



America's Great Lakes

Our Great Lakes cruise from Chicago to Toronto encompasses all five of the Great Lakes - revealing their rich maritime history, indigenous cultures and captivating natural beauty. Aboard the elegant 202-guest mv Victory I, the finest ship on the Great Lakes, our deluxe cruise includes fine dining, enriching onboard experts, all excursions, an open bar, airport transfers and gratuities.

Your Small Group Journey Value

America's Great Lakes Cruise

- + 9 nights in your choice of outside stateroom or suite aboard the deluxe and intimate 202-guest mv Victory I, the finest ship on the Great Lakes
- + 26 Meals: 9 breakfast s, 8 lunches and 9 dinners with free-flowing wines and beer
- + Complimentary open bar with house spirits throughout your entire cruise
- + Complimentary WiFi in your stateroom
- + A complete program of expertly guided shore excursions with state-of-the-art electronic personal headsets so you don't miss a single word
- + Shipboard discussions, talks and lectures hosted by a handpicked team of engaging experts well versed in the history, marine biology, culture and geology of the Great Lakes and the ports you'll visit
- + Roundtrip chauffeured transfers from the airport to the pier and return
- + All shipboard gratuities

Your Small Group Journey Discoveries

America's Great Lakes Cruise

- + Immerse in the Victoria-era charm of Mackinac Island as you explore by horse-drawn carriage and visit historic Fort Mackinac which played an important role in the War of 1812.
- + Our unique itinerary sails through all five of our Great Lakes - even taking you through the historic Soo Locks, built in 1855 to connect Lake Huron with the pristine northern waters of Lake Superior.
- + Sail into the breathtaking scenery of Georgian Bay and step ashore on Manitoulin Island; here on the largest freshwater island in the world, you'll experience the enduring traditions of the Ojibwe Tribe.
- + Explore three centuries of history, culture, invention and innovation at the outstanding Henry Ford Museum.
- + Delve into fascinating chapters of music history at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame where unique exhibits explore the lives and work of some of our greatest musicians – and their impact on American history, politics, life and culture.
- + Thrill to a cruise through the Great Niagara Gorge into the very heart of world-famous Horseshoe Falls where the misty spray and mighty roar of Niagara Falls will surround you.



Day by Day Itinerary

June 21, 2018 Day 1 – Board the *mv Victory I* in Chicago

A chauffeured transfer takes you from the airport to downtown Chicago where the *mv Victory I* awaits. Settle in to your stateroom before sitting down to a congenial dinner with free-flowing wines, cocktails and beverages as we chart a northward course on Lake Michigan. Meals D

June 22, 2018 Day 2 – Cruising Lake Michigan

Take in the scenery from the Observation Deck or as you enjoy a cocktail in the Lounge. You can also join enriching talks with our Great Lakes experts. Meals B+L+D

June 23, 2018 Day 3 – Mackinac Island

With no cars allowed on the island, your horse-drawn carriage tour is a great way to experience the Victorian ambience of this National Historic Landmark. Learn about the island's history and see turn-of-the-century summer homes built by early captains of American industry. High atop a bluff overlooking the Straits of Mackinac, your tour of Fort Mackinac delves into its strategic importance during the War of 1812.

Then take in the views from the Grand Hotel's verandah, the longest in the world, and enjoy the hotel's Grand Luncheon Buffet. Back in town, you'll have time to browse through galleries and boutiques. Before our ship sets sail this evening, the Grand Hotel's resident historian Bob Tagatz will come onboard for a colorful talk on the history of Mackinac Island and its world-famous hotel. Meals B+L+D

June 24, 2018 Day 4 – Through the Soo Locks to Sault Ste. Marie

You might wish to arise early this morning as the *mv Victory I* transits through the historic Soo Locks where freighters, barges and tugboats traverse the 21-foot

drop of the St. Mary's River between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. The first lock here was built in 1855 and the canal was navigated by 27 vessels during its first year of operation. Today, more than 10,000 ships hauling 86 million tons of cargo pass through these historic parallel locks each year, even though they're closed during the winter when ice shuts down shipping on the upper Great Lakes! After traveling upward through the locks into Lake Superior, we'll return downward to dock on the northeastern banks of the St Mary's River at Roberta Bondar Place – named for Canada's first female astronaut.

This afternoon, you can tailor your sightseeing with the included guided tour of your choice – showcasing either the Canadian or US side of the border:

+ On the Canadian side, guests will visit the Bush Plane Heritage Center to learn about the history and delve into the exciting stories of the country's bush-plane forest fire protection efforts. At the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site, you'll see two of the oldest stone buildings in Canada, both surrounded by period gardens that offer a look into the region's pioneering days.

+ Guests choosing to visit the American side of Sault Ste. Marie will tour the Valley Camp Museum, set inside the enormous hold of a cargo ship that plied the Great Lakes from 1917 through 1966. You'll be able to explore nearly every inch of the ship, including fascinating exhibits that trace the rich maritime history of the Great Lakes. Among the informative and sometimes moving artifacts are two lifeboats that were torn away from the Edmund Fitzgerald before she sank. Before returning to ship, this tour also includes a viewpoint over the Soo Locks.

Both sightseeing tours will return to ship in time for our guests to refresh and relax before another sumptuous dinner accompanied by the fine wines, beverages and cocktails of your choice. Meals B+L+D

June 25, 2018 Day 5 – Little Current on Manitoulin Island

Early this morning finds our ship navigating through the waters and islands that lead into picturesque Georgian Bay, sheltered by the rocky shores and forested hills of Ontario's Bruce Peninsula and Manitoulin Island. After breakfast you'll step ashore in Little Current, Ontario. This charming town is the gateway to Manitoulin, the largest freshwater island in the world. Learn about the island's nautical heritage and its natural history as you make the scenic 30-minute drive to the Immaculate Conception Church. With a unique in-the-round architectural style that evokes a teepee and the circle of life, this church is the spiritual focal point of the local community and brings together the beliefs and customs of the native Ojibwe culture and the Catholic Church. Later at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, you'll enjoy a guided tour through the art galleries and enlightening state-of-the-art exhibits of this heritage museum. If you wish, you can browse in the Foundation's artisan shop and participate in a smudging ceremony, an

ancient purifying ritual that uses the smoke from cedar, sage, sweet grass and other plants that are regarded for their healing powers. A narrated drum and dance performance offers further insight into Ojibwe cultural traditions. Back in Little Current, you can return to ship or linger in town to explore at your own pace. Meals B+L+D

June 26, 2018 Day 6 – Cruising Lake Huron

Indulge in another delightful day of cruising aboard the *mv Victory I*. Meals B+L+D

June 27, 2018 Day 7 – The Henry Ford Museum

From Windsor, Ontario, the original home of the Ford Motor Company, we'll cross the bridge into the United States and visit the Henry Ford Museum. More than just a showcase of the auto industry, this museum explores 300 years of history, culture and innovation. Among the highlights are the limo that transported John F. Kennedy through Dallas on November 22, 1963 and the bus on which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat in December 1955. Meals B+L+D

June 28, 2018 Day 8 – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Industrial landmarks from its days as a lakeside manufacturing town still stand in testament to Cleveland's roots. But the city of today is also riddled with beautiful urban spaces and is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! Here in a striking structure designed by I. M. Pei, you'll discover more than just a museum of rock and roll memorabilia. With our expert guide, you'll explore the evolution of the musical genre that shaped a generation and track its cultural impact. Among the exhibits are Janis Joplin's psychedelic Porsche and Michael Jackson's famous glove. You'll also explore the wonderful West Side Market, set in a 1912 landmark and home to more than 100 vendors. Meals B+L+D

June 29, 2018 Day 9 – The Welland Canal + Niagara Falls

Opened in 1829, the Welland Canal continues to play a vital role, allowing goods to travel from Great Lakes ports like Cleveland and Detroit to the ocean ports of Montreal and Quebec. As our ship begins its Canal transit, you'll step off in Port Colborne for a scenic drive into the vineyard-laced landscapes of the Niagara Peninsula. Then a thrilling Hornblower Cruise takes you through the Great Niagara Gorge and past Bridal Veil Falls into the very heart of Horseshoe Falls - where the mighty spray and roar of Niagara virtually envelop you! At the Château des Charmes, founded by a fifth-generation French winegrower, you'll enjoy a tour, tasting and lunch. You'll have free time to explore Niagara-on-the-Lake before reboarding the *mv Victory I*, now docked in Port Weller on Lake Ontario. Meals B+L+D

June 30, 2018 Day 10 – Disembark in Toronto

Disembark in Toronto where we'll take you to the airport or your hotel. Meals B

Ship Cabins

America's Great Lakes Cruise

Category E

With only 202 guests and more than 80 staff, our deluxe ship promises attentive service and casual onboard elegance. Enjoy innovative outdoor lounges and public spaces that invite convivial conversation with fellow passengers. Enjoy regionally-inspired dishes in the Shearwater Dining Room or dine al fresco at the Cliff Rock Bar + Grille, where “Hot Rock” cooking allows you to choose your ingredients and cook them to perfection on volcanic lava rock. Free-flowing wines and beer complement your meals and an open-bar with house spirits is yours to enjoy throughout the voyage.

Our stylish outside staterooms feature large picture windows, convertible bedding with two twins or one queen bed, premium mattresses, pillow menus, superior high thread-count bedding, a dresser and armoire. You'll enjoy free WiFi access, turndown service and fine bath amenities. A plush robe and slippers, individual climate control, hairdryer, makeup mirror, telephone and in-room safe are also included for your comfort. Stateroom entertainment systems feature an LCD flat screen TV with satellite programs and a radio/alarm clock.

Category E cabins are located on Deck 1 and offer 130 square feet of space.

Category D staterooms on Deck 1 offer 140 square feet of space.

Category C staterooms are located on Deck 2 and offer 140 square feet of space.

Category B staterooms on Deck 3 offer 140 square feet of space.

Category A staterooms are located on Deck 3 and offer a generous 155-190 square feet of space.

Category AA staterooms are located on Deck 4 and offer 155 square feet of space. These stylish accommodations also



include a minibar and open directly to the expansive promenade where you'll find a cozy outdoor seating area to enjoy the fresh air.

Owner's Suites are located on Deck 3 and offer a generous 325 square feet of space.