

# [Gold] 5 Day Tour Through Chicago, Milwaukee, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Traverse City, and Holland

Product information			
Departure city	Chicago -CHI	Tour No.	CD5
Destination	Chicago -CHI	Way location	Chicago - CHI、Milwaukee、Lake Michigan
Travel days	5 Day 4 Night	Transportation	Vehicle
Airport pick-up/drop-off		Currency	USD

Product price				
Single occupancy: \$1269 / Person	Double occupancy: \$959 / Person			
Triple occupancy: \$859 / Person	Quadruple occupancy: \$809 / Person			

# Departure date

05/01/2025-10/31/2025: Thursday

05/01/2026-10/31/2026: Thursday

During maple season 09/18/2025-10/09/2025 and & 09/17/2026-10/08/2026, the hotel will charge an additional

\$60.00 per room per night.

Minimum of 2 people to be operated.

#### **Highlights**

- . Spend five days exploring the stunning scenery of three of the Great Lakes in the United States: Lake Michigan, all located in the United States; Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake; and Lake Huron, which has the longest shoreline of the five Great Lakes.
- . Famous cities along the Great Lakes: Chicago, the third largest city in the United States, Milwaukee, an industrial powerhouse, Green Bay, a port city on the St. Lawrence Seaway, the ancient city of Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan, and the scenic Traverse City.
- Mackinac Island, once selected as one of the world's ten most beautiful islands and known as the treasure of the Great Lakes of North America; Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore with its beautiful beaches; Painted Walls National Lakeshore Park on the shores of Lake Superior, and the characteristic town of Holland Village.
- . Green Bay and Mackinac Island, against a shimmering blue backdrop, burst with vibrant color in spring, summer, and fall! As autumn arrives, the trees transform into ruby apple red, pear yellow, and pumpkin orange.

  Take a horse-drawn carriage ride on Mackinac Island to experience the fall colors!
- . Tahquamenon Falls is famous for its distinctive bronze color, and the falls are even more spectacular when viewed in the unique red, yellow and orange hues of autumn.

# Join / leave point

## **Boarding location**

07:30Departure, Chicago: Chinatown; Address: 218 W Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60616;

#### **Drop-off location**

Chicago: Chinatown; Address: 218 W Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60616;

#### **Tour introduction**

## Day 1

Chicago - Vehicle - Milwaukee - Vehicle - Green Bay - Vehicle - Escanaba

All day

Today's itinerary will focus on Wisconsin, located on the western shores of Lake Michigan. We'll first travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest city and industrial powerhouse, home to the renowned Harley-Davidson motorcycle factory. We'll explore the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Museum and experience the grandeur of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. We'll then head to downtown Milwaukee's renowned Warehouse District. Enjoy lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market, an iconic dining and event venue, a bustling community center for Milwaukeeans, and a must-see for out-of-town visitors.

## **Itinerary:**

Chicago → Milwaukee → Harley-Davidson Museum (Optional, 60 mins) → Milwaukee Public Market (60 mins) → Green Bay (30 mins) → Escanaba

#### Morning

#### **Harley Davidson Museum**

The Harley-Davidson Motor Museum, spanning 12,000 square meters and comprised of three buildings, is located on the banks of the Menomonee River. The museum houses over 450 Harley-Davidson motorcycles from various eras, including the earliest models, and thousands of Harley-Davidson parts. It is considered the home base of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Each handcrafted motorcycle embodies the Harley-Davidson spirit: passion, freedom, bravery, and individuality. The museum attracts over 300,000 visitors annually.

#### Milwaukee Public Market

Take a walk along this unique indoor shopping experience that houses 24 unique specialty food vendors and up to 17 specialty & fresh food vendors. There are even vendors that specialize in handmade jewelry, arts & crafts, photography and so much more.

#### Afternoon

## **Green Bay**

Green Bay, located in Brown County, Wisconsin, is a city and river port in northeastern Wisconsin. It sits on the shores of Lake Michigan, at the head of Green Bay and at the mouth of the Fox River. It is a port on the St. Lawrence Seaway and a major distribution center.

Night

Hotel: Magnuson Grand Pioneer Inn and Suites; similar

# Day 2

## Lake Superior - Vehicle - Tahquamenon Falls - Vehicle - St Ignace

All day

In the morning, we'll journey through vast forests and explore the sparsely populated and picturesque Upper Michigan, including Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake, and admire the shoreline at Picture Rocks National Lakeshore and Taquahmenon Falls. In the afternoon, we'll arrive in St. Sainte Marie, Upper Michigan's oldest city and a key gateway connecting Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

## **Itinerary:**

Escanaba → Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore In-depth Tour (Mandatory, Include: Miner's Castle (35 mins) + Miner's Beach (35 mins) + Tahquamenon Falls (90 mins) ) → Point Iroquois Lighthouse (30 mins) → Sto Lock (30 mins) → St. Ignace

#### Morning

#### Miner's Castle

Miners Castle, also known as Painted Rocks National Park, is a place where you can admire colorful rocks with different patterns, spectacular cliffs, and lakes with distinct layers of color. You will involuntarily sigh at the wonders of nature.

#### Miner's Beach

Miners Beach is just up the shore from Miners Castle – which tends to be more of an attraction than a beach. It even offers a spectacular view of Pictured Rocks to the East. The road is paved almost right down to the beach, with a spacious parking area, camping sites with fire pits, and even has a stairway down to the beach.

#### **Tahquamenon Falls**

The Taquahmenon Falls and Lower Falls are two of the most famous falls, that are also called Amber Twin Falls. These two falls are colorful falls where water flows down under the beautiful sunshine!

## **Point Iroquois Lighthouse**

We will quickly be stopping by the beautiful Point Iroquois Lighthouse! It is a historic lighthouse where you can overlook Lake Superior connecting to Lake Huron.

Afternoon

Soo Locks

The Soo Locks are a set of parallel locks, operated and maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It enables ships to travel between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes. They are located on the St. Mary's River between Lake Superior and Lake Huron and even between the Upper Peninsula of the U.S. state of Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn, Sault Ste. Marie; similar

Day 3

St Ignace - Vehicle - Mackinac Island - Vehicle - Traverse City

All day

Today, we'll take a scenic speedboat tour to Mackinac Island, known as a paradise. Along the way, we'll admire the magnificent Mackinac Suspension Bridge, a five-mile-long suspension bridge connecting Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. In the evening, we'll head to scenic Traverse City for dinner and check into our hotel.

**Itinerary:** 

St Ignace → Mackinac Island (Optional, 4 hours) → Traverse City (30 mins)

Morning

Mackinac Island Ferry & Carriage

Mackinac Island, nestled in Lake Michigan, boasts stunning scenery. Once named one of the world's ten most beautiful islands, it's considered a jewel of the Great Lakes. The island boasts breathtaking natural scenery, lush vegetation, and a vibrant birdlife on the lakeshore. Due to its former British occupation, the island boasts remarkably well-preserved colonial architecture, a sight worth seeing. The island's renowned specialty, Mackinac Island fudge, is the only product exported from the island, so a must-try is a must-try. The island is a truly secluded outdoor paradise, accessible only by private plane and ferry. There are no cars on the island, so people travel on foot or by horse-drawn carriage.

Afternoon

**Traverse City** 

Nestled in the pinky of the Lower Peninsula mitten, Traverse City is surrounded by the waters of Lake Michigan.

We enjoy four distinct seasons of outdoor adventures with beaches, ski resorts, and hundreds of miles of trails to explore, as well as unique indoor experiences like restored theaters, award-winning wineries, and extensive shopping and dining.

Night

Hotel: Baymont by Wyndham Grand Rapids SW/Byron Center; similar

## Day 4 Holland - Vehicle - Chicago

All day

Departing Traverse City early this morning, we'll travel south along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan to Holland, voted the most beautiful town in the United States. Here, we'll learn how Dutch immigrants established themselves in the American Midwest and built their dream home. After lunch, we'll drive to the Gilmore Car Museum to learn about Michigan's history as the "Car State."

## **Itinerary:**

Holland → Windmill Island (Optional, 60 mins) → Gilmore Car Museum (Optional, 60 mins) → Chicago

# Morning

### Holland

Hundreds of years ago, immigrants from the Netherlands settled here and built homes that resembled their homeland. The area is dotted with Dutch-style buildings, full of European charm.

#### Windmill Island

Windmill Island has the world-famous "De Zwaan" (the swan), an authentic windmill (shipped from the Netherlands) and has over approximately 250 years' worth of history. We will have plenty of time to walk around the beautiful gardens located on the island.

# Afternoon

## Gilmore Car Museum

Gilmore Car Museum has the state's largest collections of classic and vintage automobiles. At the museum, you will have the chance to appreciate the car collections produced from various periods dated between 1890 and 1960.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn O'Hare-Convention Center; similar

## Day 5 Chicago City Tour

All day

Chicago, nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan, is the third largest city in the United States and a model city for the nation's finest architecture. It's a popular destination for architectural pilgrims, boasting numerous landmark pavilions, buildings, parks, and delicious cuisine. The city boasts the world-renowned Millennium Park, the magnificent Cloud Gate, and the giant city mirror, offering a glimpse into the city's beauty. Buckingham Fountain, the world's largest artificial fountain, is also home to Trump Tower, 360 Chicago, the Art Institute of Chicago, and other scenic attractions, all of which are beloved destinations.

## **Itinerary:**

Millennium Park & Cloud Gate (20 mins) → Chicago Architecture Aesthetics Tour (Mandatory, 100 minutes) → Art Institute of Chicago (Optional, 120 mins) → 360 Chicago (Optional 75 mins)

# **Chicago Architecture Aesthetics Tour:**

First stop: Michigan Avenue and surrounding attractions: Chicago Tribune Building → Wings of Liberty Sculpture → St. Regis Tower → Wrigley Building → DuSable Bridge → Trump Tower

Stop 2: McDonald's Headquarters & United Center

Stop 3: Chicago Board of Trade Building → Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago → Art Institute of Chicago

Stop 4: Grant Park & Buckingham Fountain

Pass: Municipal Opera House, CME Group Building, Willis Tower

#### Tips:

1. The Chicago Architectural Aesthetics Tour attractions are all exterior, and the tour method is car tour + light hiking, which requires moderate physical strength for guests.

## Morning

## Millennium Park

Millennium Park is a large urban park in Chicago. On one side of the park is Chicago's busiest street, Michigan Avenue, and on the other side is the beautiful Lake Michigan. In the park, you can see the imprint of postmodern architectural style everywhere, so some professionals regard this park as a concentration of postmodern architectural style. Among them, the open-air concert hall, Cloud Gate and Crown Fountain are the three most representative postmodern buildings in Millennium Park.

#### **Grant Park**

Chicago's famous Grant Park is located in the city's commercial center. In 1901, it was renamed Grant Park in honor of U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant. The park contains performance venues, gardens, artworks, sporting, and harbor facilities. It hosts public gatherings and several large annual events and is popularly referred to as "Chicago's front yard".

#### The Art Institute of Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago was founded in 1891. It is one of the oldest art galleries in the world and one of the three largest art galleries in the United States today. The museum houses art treasures from five thousand years and five continents, and can be called a museum of all nations. In particular, the masterpieces of French Impressionist painters are world-renowned. The masterpieces of masters such as Renoir, Picasso, and Van Gogh are priceless. Even the bronze lion statues on both sides of the gate have become the symbol of Chicago.

#### Afternoon

#### **Chicago Architectural Cruise**

Taking a cruise and admiring Chicago's architectural forest is definitely a must-do in Chicago! The Shoreline City riverside tour takes about 75 minutes and is guided by a professional and humorous English tour guide. In addition to seeing the famous landmarks of Chicago and learning about their stories, you can also experience the beauty of the Chicago River up close. There are multiple ferry trips every day at Navy Pier and the Michigan Street Bridge.

or

#### A tour of Chicago's architectural aesthetics

This is an in-depth architectural exploration tour led by a professional guide, taking guests into the core of Chicago's architectural art. With this architectural aesthetic tour, tourists will not only "check in", but truly understand and appreciate the cultural heritage and design concepts contained in Chicago's architecture, thereby having a more in-depth and valuable Chicago sightseeing experience.

## 360 Chicago

The John Hancock Center is located on the Michigan Avenue side of Chicago. It is also known as "360° Chicago". It was completed in 1969 and was the tallest skyscraper in the world outside of New York at the time. Standing on the 94th floor, the view will reach 128 kilometers, and the scenery of the four states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin will be in full view.

Cost Description
Cost includes
1. Transportation (The type of vehicle used will be based on the number of guests attending that day).
2. Bilingual tour guide or driver-guide.
3. Hotel (Nights are one day less than the total number of tour days).
4. Breakfasts.
Cost excludes
1. Lunch and dinner (the guide will provide suggestions);
2. Air ticket, ferry, and shuttle transfer in some attraction areas/national parks.
3. Attraction admission fee (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from the tour guide).
4. Service fee (minimum USD\$15/person/day, any child and Infant reserving a seat has to pay that service fee as well).
5. Personal expenses (such as food & beverage, telephone surcharge, etc.).

6. Any expenses are not listed in Fee Included.

# Extra expense

Item name	Price description	Description
Mandatory Fee: A tour of Chicago's architectural aesthetics	Everyone: \$45.00;	
Mandatory Fee: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore In-depth Tour	Everyone: \$50.00;	Including: Miner's Castle + Miner's Beach + Tahquamenon Falls
360 Chicago	Adult: \$35.00; Senior(65+): \$35.00; Child (3-11): \$23.00;	
Chicago Architectural Cruise	Adult: \$44.00; Child(4-12): \$20.00; Child(0-3): \$0.00;	
The Art Institute of Chicago	Adult: \$32.00; Senior(65+): \$26.00; Child (under 14): \$26.00;	
Harley Davidson Museum	Adult: \$25.00; Senior (65+): \$21.00; Child (5-17): \$11.00;	
Mackinac Island Ferry	Adult (12+): \$38.00; Child (5-12): \$26.00;	
Mackinac Island Carriage Sightseeing Tour	Adult (12+): \$44.00; Child (5-12): \$17.00;	
Holland Walking Tour + Windmill Island	Adult: \$25.00; Senior (65+): \$25.00; Child (3-15): \$15.00;	
Gilmore Car Museum	Adult: \$20.00;	

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Senior (65+): \$20.00;	
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Child (11-17): \$12.00;	