## **Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary**

## EXPERIENCING MICHIGAN'S LOWER PENINSULA TUE-THUR JULY 8-10, 2025 GRAND RAPIDS, HOLLAND AND THE DUNES OF SAUGATUCK

Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Middleburg Hts, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky.

This tour, a unique combination of destinations that are all in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, continues to increase in popularity. You will be seeing the cities and towns of Holland, Grand Rapids, Marshall and Saugatuck, called the "Best Coastal Small Town" by

USA Today. Holland was founded by Dutch Americans and

continues that heritage.



We will be starting with a tasty lunch at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre followed by a performance of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" where we bring the 80's back and hear some of the best "traxx" of the decade from artists like Pat Benatar and Madonna.

We will be visiting both Holland and Saugatuck on the shore of Lake Michigan. While we may have already shown you the beautiful tulips during the annual festival & parade each May, spring and summer bring out several varieties of lilies, other annuals and, of course, the perennial gardens, with plants that have been brought in from around the world and can be viewed through mid-October. We will also be experiencing Windmill Island.



You'll enjoy a memorable cruise aboard the *Holland Princess*, a 65-foot Victorian-style paddle-wheel riverboat on Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan. We will be cruising past the Holland Harbor

Light, more famously known as the Big Red Lighthouse, historic landmarks, and picturesque lake homes, seeing a side of Holland that can't be enjoyed from anywhere else. Dinner will be included during this cruise.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:30 AM and 8:40 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8:30 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

Saugatuck is a small township, with less than a thousand inhabitants, but is known for its sand dunes and downtown with shops along what is referred to as a "very quaint street", offering art, antiques, gifts, wine and ice cream. But, along Lake Michigan's shoreline, Saugatuck Dunes State Park offers coastal dunes, ranging from rolling hills to steep slopes over 200 feet tall. We'll have a spectacular view as we travel in specially designed dune buggies with oversized tires.

While it sounds like we have included a lot of great places in this tour, we still have a visit that is sure to "knock this tour out of the ballpark". And one evening, we've included a couple of cocktails, if you are so inclined, with dinner. Our final visits will be at a Museum in Grand Rapids and the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, a destination that many of our past travelers have considered the "highlight" of the tour. We've arranged for trams to take us through this botanical garden and outdoor sculpture park where you will experience masterpieces of art and nature that will delight your senses at one of the nation's premier horticultural display gardens. The Sculpture Park features significant works of art within a variety of natural settings connected by waterways, meandering paths, lawns, meadows and quiet walkways. Although sculptures are found across the Meijer Gardens campus, more than 50 major works by masters such as Auguste Rodin and others are featured in this area. We have also purchased each person a voucher so that you can select your luncheon today at the Farm-to-Table "Taste of the Garden Café". It's named "Lena's Garden" in honor of Lena Meijer. This dining area, on this upscale visit, is spectacular with its dazzling glass ceiling sculpture by renowned artist Dale Chihuly; the sculpture, comprised of dozens of individually blown-glass pieces, spans the ceiling in a spectrum of colors from cool greens, cobalt blues and purples to brilliant oranges, yellows, and reds. With an emphasis on local products, Meijer Gardens' globally inspired menu changes with the seasons . . . a fitting way to conclude our tour to Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

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Package includes 6 meals.

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Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept credit cards and checks. Tours can now be booked online, 24 hours a day with a credit card.

