



## Michigan Lighthouse Festival 2020

### Two Night Three Day Itinerary

Traverse Bay Area

#### **Day One – Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020** **Pick-up in Bay City and Cadillac**

Today we depart to discover the Grand Traverse Bay area of Michigan where we will immerse ourselves in maritime lore and enjoy quaint beach towns, lighthouses and the natural beauty in Northern Michigan. \*En route souvenir Lighthouse T-Shirts and the 2020 Michigan Lighthouse Guide will be distributed.

Upon arrival on the Eastern shore of Lake Michigan in the town of **Frankfort** you are welcomed on Main Street with views of the beach and harbor as you will have time for lunch on your own, or window shopping to find the perfect shop of treasures that will brighten your day!

After lunch we will drive to the Frankfort Harbor where you will see folks fishing on the pier in the shadow of the **Frankfort North Breakwater Light**. Grab your camera as photo opportunities abound of the pristine sand beaches that stretch as far as the eye can see while the stately Victorian era summer houses are lined up immediately behind the beach.

Another short drive brings us to the **Point Betsie Lighthouse** that was established in 1858. To many, Pont Betsie is arguably one of the finest of all historical lighthouse sites in the Great Lakes Region. After your walk through the 1858 lighthouse keeper's residence, climbing of the 34 step tower and visiting the Boathouse museum you can decide for yourself! The highlight of your stop here may actually be the 100-year old Fourth Order Fresnel Lens or just the remarkable views up and down the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Heading inland we will arrive at the **Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel** where will spend the next two nights and experience exceptional hospitality!

Once at the hotel, take time to freshen up before we join other lighthouse enthusiast and take in the festivities with the **2020 Lighthouse Festival kick-off dinner** and lively entertainment. Your evening begins with a Cash Bar and **dinner buffet** finished off with two Special Guest Speakers.

We begin the event with **Michigan Lighthouse – Landmark Legacy** with an audio-visual Excursion with William Lucas, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Trumpeter and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Michigan. The presentation of producing a Lighthouse Fanfare



will include a number of musical compositions set to video of some of Michigan's most famous and beloved Lighthouses!

We finish the event with *Augustin Fresnel: Through A New Lens*. This Living history portrayal reveals a lifetime of personal challenges, scientific curiosity, and innovative achievements. Fresnel's courage and perseverance, along with guidance from his mentor, Francois Arago, unfolds in an engaging story that brings to life his personal legacy of *"illuminating the seas, saving lives and creating new light in new venues yet to come."*

Keep up the fun afterwards with casino action using your free play (\$15.00 per person/per day)

### **Day Two – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

This morning we enjoy a full hot breakfast buffet at the hotel in their restaurant Season's prior to a day with natural beauty and small town charm.

Our morning begins as we head out to the site of the 2020 Featured Lighthouse for this year's event at the *Mission Lighthouse*. This picturesque lighthouse was built in 1870 to warn ships away from the dangerous shoals extending into Grand Traverse Bay at the tip of the Mission Peninsula. Here you will be standing on the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel, half way between the equator and the North Pole. Celebrating 150 years, you will be able to climb the tower to enjoy the views and enjoy the museum. Maritime vendors will be on the grounds participating in the festival market place.

Heading out to the land of Life, Liberty, Beaches and Pie you will find yourself in the village of Glen Arbor at *Cherry Republic*. This amazing store/restaurant/mail-order center is dedicated to Traverse City's favorite fruit! Plenty of free samples, wine & soda pop tasting and with more than 200 cherry products, there's something for everyone. Enjoy lunch on your own in their Grand Café or take a stroll to the Legendary Watering Hole at Art's Tavern since which has been serving since 1937, or the Western Ave. Grill which offers casual fine dining. Either way you might want to save room for their home made cherry pie and 14 flavors of cherry ice cream for dessert!

A short drive takes us to the 2<sup>nd</sup> village located in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore area and to the *Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum*. While this is the original Life-Saving Station it was moved to this site because the encroaching sand dunes were beginning to bury it in sand. Take to time to learn the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service, the U.S. Coast Guard and Great Lakes shipping history. A panoramic view of the Manitou Passage shipping channel is accessible from the second floor which has been outfitted as a Steamer Wheelhouse!



A visit to the area becomes educational and informative with time at the *Philip A. Hart Visitor's Center* located in Empire. You will find this interesting as you take in the displays covering the natural and human history of the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

Taking time out to again refuel we find ourselves at *The Manor on Glen Lake* where we will enjoy dinner this evening from a limited menu.

Afterwards we take in magnificent and dramatic views while making our way on the *Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive*, within the *Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore*. The series of stops throughout the park will showcase the natural beauty that abounds with clear water, fine sand and soaring dunes. The beauty and sunset will be the perfect way to spend your evening.

Returning to **Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel** for the evening, gaming action awaits those that are eager to keep the fun going!

### **Day Three – Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

After a full hot breakfast buffet in Season's restaurant we check out of the hotel and depart for another day of adventure!

We make our way to the very tip of the Leelanau Peninsula and the *Grand Traverse Lighthouse*. Located in the Leelanau State Park, this lighthouse has been guiding ships and sailors since 1858. Once on the ground visit the restored keeper's dwelling and take the trek up the 50 foot tower. Spectacular views of Lake Michigan, Cathead Bay, Grand Traverse Bay and the Manitou Passage will be found. Also on the grounds is the Fog Signal Building and their Shipwreck Exhibition.

Our final adventure takes us to the picturesque village, once a commercial fishing village, **Leland** which is also referred to as (*Fishtown*) located on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan. Rich in artisan culture, this quaint, historic village has been renovated to house a variety of shops with such items as arts and crafts, leather works, pottery, jewelry and more. A great "walking around" town will make it possible to find a celebrated restaurant or bistro with a wide range of menus to enjoy lunch on your own. You will also find many specialty foods including smoked fish and homemade fudge!

Time to leave behind the splendor of the area and depart towards home !



INCLUDING:

- 4 Meals
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- Professional Tour Director or local host
- All Sightseeing and Admission Fees
- Round Trip Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

**NET PRICE:**

**\$847.00 ~ Single**  
**\$567.00 ~ Double**  
**\$487.00 ~ Triple**  
**\$437.00 ~ Quad**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Michigan Lighthouse Guide & Souvenir Lighthouse T-Shirt
- Free time in the Beach Town of Frankfort
- Frankfort North Breakwater Light
- Point Betsie Lighthouse and Boathouse Museum
- 2020 Lighthouse Festival Kick-Off dinner with entertainment
  - \*Joe Smith as Augustin Fresnel: Through a New Lens
  - \*William Lucas – Michigan Lighthouse Landmark Legacy
- Casino Gaming Package - \$15 per day
- Mission Point Lighthouse – Featured Lighthouse of Festival
- Free time in Glen Arbor – Cherry Republic
- Sleeping Bear Point Maritime Museum
- Philip A. Hart Visitors Center – Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- Dinner at the historic Manor on the Glen
- Sleeping Bear Dunes – Pierce Stocking Drive
- Grand Traverse Lighthouse
- Free time in Leland “Fishtown”