



# Itinerary

All 5 Great Lakes: Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario & Superior!

# Great Lakes Loop

The Great Lakes make up the largest concentration of unfrozen fresh water on earth. Experience the Great Lakes like never before by dipping your toe in each one! Our Great Lakes Loop features cruises, lighthouses, shopping, sightseeing and wineries. We'll roll slow so you don't miss a thing!

**DAY 1: Great Lakes Loop!** Arrive Chicago O'Hare to begin your grand Great Lakes Loop adventure. Enjoy a restful night at the **Holiday Inn** Evanston, Illinois. (D)

**DAY 2: Lake Michigan.** Today, you'll journey to **Bernstein's Confection** in Manitowoc, WI. The old-fashioned candy store and ice cream parlor was founded in 1932. Next stop is a creamy surprise!

The evening finds you in picturesque **Door County** which juts into **Lake Michigan** with quaint villages like Egg Harbor and Sister Bay. You'll spend two nights in a lakeside room at the **Wagon Trail Resort**. Later gather for authentic **Wisconsin Fish Boil** as the sun sets over Lake Michigan. (B, Surprise, D)

**DAY 3: Door County.** The morning ferry ride takes you six miles to Washington Island, the oldest Icelandic settlement in the U.S. The day ends with a lively musical at the **American Folklore Theatre**. (B)

**DAY 4: Lake Superior.** Continue on to **Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore** on **Lake Superior** for a scenic boat tour. Fall asleep at the remote **North Shore Lodge** in the village of Grand Marais. (B, D)

**DAY 5: Sault Ste. Marie, ON.** You'll have photo stops at the copper-hued **Tahquamenon Falls** and at **Whitefish Point Lighthouse** which houses the Ship Wreck Museum. Arrive in Sault Ste Marie for a sunset dinner cruise through the Soo Locks, which connect Lakes Ontario and Lake Huron. Cross over the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge into Canada for an overnight at the **Best Western Great Northern**. (B, D)

**DAY 6: Lake Huron.** Today continue on to **Manitoulin Island**, the largest freshwater island in the world. It's located on the North Channel of Lake Huron. You'll ride "The Big Canoe" (a ferry) past Fathom Five National Memorial to Tobermory on the tip of Bruce Peninsula. Overnight at the **Coach House Inn** in Tobermory. (B, D)

**DAY 7: Lake Ontario.** Today's drive takes you to the **Art Walk of Tree Sculptures** in Orangeville. Locals have created figures out of tree stumps. After lunch in Tottenham you'll learn about the centuries old art of falconry at the **Falconry Centre**. The Tottenham features a wealth of quaint shops and eateries. Over-



Picture Rocks



The Big Canoe



Door County Wisconsin

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### Great Lakes Loop highlights:

- RT from Austin, Corpus Christi & San Antonio.
- 9-nts lodging (2nts Door County, Niagara Falls).
- 16 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners).
- **All 5 Great Lakes:** Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario and Lake Superior.
- Bruce Peninsula, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Art Walk of Trees, Pictured Rocks Cruise, Soo Locks, Sturgeon Bay, Tahquamenon Falls, Washington Island, wineries & a whole lot more, then some!



- Hotel taxes, Luggage: 1 per person.
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Some walking,  
Leisurely paced

night **Holiday Inn Express** in Hamilton. (B)

**DAY 8: Niagara Falls.** Visit North America's 19th-century village. **Niagara-on-the-Lake** has lovely old homes, little shops, ice cream and, candy stores and wineries!

Your home for two nights is the **Embassy Suites Fallsview!** Each room features a picture window overlooking Horse-shoe Falls and the American Falls. (B)

**DAY 9: Niagara Falls.** Your guide takes you to Queen Victoria Park and Niag-

ara's Floral Clock. You'll get close up to Horseshoe Falls on the **Maid-of-the-Mist** (weather permitting). Dinner will be at the **Table Rock Restaurant** adjacent to Horse-shoe Falls. (B, D)

**DAY 10: Lake Erie & Beyond.** Wrap up your **Great Lakes Loop** in Buffalo, NY, with a dip in **Lake Erie**.

And, now for the big question! Will you put your big toe in all five **Great Lakes?** Later, head for the airport and home! (B)

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