

Bittersweet Garden Club Presents:

Trip Preview – Mackinac Island

with Two-Night Stay at the Grand Hotel

September 5-11, 2022



Everything's always grand at the Grand Hotel!

Let's hit the road again for another of our exciting and fun Bittersweet adventures via motor coach. This time we'll be adventuring northward to magical Mackinac Island with stops along the way at the Chicago Botanic Garden; Downtown Architectural Cruise on the Chicago River; Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI; and Ball Horticultural Company in Chicago. We'll stay two nights at the historic Grand Hotel, the jewel of Mackinac Island, that beckons you to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm. Staying at the Grand Hotel is truly a grand experience where no two rooms are alike. The Grand Hotel is surrounded by breathtaking beautiful gardens and fabulous views overlooking the Straits of Mackinac. You can rock your cares away on the world's longest porch or bicycle all around the island. You'll fall asleep to the sound of the clip clop of horses' hoofs on the street because no cars are allowed on Mackinac Island. The only way to get there is by ferry unless you fly in by private plane. The grand bonus is that they don't allow tipping at the Grand Hotel. More definite details will follow as the final arrangements are made for this tremendous trip.

Trip Highlights:

- Two-night stay at the Grand Hotel
- A breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the Grand Hotel luxurious dining room
- Bicycle all around the island
- Horse and carriage tours of the island
- Charming shops and cafes
- Tour of the Grand Hotel Gardens lead by Grand Hotel horticulturalist
- Tour of local, private Mackinac Island gardens by local horticultural experts
- Relax on world's longest porch overlooking the Straits of Mackinac
- More exciting adventures in Chicago and Dearborn, MI

But Wait, There's More...

- Architectural Tour on the Chicago River
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI
- Ball Horticultural Company in Chicago

Trip Includes:

- Hotel stays including the Grand Hotel
- Motor coach transportation, ferry
- Most meals
- Tours, guides, admission tickets

Chicago Architectural Tour



This river cruise brings all the beautiful architecture and history of Chicago to life. Led by knowledgeable docents,

the cruise reveals fascinating stories behind Chicago's majestic buildings.

Chicago Botanic Garden

The Chicago Botanic Garden is a 385-acre living plant museum situated on nine islands in the Cook County Forest Preserves. It



features 27 display gardens in four natural habitats: McDonald Woods, Dixon Prairie, Skokie River Corridor, and Lakes and Shores.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village – Dearborn, MI

At the Henry Ford Museum, step into a world where past innovations fuel the imagination of generations to come. A vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation allows you to experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing



yourself in their stories. Step inside the bus where Rosa Parks took a standby taking a seat. Play pilot as you explore flight innovations, starting with the Wright brothers' achievements, or make yourself at home inside Buckminster Fuller's circular Dymaxion House. Put yourself in the place of the movers and shakers who blazed the trail to where we stand today.

Questions? Contact Linda Oligschlaeger – 353-9953 – lindao47@embarqmail.com



At Greenfield Village, experience firsthand the sights, sounds, and sensations of American perseverance: from working

farms to Model T rides to the Wright brothers' workshop. Explore the place where America's can-do spirit inspires you to go out and get it done.

Ball Horticultural Company - Chicago



Flower power still reigns at Ball Horticultural. One of the nation's largest sellers of commercial seed for flowers and perennials, roses, and shrubs to

professional growers, landscapers, wholesalers, and retailers. It operates in about 25 countries through subsidiaries and joint ventures.

The Details:

The final cost of the trip is yet to be determined, although it's anticipated to be in the \$2,000 range for double occupancy. Add approximately \$800.00 for single occupancy. The cost of the motor coach will be divided among the number of travelers. So, the final cost cannot be determined until registration closes on June 1, 2022.

Registration begins March 17, 2022, with a \$500.00 deposit and your completed registration form. The deposit is refundable until the close of registration. After that date, you will need to find another member to take your place if you're not able to make the trip.

Registration closes June 1, 2022, or until the number of travelers has reached capacity before then.

Final payment due in June 2022, date and final cost to be announced.

Plans are tentative and subject to change.

Limit: 35-40