

# 9-Day Wisconsin's Hidden Treasures

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## 1 MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

We begin our tour this morning as we board our deluxe motorcoach and are greeted by our tour director and driver. We will be traveling through Kentucky, stopping for lunch in the Florence area. After lunch it is a short drive to Cincinnati where we turn west into Indiana through Indianapolis to Merrillville, Indiana, for the night.

## 2 RACINE / STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN

It's a short drive this morning as we continue north into Illinois bypassing Chicago on our way to Racine, Wisconsin, located on the shores of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Root River. We make a photostop at Windpoint Lighthouse, one of the oldest and tallest active lighthouses on the Great Lakes. We continue north along Lake Michigan's shoreline with scenic vistas before stopping for lunch in the Milwaukee area. Sturgeon Bay is our destination for the next three nights. Sturgeon Bay is one of only sixteen communities nationwide to be named a Coast Guard City and is the first, and only, in Wisconsin.



## 3 "CAPE COD OF THE MIDWEST"

A peninsula which divides Green Bay from the main body of Lake Michigan and boasts 250-miles of ruggedly beautiful shoreline, Door County is often called the "Cape Cod of the Midwest." A local guide will join us for a day of sightseeing in Door County. We continue north and learn the history of the quaint little villages that make up this beautiful area. A drive through Wisconsin's largest state park brings us to Eagle Bluff Lighthouse for a photo stop. This little gem, built in 1868, is period furnished. This evening we enjoy a Fish Boil—a Door County tradition and a gourmet's delight. **L D**



MOTORCOACH

## 4 WASHINGTON ISLAND / ICELANDIC SETTLEMENT

This morning we drive to the Northport Pier where we board a ferry to Washington Island located six miles off the coast in Lake Michigan. A narrated sightseeing tour is included on this island, one of the oldest Icelandic settlements in the United States. Washington Island is a sightseeing "must" on any trip to this historic area. Boynton Chapel is a small wooden chapel built in a late 12th-century Norwegian stave church (stavkirke) style. Handcrafted by Winifred and Donald Boynton between 1939 and 1947 on the grounds of their summer residence, the chapel is modeled after the Garmo stave church at Maihaugen in Lillehammer, Norway. We visit Jackson Harbor Maritime Museum. The museum is located in two former fishing sheds. We reboard the ferry and return to Northport Pier. At Sister's Bay we enjoy lunch at Al Johnson's an authentic Swedish Family owned restaurant where you can find goats grazing the sod roof. It's quite a sight, and it's made this place one of the most famous restaurants in Door County. In the dining room, young ladies in Scandinavian dress dish out limpa bread and Swedish meatballs. After time for shopping in the restaurant gift shop, we will explore small villages on our return to Sturgeon Bay for



## 5 LAMBEAU FIELD / GREENBAY / MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

It's a short drive to Green Bay, Wisconsin located at the head of Green Bay, a sub-basin of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of the Fox River. Today, we tour the Green Bay Packers Lambeau Field. We walk down the same tunnel the Packer players do on gameday and learn about the legendary history of the team and stadium. The 15,000 square foot, two-level Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame is conveniently located on the main floor of the Lambeau Field Atrium, across from 1919 Kitchen & Tap. Learn all about the incredible history of the Green Bay Packers before continuing along the northern shore of Lake Michigan to Marquette for the night. The City of Marquette is located in the central region of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and is the Upper Peninsula's largest community. Marquette is a major port on Lake Superior, primarily for shipping iron ore, and is the home of Northern Michigan University. **D**

### 6 GUIDED TOUR OF MARQUETTE

We tour the city with a local guide, and learn its iron mining, forestry and shipping heritage. We take a scenic drive to see Presque Isle's pebbled beaches, rocky cliffs and wildlife. In Marquette, stop at St. Peter's Cathedral, which dates to 1853. See the massive iron ore docks that grace the city's two deep water harbors and visit Presque Isle Park, considered to be the finest "natural" city park in the world. After lunch it's a short drive to Munising, Michigan for the night.

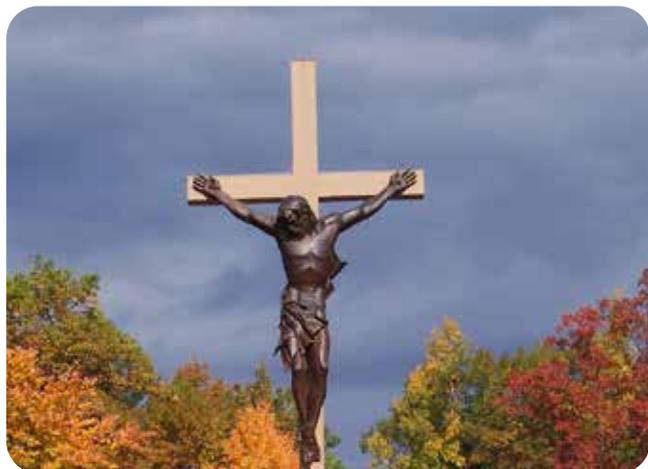
### 7 CRUISE PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE AND MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN

This morning we will take a cruise of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. We travel 32 miles round trip and view brilliantly colored cliffs, sea caves, and pristine beaches. Experience the same cruise that has been delighting passengers for over 65 years! Lovers Leap, Indian Head, Miners Castle, and Chapel Rock are just a few of the natural landmarks seen on this cruise. After lunch we continue through Michigan's Upper Peninsula crossing the "Mighty Mac" Bridge from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City. We will spend the night in Mackinaw City located on the picturesque Straits of Mackinac.



### 8 CROSS IN THE WOODS / FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN PERYSBURG, OHIO

This morning we will travel through Cheboygan stopping at Indian River to view the "Cross In The Woods". Indian River is located half way between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. It's also the center of Michigan's famed Inland Waterway. The Cross in the Woods is a Catholic shrine located in Indian River. With the largest crucifix in the world (31 feet high for the statue), it has become one of the most famous and most frequently visited shrines in Michigan. We continue to Frankenmuth, Michigan for an included lunch at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Frankenmuth is a city in Michigan, known for its Bavarian-style architecture. There will be time for shopping and browsing in the many craft and speciality stores in Frankenmuth. Our destination for the last night of our tour is Perrysburgh, Ohio. **L**



### 9 HOMEWARD BOUND

Our final day of travel takes us through Ohio and back through the beautiful Bluegrass State of Kentucky before arriving in Knoxville ending another delightful tour with Knoxville Tours.

#### 5 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

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