

Great Lakes Circle

August 05 – 19, 2024 (AB)

August 06 – 19, 2024 (SK)

“A lake is a landscape’s most beautiful and expressive feature.”

Aug. 05 Brooks, AB to Regina, SK

Meet new friends and fellow travellers as our excursion begins. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride to Regina – the “Queen City of the Plains”.

Aug. 06 Winnipeg, MB (B)

Prairie landscape is replaced by woodlands as we near the Manitoba provincial capital.

Aug. 07 Kenora, ON (B)

This morning we visit the **Royal Canadian Mint** for a **guided tour**. Learn how one of Canada’s two mints has produced over 55 billion coins for 75 countries. We travel east into Ontario, Canada’s commercial heartland. We travel to the popular sportsmen’s resort of **Kenora** where we board the **MS Kenora for a 2 - hour cruise on Lake of the Woods**. Sailing through picturesque channels and bays and past luxurious summer homes, a peaceful, unspoiled, wilderness area provides spectacular views and regular wildlife sightings.

Aug. 08 Thunder Bay, ON (B)

The highway winds its way through raw, untouched wilderness on its way to the “lakehead”. Known as the “Niagara of the North”, **Kakabeka Falls** is a lovely photo opportunity. We make an inspirational stop at the **Terry Fox Monument** and enjoy spectacular views from this point overlooking Thunder Bay.

Aug. 09 Sault Ste. Marie, ON – 2 nights (B)

The **Canadian Shield**, the ruggedly beautiful upland that comprises almost half of Canada, dips into Lake Superior here. Rivers meander through a maze of lakes, dense forests and huge outcroppings of the world’s oldest rock on their way to the largest freshwater lake in the world – **Lake Superior**. A scenic drive takes us along the sparkling waters of the lake shore to **Sault Ste. Marie** for a **two-night stay** overlooking the St. Mary’s River that separates Canada from the United States.

Aug. 10 Sault Ste. Marie/Agawa Canyon (B; L)

Today features the **Agawa Canyon Tour Train**. Through large windows we see the same rugged landscapes that inspired the Group of Seven to create some of Canada’s most notable landscape art. The commentary shares the rich history of the region with stories of the Ojibway, fur traders, explorers and

entrepreneurs that pioneered this vast wilderness and called it home. Just when you thought you’d experienced it all, the train begins its descent into the canyon as the rail line hugs the top of the canyon wall traveling down 500 feet to the floor of the Agawa Canyon. Enjoy your **boxed lunch** at one of the picnic areas when the train stops in the canyon.

Aug. 11 Mackinaw City, MI (B)

The **Sault Ste. Marie Canal**, built in 1895, was the world’s longest lock, the first to operate using electricity and the last link in an all-Canadian navigational chain from the Atlantic Ocean to Lake Superior. We enjoy a **guided tour** of the **National Historic Site**. This afternoon we cross into Michigan and travel across the **Mackinac Bridge** to Mackinaw City on the shores of Lake Huron.

Aug. 12 Mackinaw City – 2 nights (B)

A morning **ferry ride** takes us to **Mackinac Island** where Michigan’s early beginnings have been preserved. Since no motorized vehicles are permitted, a **horse-drawn carriage island tour** is planned. Some of the historic points include Fort Mackinac, Arch Rock, Skull Cave, the Grand Hotel and Governor’s Mansion. You can’t leave the island without sampling their world-famous fudge.

Aug. 13 Frankenmuth, MI (B, L)

A visit to **Frankenmuth** features a **Bavarian** atmosphere with old world charm. Enjoy an **included traditional lunch**. **Bronner’s CHRISTmas Wonderland** – the World’s Largest – occupies more than 2 acres of Christmas decorations including 6,000 + ornaments and 250 styles of nativity scenes.

Aug. 14 Middlebury, IN (B, D)

This afternoon is spent visiting **Northern Indiana Amish Country**. A **local guide** tours us through the countryside teaching us of this unique and simple culture. These plain people still farm and travel without automation. Horse-drawn carriages are a common sight along the roadways. This evening we feast on a **traditional family style meal**.

Aug. 15 Janesville, WI (B)

A short drive finds us in the “windy city” – **Chicago**. Here a **local guide** will join us for an extensive **city tour** featuring the waterfront, a spectacular skyline, gangsters and commerce. Our day concludes in Janesville.

Aug. 16 Wisconsin Dells (B, D)

Beautiful, un-spoiled river scenery is enjoyed on a **boat cruise through the Upper Dells**. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore the shops. Join us this evening for a **group dinner** at the **Wisconsin Opry Dinner Show**. A home-cooked meal is followed by a live country music show. (subject to change)

Aug. 17 Fargo, ND (B)

Travelling via Minneapolis, we continue to Fargo for the evening.

Aug. 18 Estevan, SK (B)

We return to Canada and our last night on tour.

Aug. 19 Brooks, AB (B)**Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes**

Twin: \$4019 | Triple: \$3919 | Quad: \$3869 | Single: \$5799
 Twin: \$3939 | Triple: \$3839 | Quad: \$3789 | Single: \$5699

Depart AB - 14 Night's accommodation
 Depart SK - 13 Night's accommodation

Package Includes:

Motor Coach Transportation * Nightly Accommodation with Baggage Handling (one suitcase per person) * All Breakfasts; 2 Lunches; 2 Dinners * Professional Tour Director * Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary
 B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner

Important Information:

Departure Points: You may depart from any location along the first day of travel. Please discuss your options when making your reservation.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Your booking is **NOT** confirmed without this deposit. Should you need to cancel, this deposit will be retained. Travel Insurance is strongly encouraged. In the unlikely event Corben Tours needs to cancel, all deposits will be returned in full.

Forms of Payment: In an effort to reduce overhead costs for our guests, forms of payment include Cheque, Certified Cheque (payable to Corben Tours), Cash or E-transfer (cbconsult@myaccess.ca).

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Cancellation: 60 – 31 days before departure – 25% penalty; 30 – 22 days before departure – 50% penalty; 21 – 0 days before departure – 100% penalty. Cancellation penalties may vary depending on tour, and suppliers.

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Accommodations: are constantly evaluated for their service and quality. All properties are selected for safety, amenities and cleanliness. Our guests needs and comfort are taken into consideration with the selection of all accommodation. At time of booking please indicate if you require 1 or 2 beds and any special needs (welcomed but can't be guaranteed). Single-Travelers may request a share. Although not guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. Special Needs Passengers must be accompanied by a fully capable companion.

Single – one person - 1 bed; **Twin** – two people – two beds; **Triple** – three people – two beds; **Quad** – four people – two beds. Cots are at the expense of the traveller and cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation Suppliers: Are selected based on quality, safety record and reputation. Each operator is closely scrutinized for quality and safety.

Identification: Passports are required for Canadian citizens travelling outside Canada. All others should check with the appropriate authorities for further requirements. Customs/immigration fees are the responsibility of the traveller. Corben Tours will not make refunds if you or your travelling companion(s) are denied entrance to a foreign country.

Not Included in your Tour: Meals other than those listed as inclusions; Optional sightseeing admissions; Items of a personal nature; Optional gratuity to Tour Director and Driver.

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