

CARIBBEAN OF THE NORTH

5 DAYS • Tour 13252

July 16-20, 2017

Tour Highlights...

Kele Alpaca Farm
S. S. Badger Ferry
Sleeping Bear Dunes
National Lakeshore
Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive
Chateau Grand Traverse Winery
Stained Glass Cabinet Company
Music House Museum
Tall Ship Manitou –
Ice Cream Social Cruise
Castle Farms & Gardens
Charlevoix, MI, Guided Tour
Mackinac Bridge
Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum
Upper Tahquamenon Falls
7 Meals



**Date of birth
required!**



Day 1, Sunday

Our five-day adventure to one of the prettiest areas of our neighboring state of **Michigan** begins with a visit to the unique **Kele Alpaca Farm** in Kewaunee, WI. At one of the highest quality alpaca ranches in the Midwest, we learn how this fascinating animal fits perfectly into the nation's "green" revolution.

Departing from Manitowoc, the **S.S. Badger**, the largest car ferry operating in the Great Lakes, transports us over Lake Michigan to Ludington, MI. The four-hour trip goes quickly while enjoying the many amenities the ferry offers including free feature movies, fun and games, Badger Bingo, satellite television in two lounges as well as an **included dinner** served in the Upper

Deck Café. From Ludington we travel north to Manistee, MI, for our overnight accommodations at the **Little River Casino Resort**. **D**

Day 2, Monday

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore lies along 35 miles of Michigan's Lower Peninsula's north-western shore. Spectacular views of the Lakeshore are at the **Lake Michigan Overlook** on the **Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive**. Here we get a better look at the dunes perched on top of a moraine bluff made of a mixture of rocks and sand deposited by the glacier when it melted.

In the **quaint village of Leland**, choose from many fine restaurants for lunch on your own before crossing over to the **Grand Traverse Bay area**

of Michigan. The **Chateau Grand Traverse Winery** has more than 3 decades of experience in wine making and a **guided tour** informs us of their vineyards, history and wine-making process. **Dinner** at the nearby **Old Mission Tavern** is enjoyed before our arrival in Traverse City, MI, where we stay for two nights. **D**

Day 3, Tuesday

A unique tour starts our visit to Traverse City at the **Stained Glass Cabinet Company** featuring demonstrations of glass cutting, dried flowers and engraving. A one-of-a-kind collection of rare antique musical instruments and music-making machines from 1870 through 1930 make for a fascinating tour of **The Music House Museum**.



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A glorious afternoon sail on West Grand Traverse Bay aboard the **Tall Ship Manitou**, one of the largest sailing vessels on the Great Lakes, includes a delightful **ice cream social**. This tall ship, a replica of an 1800s "coasting" cargo schooner, has an over-all size and displacement of nearly 100 tons ensuring a comfortable, relaxing motion soothing to both landlubbers and "old salts" alike. **B**

Day 4, Wednesday

Following scenic route US 31 along the bay from Traverse City, we arrive in the resort town of **Charlevoix, MI**, by mid-morning. Here **Castle Farms** invites us to take a tour of their beautiful castle and gardens as their guide

showcases its grandeur and rich history. We then enjoy **lunch** where we "**dine like royalty**" amid the beautiful gardens lining the French Chateaux styled buildings.

A **step-on guide** boards our motor coach for an **introduction to Charlevoix** including the unique fairy tale "**mushroom houses**" built around the Boulder Park neighborhood near the city's lakefront. Continuing North we cross the magnificent **Mackinac Bridge** currently the third largest suspension bridge in the world spanning the Straits of Mackinac and connecting the Lower and Upper Peninsulas of Michigan. Sault Ste. Marie, MI, provides our accommodations for this evening. **B, L**

Day 5, Thursday

In Paradise, MI, we visit the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum** where artifacts, exhibits and pictures chronicle Great Lakes shipping disasters. While there, you may also wish to take a stroll to Lake Superior's shore via a barrier-free access boardwalk.

After enjoying **lunch at The Tahquamenon Falls Brewery & Pub** you can take a short walk along the scenic nature trail down to one of the United States most breathtaking waterfalls, **the Upper Tahquamenon Falls**. Set within a pristine wilderness, these falls are over 200' wide and 48' high and can be viewed from an observation platform for an up-close look. We return home by early evening. **B, L**



Tour Cost Per Person:

\$999 Double • \$979 Triple
\$929 Quad • \$1375 Single

NOTE: Fond du Lac is the southernmost pickup point due to routing. DePere pick-up is available at no additional charge.