performances throughout the weekend, two afternoon outdoor barbeque concerts, three evening receptions, evening concerts, ballroom dancing, a Sunday Gospel performance and more! We will also spend two nights in Michigan's Little Bavaria, visit a remarkable recreated fort with a unique history, explore Michigan's Upper Peninsula and enjoy scenic drives. Don't miss out this September!

**Day 1.** It's a short drive from Detroit Airport to Michigan's Little Bavaria, Frankenmuth where we'll enjoy an overnight at the lovely, German inspired Marv Herzog. You'll feel like we've somehow mistakenly stepped into Germany while exploring this quaint town that wears their German heritage proudly like an Alpine hat covered in festive pins. Enjoy the Bavarian atmosphere and we'll help you find a great place for schnitzel and sausage for dinner on your own.

**Day 2.** We begin our day with a scenic drive along Lake Michigan on our way to Mackinaw City. This morning, we are treated to the Colonial Michilimackinac State Park offering an unparalleled view of the Mackinac Bridge, Straits of Mackinac, Mackinac Island, and the Upper Peninsula. This extraordinary, reconstructed fort contains numerous buildings to explore and many historical demonstrations that add insight into the history of this area. After an included lunch, we take an exciting ferry ride to Mackinac Island, a place that's a world of its own. The Grand Hotel features the world's longest porch with breathtaking views of the lake and is only a few minutes' walk from the center of town. As all private motor vehicles are banned on the



**The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island**



**Saturday & Sunday Outdoor Concerts**

island, there is a constant sense peace and solitude waiting for you to enjoy. You'll have the evening to enjoy at your leisure to do whatever tickles your fancy, but don't miss out on the evening welcome reception and jazz performance!

**Days 3-5.** The next three days will be spent exploring the nearby town on the island and taking in the numerous fantastic events and activities the Grand Hotel has to offer. The gardens display over 125,000 plants and flowers, hop on a bike and explore the numerous scenic paved trails, explore the working stables or indulge in a delightful afternoon tea (additional charge). If relaxation is your goal, it's truly enchanting to sit on the front porch and watch the world go by or contently stretch out by the outdoor pool. Saturday and Sunday offer afternoon concerts, luncheon in the Tea Garden, interactions with the artists during Q & A sessions and admission to the Mackinac Art Museum. During both evenings, you are welcome to enjoy a reception prior to dinner, followed by the sounds of the Grand Hotel Orchestra and ballroom dancing plus evening performances of top name Jazz artists. You won't want to miss the Sunday morning Gospel Session on the Front Porch! As hotel guests, we are allowed an advance opportunity for seats. On Monday, we enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride around the island with time to explore the shops in town.

**Day 6.** Today we visit the nearby international city of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the oldest community in America's Northwest Territory (1668), and part of the greatest freshwater traffic system on earth. Here we will take an exciting two-hour international boat cruise through the world-famous Soo Locks. As we pass through the locks that can accommodate ships up to 1,000 feet in length, our boat will rise to the level of Lake Superior and lower to the level of Lake Huron. If you are interested, there will be a film that explains the fascinating history and operation of the locks and afterwards, have time to sightsee and browse in the shops in the downtown. We then drive back to Frankenmuth for another splendid night in this Bavarian styled town.

**Day 7.** After breakfast, we'll take a scenic ride to the airport. Our nonstop flight passes quickly as we filled with wonderful memories of jazz and elegance. © 2020 Group Tours & Travel

**The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing for dinner. A jacket and tie for the gentlemen and cocktail attire for ladies are required after 6:30 pm. Resort casual, including shorts, is appropriate during the day.**

Nonstop, roundtrip, air transportation is provided by United Airlines. A surcharge will apply if United Airlines increases the price of its airfare. One piece of luggage per person (baggage fee by United is not included) and one small carry-on are permitted. **A valid, government issued picture ID is required to board the plane.**

Sept. 3: Flight #4915 departs Newark at 9:55 AM and arrives in Detroit at 12:22 PM.

Sept. 9: Flight #4888 departs Detroit at 12:52 PM and arrives in Newark at 3:02 PM.

**Price per person is \$3,375 Twin and \$4,525 Single.** No reservations accepted without a deposit of \$500 per person. Make checks payable to "Group Tours & Travel," and mail to the address above. Final payment is due on May 25, 2020. Deposits are fully refundable until May 25, 2020. If cancellation occurs after May 25, 2020, there are no refunds. Travel protection/cancellation coverage is available and recommended. Cost is approximately 10% of the total cost of the tour, but not included. Group Tours is not responsible for any delays, cancellations, injuries or circumstances beyond its control and reserves the right to change this itinerary. All trip components are subject to change in accordance with Government, State and Local guidelines and/or mandates. This tour will run rain or shine. Visit our website at: [www.grouptoursandtravel.com](http://www.grouptoursandtravel.com) for additional tours and photos.

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