



Chicago

## GOOD TIMES TRAVEL

# CHICAGO & THE GRAND HOTEL

FEATURING CHICAGO, *GRAND HOTEL*, GRAND RAPIDS, CHARLEVOIX, INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY, DETROIT

MAY 26–JUNE 2, 2022 ~ 8 DAY TOUR

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

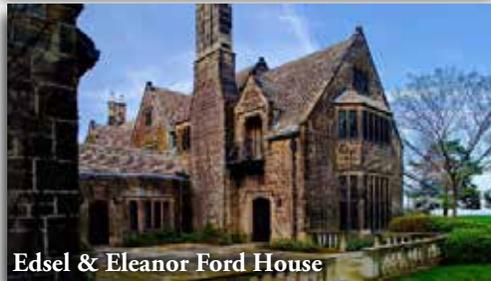
- ◆ Stay two nights at the *Grand Hotel* on Mackinac Island with nightly, five-course dinners and a horse-drawn carriage tour of the Island
- ◆ Stay two nights at Chicago's *Palmer House Hilton*, centrally located in the heart of the Chicago's "Loop," with a comprehensive city tour with a local guide, an architecture river cruise, admission to The Field Museum or The Art Institute, and a guided tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio
- ◆ In Detroit visit The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, the Ford Rouge Factory and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
- ◆ Enjoy time at leisure exploring the Bavarian Village of Frankenmuth
- ◆ See the "mushroom" houses in Charlevoix
- ◆ In Grand Rapids visit the Ford Presidential Library and the Frederik Meijer Gardens
- ◆ Visit Indiana Amish Country with a buggy tour and a traditional, family-style Amish meal



Chicago River Cruise



Grand Hotel



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House



Frederik Meijer Gardens

### ITINERARY

*This in-depth Great Lakes region itinerary features the major highlights in Michigan, Indiana Amish Country and two nights in Chicago. Explore two centuries of American history at the Henry Ford Museum and tour an auto-baron's home in the Detroit area...explore the Frederik Meijer Gardens and the Ford Presidential Library in Grand Rapids, tour the "mushroom" houses in Charlevoix...stroll amongst the Bavarian Village of Frankenmuth...and so much more! But the real highlights...a two-night stay at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago's "Loop" and two nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island!*

#### DAY 1 – WELCOME TO DETROIT!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at the Los Angeles International Airport for a scheduled non-stop flight to **Detroit, Michigan**. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* The balance of the evening is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2 – DEARBORN, LAKE ST. CLAIR

After an included breakfast, we'll visit **The Henry Ford Museum** and **Greenfield Village** and see why it is known as "America's Greatest History Attraction." Climb into the cab of the world's largest steam locomotive. See the limousine that President Kennedy was riding in when he was assassinated and the rocking chair Lincoln was sitting in at Ford's Theatre. We'll tour the **Ford Rouge Factory** to see how Ford vehicles are assembled and learn how the auto industry remains central to Michigan's economic and cultural identity. We continue to the shores of Lake St. Clair and enjoy a guided tour of the **Edsel and Eleanor Ford House** – the lake-front mansion that sits on 87 acres and is an historically acclaimed architectural masterpiece from a bygone era. This evening, we'll enjoy an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 7 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 11 Meals – 6 dinners, 5 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)

### TOUR PRICES

Double Occupancy: \$2,799 per person  
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$700  
 Deposit: \$250 per person  
 Roundtrip group airfare from \$695 per person

## RESERVATIONS



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## ACCOMMODATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-2 **DoubleTree**, Detroit-Dearborn, MI
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Grand Hotel**, Mackinac Island, MI
- ◆ Night 5 **Hampton Inn**, Grand Rapids, MI
- ◆ Nights 6-7 **Palmer House Hilton Hotel**  
Chicago, IL

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip LAX transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$89 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills
- ◆Long Beach ◆Seal Beach

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Deposit due at time of booking
- ◆ Final payment due 90 days prior to departure

## CANCELLATION/TRAVEL PROTECTION

A travel protection policy (which includes cancellation protection and other benefits) is highly recommended and available through a third-party. A travel protection brochure will be provided with your payment receipt and invoice. Regardless of the reason, cancellations, credits and transfers of paid bookings require us to retain an administrative fee (ranging from \$25-\$200 depending on the date of cancellation) in addition to all non-recoverable fees paid to our tour suppliers on your behalf. Those guests who have purchased travel protection and must cancel for a covered reason, will be reimbursed by the travel protection company the balance of any non-refunded or credited monies (minus the premium itself). Visit [www.goodtimestravel.com](http://www.goodtimestravel.com) or see our tour catalog for our full cancellation policy and other terms and conditions.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

To better ensure the health and wellness of all guests, this tour requires all guests to wear face masks where required, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a Wellness Pledge on the day of departure.

## TOUR PACE & ACTIVITY LEVEL



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

## ITINERARY CONTINUED...

### DAY 3 – FRANKENMUTH, MACKINAC ISLAND

Following an included breakfast, we'll travel to **Frankenmuth**, also known as Michigan's "Little Bavaria." Founded by German pioneers in the 1840s, memories of the old world are still prevalent in the town's buildings and ornaments. Enjoy time at leisure to browse the Bavarian shops that line the streets and visit **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store (96,000 square feet) featuring more than 50,000 trims and gifts. We continue north this afternoon across the Mackinaw Bridge to Michigan's Upper Peninsula where we'll board a ferry for **Mackinac Island**. Step off the ferry dock and enter a Victorian village that has somehow escaped from modern civilization. Limited to transportation by horse and buggy, bicycle, or foot, on Mackinac Island life itself seems to slow down. A horse-drawn carriage will transport us to perhaps the most celebrated hotel in America, the majestic, colonial-style **Grand Hotel**. Known as the world's largest summer hotel, it was built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century for the elite that traveled here to escape the heat of the Midwest summers. Enjoy an included five-course dinner in the hotel's dining room. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 4 – GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND

After an included breakfast at the hotel, we'll enjoy a **guided, horse-drawn carriage tour** that will reveal the magic of Mackinac Island. Visit "downtown" Mackinac Island with its many historic homes, grand Victorian cottages and fudge shops. Return to the hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Take a stroll in the beautifully landscaped gardens or take part in an optional afternoon tea lunch. Enjoy an included dinner with entertainment at the hotel this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 5 – CHARLEVOIX, GRAND RAPIDS

Following an included breakfast, we'll return by ferry to Michigan's mainland and continue south along the shores of Traverse Bay to **Charlevoix**. A local guide will join us to provide a driving tour of the unique, mushroom-shaped, stone houses designed by architect Earl Young. We continue south to **Grand Rapids** with an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 6 – GRAND RAPIDS, INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY

After an included breakfast, we'll visit the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum** which includes a full scale reproduction of his Oval Office and the original Watergate burglar tools amongst thousands of other pieces of history related to our 38<sup>th</sup> President and Mrs. Ford. We'll then visit the **Frederik Meijer Gardens** – an indoor botanic garden and sculpture park featuring 70 permanent bronze pieces including pieces by Degas and Rodin, a carnivorous plant house and a Dale Chihuly-designed, 14-foot, glass chandelier. We continue to **Indiana Amish Country** for a Amish house and farm tour while riding in a traditional buggy followed by a traditional, family-style feast in a charming country kitchen setting. This evening we arrive in **Chicago** and the **Palmer House Hotel**. This iconic Chicago hotel offers modern conveniences while maintaining its historical elegance and central location in "The Loop" – the historic center of downtown Chicago. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 7 – CHICAGO

Today, we'll join a local guide for a comprehensive tour of downtown Chicago. See the exquisite lakefront, the "Magnificent Mile," and the many outdoor sculptures. We'll take a guided walking tour in **Millennium Park** to see the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Pavilion, the quirky Crown Fountain and "The Bean." We'll get the best views of Chicago's iconic architecture on a narrated **architecture cruise** on the Chicago River. This afternoon enjoy an included visit to either the legendary **Field Museum** or **The Art Institute of Chicago** – one of the world's great art museums. Enjoy an included dinner this evening amongst the 17-foot marble fountain and Austrian chandeliers at **The Walnut Room**. This historic restaurant was the first restaurant in a department store. (Dinner)

### DAY 8 – CHICAGO, OAK PARK

This morning we'll travel to the historic and charming town of **Oak Park** to visit the turn-of-the-century home and studio of America's most renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. A docent-guided tour of the **Wright Home and Studio** will showcase its dramatic soaring spaces, colorful art glass and bold geometric forms. We continue to Chicago's O'Hare Airport for our scheduled nonstop return flight to Los Angeles. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Upon our return to Los Angeles, those with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-off locations.

*While we make every effort to operate our tours as outlined in the itinerary, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility and to retain a sense of adventure while traveling with us. While these have always been necessary traits for travelers, they are needed now more than ever! Situations may arise that necessitate changes to the itinerary. Should we need to adjust the itinerary either prior to or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.*