

Apostle Islands & Lake Superior



NORTHLAND TRAVEL

5 Days: October 4-8, 2010

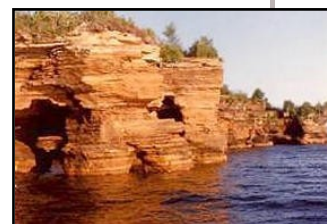
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Jewels of Lake Superior: along windswept beaches and cliffs, visitors experience where water meets land & sky, culture meets culture, and past meets present. The 22 islands and 12 miles of mainland host a unique blend of cultural and natural resources. Lighthouses shine over Lake Superior and the new wilderness areas.

October 4 we pick up through our guaranteed departure cities. Relax as we travel north to Eau Claire, WI. We check into our hotel freshen up, for an elegant dinner at **Fanny Hill Inn**. Fanny Hill sits atop a bluff, overlooking Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley. It offers a unique blend of scenic beauty, premier dining, captivating gardens as well as seasonal decorations and displays.



October 5 after **breakfast** we continue northward, enjoying the outstanding foliage of the Wisconsin countryside. Our destination today is **Lake Superior**, the largest freshwater lake in the world, containing more water than all the other Great Lakes combined. We arrive at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** and see many interactive displays of the history, topology, natural resources, and animals unique to the Lake Superior area. Next we arrive in Bayfield, a fishing village nestled in the hillside on the southern shore of Lake Superior, where rooftops and church spires peek out from brilliant fall foliage. As a travel destination, it's known as the "Best Little Town in the Midwest." We will have lunch



by the waterfront before we board a **ferry** for a cruise to nearby **Madeline Island**, the largest of the Apostle Island Archipelago, only 14 miles long and 3 miles wide. The year-round population of the island is approximately 220, but swells to between 2,500 and 3,000 when the summer residents arrive – many of whom are descendants of early Island settlers who came to log, fish and farm, while some came just to establish a summer retreat. On the island, a **step-on guide** takes us to many rustic places, including a walk over a quaint bridge to a sandy beach. We stop to visit **Madeline Island Historical Museum** with a pioneer home, many artifacts of the area, and a lighthouse reflective prism light demonstration. We ferry back to the mainland and drive to nearby Ashland, WI, where we **stay on the shores of Lake Superior** for the next **2 nights**. We'll have a **cookout** by the shore of the lake.



October 6 enjoy **breakfast** before we travel back to Bayfield to board the **Island Princess** for our **Grand Island Cruise**. The two-level boat takes us through the heart of the 22 Apostle Islands and includes views of the historic Raspberry and Devils Island Lighthouses as well as the famous Devils Island Sea Caves. The captain's narration will reveal rich heritage, including geology, legends and lore as we view miles of pristine National Lakeshore. We then ride up the hill to a special **lunch** at the historic **Old Rit-**
tenhouse Inn. Amid antique furnishings and 19th Century elegance, lunch will be an elegant meal with salads, homemade breads, jams and jellies, delicious entrees and dessert to delight you. After lunch we will have time to peek into the elegantly furnished rooms of this 1890's Queen Anne style mansion, and sit in the swing on the wrap-around porch to relax and view the lake. We then stop at the **Bayfield Maritime Museum** to see a recreation of a pilot house and the light from a lighthouse. Next we drive past the historic **Iron Bridge** and climb high into the hills above Bayfield. We'll stop at family-owned and operated **Hauser Apple Orchard**, which has a gift shop filled with local crafts, breads, jams and jellies, along with many unusual items in the loft.



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October 7 after **breakfast** we leave the lake area and travel through Wisconsin to **Red Wing, MN**. You will have time to enjoy this charming, historic river town renowned for its exquisite pottery and stoneware, Red Wing Shoes, cheesecakes, and confections, antique and specialty shops and unparalleled scenery. We will have a little time for shopping or browsing before checking in for our overnight stay at **Treasure Island Casino**. Try your hand at gaming, take a swim in the pool or just relax in your fine room. Restaurants are right in the complex for our convenience. You will be presented with coupons and discounts for dining, gaming, bowling, and the gift shop.



October 8 after **breakfast** a **step-on guide** will join us for a **tour of Red Wing**. We'll travel through the historic homes area, to a bluff overlooking of the whole town and the river, journey along the unique river harbor, take in a pottery demonstration at the Red Wing Pottery sales room, and time for shopping. We will have an elegant buffet **lunch** in the Victorian dining room of the historic **St. James Hotel**. Then it's time to say farewell to Red Wing, make an afternoon stop at the **Bushel and Peck Apple Orchards**, and continue to wind our way home, with many memories of this fun-filled trip.



Your 5-day NorthLand Travel Package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 4 nights, luggage handling, tickets to all listed attractions, gratuities for step-on guides, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$859 per person, double occupancy
\$789 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds
\$1,024 single room accommodations.

Reservations: Anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$85 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: September 6

Cancel by: September 6 for penalty-free cancellation

Early Booking Discount: \$50 per person discount applied toward final balance, if deposit is received by February 8

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Manchester, Decorah, West Union, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville and Cedar Rapids