

Over the River & Through the Woods

DAY 1: Enroute to Thunder Bay Resort, enjoy an afternoon visit to Fairview Organic Maple Farm. Learn about the modern techniques Tim and Judy Boonstra use to tap over 2,500 Maple trees. Sample one of Judy's maple syrup cookies. (A tour of an Amish Creamery can be added or substituted.)

Arrive at Thunder Bay Resort. This family run resort offers the beauty of Northern Michigan and a friendly staff to give you a matchless Northern Michigan experience.

A buffet dinner is included in the Clubhouse Grille followed by entertainment by Northern Michigan's popular entertainer and comedian, Mike Ridley. Mike will be playing some of your old favorites one minute...and telling jokes and hilarious stories the next. You will be laughing and singing along.

DAY 2: Depart this morning for Mackinac Island. As you step upon the island you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transport everything from supplies for the businesses on the island to passengers. Upon arrival on the island, a horse drawn carriage will be waiting to take you on a tour of the island. For anyone who has seen the movie "Somewhere in Time" there will be moments of déjà vu during the tour of this picturesque island. The afternoon is free to continue enjoying the island. Be sure to sample some of the fudge for which the Island is famous before reboarding your ferry this evening to return to Thunder Bay Resort.

DAY 3: The tour begins this morning with the Presque Isle Lighthouses. Located on the Lake Huron shoreline near Presque Isle Harbor, the "New Presque Isle Light" is the tallest lighthouse tower accessible by the public on the Great Lakes. Built in 1870, the light station is now a museum that provides visitors with an opportunity to learn about local history, as well as, how keepers and their families lived.

Lunch today is at Art in the Loft. Learning to cook for one (or two) people can be a challenge. During lunch, discover how to unlock the magic of your Air Fryer. Or, explore the wonders of Sous Vide and learn how it is possible with a few minutes of prep time to prepare a meal for one.

This afternoon visit the Great Lakes Heritage Center. The visitor center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, features exciting exhibits for all ages. Exploring the Shipwreck Century, is located in the center's main hall and includes a full-size replica wooden Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck where visitors can walk the decks, feel a Great Lakes storm, and touch the massive timbers of the boat resting on the bottom of the bay.

This evening step back in time as you board a horse drawn carriage that takes you *over the Thunder Bay River and through the woods*. Enjoy the scenery, view the majestic elk, inhale the smell of pine, and see the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to beautiful Elk Antler Log Cabin. Warm yourself by the fire and savor the delicious aromas put forth by the twin antique wood cook stoves as culinary artist Spenser James and his staff prepare your gourmet meal.

DAY 4: Depart for home.

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