Mackinac Island & Thunder Bay Resort

Elk Viewing, Carriage Rides, 5 Course Gourmet Meal, Wine Tasting, & More...

Start your trip off in Mackinaw City as you board your ferry over to Mackinac Island. Spend the day on the Island at your leisure. You can take a carriage ride, take stroll up to the historic fort, and shop in the historic downtown. Enjoy lunch and dinner on your own on the island at the Grand Hotel or any number of restaurants in the downtown district. Make sure you get their famous fudge!

Step back in time to life on the frontier. You begin by boarding a horse drawn carriage that will take you through the wooded resort and away from the daily hustle and bustle. A wooden bridge takes you over the Thunder Bay River and into the Elk Preserve. Here you will get an up close look at majestic bull elk. Bring your camera as you'll have ample opportunity to snap some pictures. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to the beautiful Elk Antler Log Cabin. A massive split stone fireplace welcomes you. The riverside cabin is decorated in period antiques and trophy mounts. Wonderful aromas mix with the scent of hardwood smoke and emanate from two antique wood cook stoves in full view. This elegant cabin maintains its rustic appearance while providing every amenity. Warm yourself by the fire, enjoy something from the bar and savor the delicious aromas put forth by the twin antique wood cook stoves as culinary prepare your five course gourmet meal. Throughout your rmeal you will sample six locally produced wines from the Sunrise Side and be entertained by storytelling from your hosts.

Wednesday, July 28th to Thursday, July 29th, 2027

Price: $504.00 Per Person (Double Occupancy)

$564.00 PP – Single | $484.00 PP – Triple & Quad

Trip Includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation to Hillman, MI
- Overnight accommodations at Thunder Bay Resort*

*Enjoy a horse drawn carriage through the Elk Preserve, 5 course gourmet dinner, wine tasting, a hot full breakfast the following morning in the Clubhouse Grill, Baggage Handling, taxes, & gratuities.

- Round Trip Ferry Service to and from Mackinac Island*

**12:00 PM – Ferry to Mackinac Island | 6:30 PM – Ferry to Mackinaw City*

Bus Depart 07/28/27: Davison Area Senior Center @ 6:30 AM
Bus Returns 07/29/27: Davison Area Senior Center @ 7:00 PM

Reservation Information – Last Day to Sign-up is June 16th, 2027

- Limit 28 seats available
- Gourmet Dinner Includes: Pear & Apple Dumpling, Shrimp Cocktail, Jan's Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Thunder Bay Sweet Napa Salad and Croissant, Crown Roast of Pork with Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, and White Chocolate Mousse Filled Pizzelles with Fresh Raspberries.
- Please specify if you have any dietary needs, food allergies, etc. upon sign-up.
- No refunds will be given after the June 16th, 2027 sign-up deadline date.
- Full payment is due upon sign-up.

For reservations, please contact the Center at 810-658-1566.

Itinerary and Trip Notes:

Full Itinerary:

07/28/27 -
6:30 AM - Depart from Davison Area Senior Center
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM – McDonald's (West Branch)
11:30 AM – Arrive Shepler Ferry Mackinaw City
12:00 PM – Ferry to the Island | 6:30 PM – Ferry back to Mackinaw City
7:00 PM – Depart Shepler Ferry
8:30 PM – Check-In at Thunder Bay Resort

07/29/27 -
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM – Full Breakfast in Clubhouse Grill
10:00 AM – Load Bus with Luggage
10:30 AM – Take bus to Clubhouse and wait for Horse Carriages
10:50 AM – Board Horse Carriages
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Elk Viewing and Gourmet Meal
4:30 PM – Rest Stop at Alger Rest Area
7:00 PM - Return to Davison Area Senior Center