



September 9-16, 2026

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Join Montam Tours on a fabulous fall tour that is a Montam exclusive: our *Autumn U.P. in Michigan* tour! We invite you to sit back and relax as we travel to Willmar, Minnesota, and Menominee, Wisconsin for breaks and on then to Marinette, Wisconsin for our first overnight at the beautiful **Independence Stay Hotel & Suites**. This family owned hotel offers a pool, a hot tub, a fitness center and a welcoming spirit. Departure from Aberdeen at 7:30 a.m. Come join us on this beautiful fall tour that is close to home!



(Pastries, coffee & juice served onboard coach)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Let's start our day with a **breakfast buffet** before we begin our exploration of all the beauty of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We will travel north to Munising and **The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore**. The landscape is sandstone cliffs, peculiar formations, and magnificent sea caves along the shoreline of Lake Superior, with sand dunes, waterfalls, and untamed forests. The rock faces are filled with vibrant colors thanks to minerals that infiltrates the cracks and crevices of the sand-stone. We will set sail on the **Pictured Rocks Cruises** to travel 32 miles round trip to experience the same cruise that has been operating for over 70 years. The East Channel Lighthouse, Miners Castle, Lovers' Leap, and Chapel Rock are some of the natural landmarks plus Spray Falls, which cascades 70 feet into Lake Superior. You won't get wet, but you'll get some amazing photos! Inside and outside seating available. With our feet on dry land, we will head east to **MI DOG**, home to some of the world's greatest athletes: long-distance sled dogs, led by musher Laura Neese Stielstra. We will enter into the world of sled dogs at the summer sled dog center, where we will enjoy puppy cuddles, witness playtime and allow Laura to introduce you to her dogs and hear stories from her most famous races, the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest. Our overnight for the next two nights will be at the **Quality Inn & Suites** in Newberry, Michigan. It's not the Ritz but we will experience a comfortable stay. There is no elevator but they will do their best to get as many main floor rooms for us. On own dinner tonight.



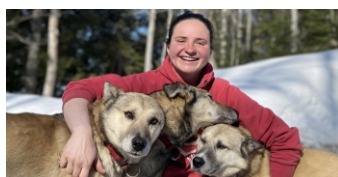
(Breakfast Buffet)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Enjoy a hotel breakfast buffet before we begin our day with a visit to **Oswald's Bear Ranch**. Dean & Jewel Oswald, both 86 years young, have been raising rescued cub bears from all over since 1984. We'll have the rare opportunity to see bears in their enclosures and even get your picture taken with a bear cub. This is an outdoor walk on gravel as you wish and not a drive thru experience. **The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum** has become one of Michigan's most popular destinations. Visitors will learn about the perils of maritime transportation on the Great Lakes at the Whitefish Point Light Station, an historic site on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also home to the Whitefish Point Light Tower, which has been in continuous operation since 1861, making it the oldest operating lighthouse on Lake Superior. Discover the legend of the ill-fated Edmund Fitzgerald and see the ships bell in the main gallery. The Edmund Fitzgerald remains the most mysterious of all shipwrecks around the Great Lakes. Canadian folksinger Gordon Lightfoot inspired interest with his 1976 ballad, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." The Edmund Fitzgerald was lost with her crew of 29 men November 10, 1975, 17 miles N-NW of Whitefish Point. Walk the beautiful shoreline of Lake Superior and absorb the reverence of this special place. We will enjoy an **included pre-ordered lunch at Tahquamenon Falls** before you are free to experience the beautiful **Upper Tahquamenon Falls**. The Tahquamenon River, which feeds the falls, was made famous in the Longfellow poem Hiawatha. Set within a pristine wilderness, the Tahquamenon Falls is over 200' wide and 48' high. To reach the Upper Falls viewing area, simply walk 1/2 miles through the forest within the Tahquamenon Falls State Park to reach the overlook. Several viewing platforms are available to admire and photograph the falls. You are also invited to venture down to the brink viewing observation platform for an up-close view of the falls. This view entails a brand new accessible ramp so it is available for everyone. No more steps coming and going to reach the falls. The views are gorgeous and the sound of the thundering falls are therapeutic. We're not done witnessing waterfalls and will visit the **Lower Tahquamenon Falls**, which is a series of five waterfalls surrounding a small island. The Lower Falls are accessed from the parking lot without hiking. Additional viewing spots require a less than a half mile walk across flat ground. There is a bridge to cross over to The Island and follow the boardwalk around the island for an easy walk around some of the most unique waterfalls in the Midwest. Dinner tonight on your own before we return to the Quality Inn & Suites for our overnight.



(Breakfast Buffet & pre-ordered Lunch)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Fill up on breakfast before we head to **Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan** for a day of visiting Michigan's first city. Rising 210 feet in the air, the **Tower of History** gives visitors a 360-degree view of the entire Sault area from the Sault Locks, the St. Mary's River to the Canadian wilderness, accessible by an express elevator. Construction on the Tower began in 1968 as the "Shrine of the Missionaries." The Sault Historic Sites donated it in 1980, and its scope widened to include Native American and missionary history. The historic Museum Ship **Valley Camp** is a time capsule of history. This ship logged over 3 million miles over its 49 years of service. The 20,000 sq. ft. cargo holds that once held freight are now filled with artifacts, paintings, shipwreck items and exhibits related to maritime history. As a freighter that housed a crew of 29 men, the Museum Ship Valley Camp opens up her Captain's Quarters and accommodations to visitors. Witness firsthand the lifestyle of sailors that worked aboard this great ship. *The Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial and Exhibit* is very unique and has two of the actual lifeboats from the Fitzgerald. In addition to exploring over 100 museum exhibits, visit the four 1,200-gallon aquariums stocked with various species of fish found in the Great Lakes. Enjoy lunch on your own along West Portage Avenue before you marvel at the wonder of engineering at the **Soo Locks** which connects Lakes Superior and Huron, using a series of gates and chambers. Water and boats are moved only by gravity. The Soo Locks date back to the mid-1800s and a visit to the observation platform located in Soo Locks Park will offer a unique point to watch the locking process. Shopping opportunities abound along West Portage Avenue. It's then time to set sail on the **Famous Soo Locks Boat Tours** for an two-hour educational boat tour of historic Sault Ste. Marie and an engaging experience of passing through the Soo Locks. Proudly operating since 1959, Famous continues the tradition of highlighting history and attractions for a memorable experience on their yellow and blue boats. After all this exploring, enjoy dinner on your own at Applebee's Bar + Grill before we check into our overnight accommodations will be at the **Best Western Sault Ste. Marie**. This property features 53 rooms, an indoor pool and sauna, refrigerator, coffee maker, free internet, and a microwave in your room. No passport required as we are staying in the U.S.



(Breakfast Buffet)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

After breakfast, it's time to bid the U.P. a fond good bye and head south to drive across the five-mile long Mackinac Bridge, the "**Mighty Mac**" suspension bridge. The Mackinac Bridge is one of the world's most beautiful bridges and the longest suspension bridge in America. We exit the bridge at Mackinaw City for a visit to **Mackinaw Crossings**. Enjoy shopping for great bargains and lunch on your own before we return to St. Ignace to board **Shepler's Island Ferry** for our ride to Mackinac. Mackinac Island is the truly "all natural theme park of America. Limited transportation to horse and buggy, bicycle or foot and surrounded by water, it has escaped the vast changes of time. Imagine a place where pure air, clear blue water and spectacular rock formations are the norm. Now imagine a place with stately light houses and Victorian architecture and you have Mackinac Island. As you step off the ferry, you'll find yourself in a living Victorian village. We'll get checked into **The Island House hotel** which boasts beautifully renovated Victorian style rooms that offer simplicity and tranquility. The remainder of today will be free to spend as you desire. Explore the Island at your leisure. it's an easy quarter mile walk to the start of downtown Mackinac Island. Browse the numerous quaint shops found only on the Island. Enjoy dinner tonight on your own at our hotel or any of the charming restaurants. Savor your tranquil evening and remember, you are on vacation. Relax on the hotel porch, sit by the water, and soak in the charm!



(Breakfast Buffet)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

After our breakfast buffet, we'll be treated to a **narrated, horse-drawn Carriage Tour of the Island**. Your tour will stop at Surrey Hill, Arch Rock and the historic 1887 Grand Hotel. No visit to Mackinac Island would be complete without savoring the **legendary Grand Hotel luncheon buffet**. The buffet extends nearly 100 feet with an assortment of every food category imaginable. This afternoon and evening are yours to do as you wish. Ft. Mackinac hosts skilled re-enactors and exhibits that draw you into a by-gone era. Experience Wings of Mackinac Butterfly Conservatory to witness free-flight of thousands of butterflies in a garden paradise. Rent a bicycle to explore the Island's 8-mile lake-front perimeter path. Don't forget to shop for fudge, an Island specialty! Whatever you do, you'll find a quaint magic and enchanting beauty only found here. Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel or one of the charming restaurants.



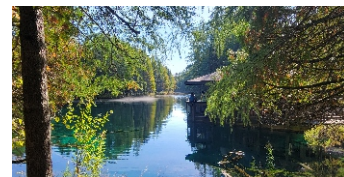
(Breakfast Buffet, Grand Hotel Lunch Buffet)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Enjoy your morning on Mackinac before **Shepler's Ferry** will once again whisk us across Lake Huron for our return to St. Ignace. It's time to bid a fond farewell for the beautiful Straits of Mackinac and begin our journey homeward. Just because we are heading home doesn't mean the fun is over. One of the most iconic places to visit is **Kitch-iti-kipi** located in Palms Brook State Park. Known as "The Big Spring", Kitch-iti-kipi is the largest fresh water spring in Michigan. The spring is 40 feet deep and the teal water is so clear that you can see every detail of the floor as well as the giant lake trout that call it home. Fissures in the limestone floor emit 40,000 gallons of water per minute. This constant rush of freshwater results in Kitch-iti-kipi maintaining a chilly 45 degrees Fahrenheit. A short paved path leads you to the dock where you board a self-propelled raft that use a cable and a giant wheel to take you across the spring. The round-trip ride takes about 10-15 minutes and is so worth it! Our overnight will be at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin**.



(Breakfast Buffet)



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

We have experienced many unique things and met so many wonderful people along the way but all good things must come to end, so it's time to start making the final trek towards South Dakota. No one understands cheese better than Wisconsin and since 1908, *Burnett Dairy Cady Cheese* has been serving 100+ varieties of freshly made cheese. Explore everything cheese and sample some of the best there is. Welcome Home from our Autumn U.P. in Michigan tour!



(Breakfast Buffet)

TOUR ATTRACTIONS

- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Cruise, Munising, Michigan
- Guided visit and talk at MI Dog summer dog sled camp visit, Newberry, Michigan
- Self-guided time at Oswald's Bear Ranch with photo with cub, Newberry, Michigan
- Self-guided time at The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Paradise, Michigan
- Self-guided visit to the Upper Tahquamenon Falls, Paradise, Michigan
- Self-guided visit to the Lower Tahquamenon Falls, Paradise, Michigan
- Self-guided time at the Tower of History, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
- Self-guided time at Museum Ship Valley Camp, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
- Self-guided time at Soo Locks Observation Platform, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
- Famous Soo Locks Boat Cruise, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
- Self-guided time at Mackinaw Crossings, Mackinaw City, Michigan
- Mighty Mac Suspension Bridge Drive
- Round-trip Shepler's Mackinac Ferry to Mackinac Island, MI
- Narrated Mackinac Island Carriage Tour, Mackinac Island, MI
- Self-guided time at Kitch-iti-kipti at Palm Brooks State Park, Manistique, Michigan
- Cady Cheese, Wilson, WI

MEALS INCLUDED

- Seven Hotel Breakfast Buffets and 1 Motorcoach Pastry Breakfast
- Two Lunches

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Night Independence Stay Inn & Suites, Marinette, WI
- 2 Nights Quality Inn & Suites, Newberry, MI
- 1 Night Best Western Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 2 Nights The Island House, Mackinac Island, MI
- 1 Night Fairfield Inn & Suites Eau Claire Chippewa Falls, WI



\$2550 Price per person, based on two to four people sharing a hotel room. Single travelers \$3550.

RESERVATIONS: Tour reservations may be made by contacting our office or registering on-line at montamtours.com. Some tours sell out quickly and by calling you will insure your seat on this tour.

PAYMENT: Once your reservation is received, we will issue an invoice for you. A \$1275per person deposit is due within 7 days of receipt of invoice. Cash, check or credit cards accepted. **FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE JULY 24, 2026.**

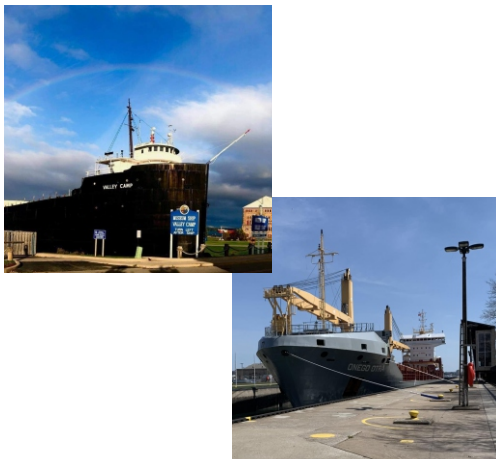
CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received on or prior to July 24 will receive a full refund. Cancellations made July 25 or after will receive no refund. Cancellations must be done during regular office hours. Tour package is transferable to any party, without penalty, provided original tour passenger finds own replacement. No cash refunds will be given. Refunds will be in the form of a future tour voucher.

Travel Protection:Montam Tours offers Travelex Travel Insurance available for purchase. Price for individual plans are age based. Travel Select rates: Based on double passengers.

Ages 12-35 \$104	Ages 23-35 \$112	Ages 36-50 \$144	Ages 51-55 \$151	Ages 56-60 \$193	Ages 61-65 \$232
Ages 66-70 \$306	Ages 71-75 \$367	Ages 76-80 \$519	Ages 81-85 \$690	Ages 86+ \$1129	

Plans must be purchased within 15 days of initial trip deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Itinerary/accommodations/meals may be changed as deemed necessary prior to final departure date. Any changes will be reflected in final tour documents mailed approximately 10 days prior to departure. A minimum number of passengers are required before this tour can operate.



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