Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND, OOOH FUDGE! FRI-SUN, AUG 20-22, 2027

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

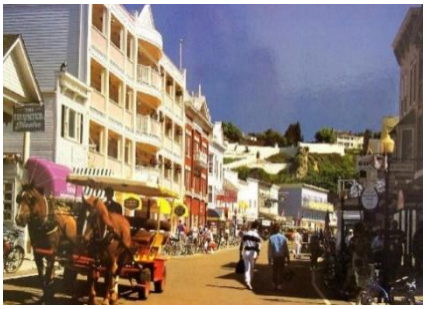


This tour is much like the Fudge Weekend later in the year but, is held during what is considered the "Peak Season" rather than late fall which typically experiences lower daily temperatures and additional chances of rainfall. Our selection of these choice dates in August, have led to "sold out" tour programs over the years.

We are sure to delight our travelers with a beautiful summer weekend on one of the countries famed island destinations . . . and with FOUR complete meals (two breakfasts, one luncheon, and one dinner). You just may find out why locals refer to tourists as "fudgies".

FRIDAY – We will be departing as we travel north into Michigan, with a lunch stop being made in the Birch Run area. Our home for two nights will be right in Mackinaw City. After we make a stop for dinner, the rest of this evening will be yours to leisurely enjoy the hotel's swimming pool or relaxing whirlpool.

SATURDAY – Breakfast is included before we board the high-speed ferry to Mackinac Island. Downtown is the perfect place to start this peak-season island adventure. We will be met by Mackinac Island Carriages for a narrated tour of the Island, a beautiful resort setting, where transportation is by horse carriage, bicycle, or foot. This should be a great season to visit with the **smell of delicious freshly made fudge** in the air.



For more than a century, Mackinac Island's fudge has been an institution that's become famous worldwide. Most people don't need an excuse to indulge in a piece or two of creamy, decadent fudge . . . especially here! Made fresh each day at Mackinac's multitude of fudge shops.

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 6:15 AM and 8:35 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 9 PM to 10:30 PM, although this may vary.



The tour carriages will be dropping us off at the Grand Hotel where our tour coordinators have included the legendary midday luncheon, served in the main dining room of the Grand Hotel. Your table will be overlooking the world's longest porch and the hotel's many American flags, as well as the glistening Straits of Mackinac. The Grand Hotel opened in 1887, billed as a summer retreat for those arriving by lake steamer from Chicago, Erie, Montreal, Detroit, and by rail from across the continent. By the 1890s, the hotel's front porch, the longest in the world, had become the principal meeting place for all of Mackinac Island, as well as being known as a "Flirtation Walk" for island romantics. For just a dollar, folks could listen to Mark Twain lecturing in the Grand Hotel or attend a demonstration of the new invention, the Edison Phonograph.

There will be time after lunch to visit the shops in the downtown area as well as places that make great fudge . . . to take home to those who missed out on this tour. There are unique, specialty shops, whether you're looking for clothing, jewelry, toys, souvenirs or art.

By now we assume that you've been able to figure out why visitors to the Island are sometimes referred to as "fudgies". As with past August tours, each person will be presented with a box of fudge, totaling a whole POUND of fudge, courtesy of your Driver and Tour Director. We have an Island departure aboard the 4 PM boat back to the mainland where the bus will be making a drop-off at the Mackinaw Crossings for those who would like to shop or buy dinner here, for those still hungry.



For those 19 and over, you can travel across the Mighty Mac Bridge as we visit the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace, Michigan. While the bonus has yet to be announced, last year's passengers received $10 in free play. We will be here about 3 hours.

SUNDAY – Frankenmuth enroute home – Breakfast is again included at the hotel before we say "good-bye" to our hosts and the delicious, sweet aroma of fudge that we have been provided as a "souvenir gift". We will board the bus and travel south to one of the most-visited areas of Michigan, the "Bavarian town" of Frankenmuth.

A midday dinner, upgraded to include two of their specialty entrees, awaits us at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn (with its imported Glockenspiel, with animated figurines depicting the Pied Piper of Hamlin as it chimes), and the quaint Holz Brücke Covered Bridge that provides a great view, overlooking the Cass River that flows through the town. Afterwards we will take some time to shop or to visit attractions such as Bronner's CHRISTmas Store and the Silent Night Chapel, a replica of the original Silent Night Memorial Chapel which is located in Oberndorf, Austria. Here the song "*Silent Night*" was first sung. At the time announced we will depart for home with a rest stop enroute.

MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND TOUR WITH "GIFT OF FUDGE" – AUGUST 2027

Package includes 4 meals plus a gift box of fudge to take home!

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$938 per person in a triple
$928 per person in a quad
$1230 per person in single
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