

PETOSKEY AREA

GROUP TOUR PLANNER

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A MICHIGAN TREASURE

PETOSKEY
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WELCOME TO A MICHIGAN TREASURE.

Groups of all sizes have been visiting the Petoskey Area of northern Michigan for years. They've been attracted by our scenic beauty, easygoing friendliness and Victorian charm.

Your group will find a wide diversity of activities and attractions. And you'll find a number of group-oriented extras including:

- "Welcome to the Petoskey Area" orientations and step-on guide service
- Advice on accommodations
- Pleasant group setups in restaurants
- Arrangements for side trips, historical and color tours
- Coordination with special events

The Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau is here to help in any way we can. We look forward to seeing you soon.

STEP-ON GUIDE SERVICE



Qualified guides are available to provide an informative tour of the Petoskey area. Please contact:

Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau, Petoskey
231.348.2755 ~ PetoskeyArea.com
suzanne@petoskeyarea.com

Little Traverse Historical Museum
231.347.2620 ~ petoskeymuseum.org
info@petoskeymuseum.org

Petoskey Yesterday, Petoskey
517.290.3162 ~ petoskeyyesterday.com
chrisglht@aol.com

DINING



The Petoskey Area offers just about any type of dining experience and has some of the finest gourmet and specialty restaurants you'll find anywhere. Experience local dishes like freshly caught whitefish and morel mushrooms.

Plus, there are plenty of choices for casual dining or fast food. Groups are welcome and treated with traditional northern Michigan hospitality.

RESTAURANTS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls
844.773.8321 ~ 231.549.6000
boynemountain.com

Full menu in main dining room. Alpine atmosphere. Menu features regional specialties. Dining also available at Deer Lake Restaurant. Both moderate to expensive. Private dinners, barbecues, theme dinners and buffets available for groups on request. Separate cocktail lounge.

The Highlands, Harbor Springs
855.229.3421 ~ 231.526.3000
highlandsharborsprings.com

Fine dining in main dining room. Bavarian decor. Varied menu. Dining also available at the Country Club of Boyne. Both moderate to expensive. Private dinners, barbecues, special theme dinners, and buffets available on request. Separate cocktail lounge.

Young Americans Dinner Theatre in summer months. Includes dining and live entertainment by energetic young performers who stage a professional show. Group reservations required.

Inn At Bay Harbor, Autograph Collection, Bay Harbor
844.773.8319 ~ 231.439.4000
innatbayharbor.com

Unparalleled lake views accompany a generous breakfast buffet in the Sagamore Room. Moderate to expensive. The Inn Café serves coffees and teas from Starbucks and offers deli sandwiches, salads, ice cream, and snacks. Moderate. Vintage Chophouse | Wine Bar embodies the charm of the classic all-American steakhouse, complemented by elements of an upscale lounge. Vintage is that quintessential retreat where adults come to indulge and unwind. Moderate to expensive.

Odawa Casino, Petoskey
877.4.GAMING (877.442.6464) ~ 231.439.6100
odawacasino.com

Sage Restaurant offers exceptional cuisine served in an elegant, sophisticated setting. Moderate to expensive. Lighter fare like favorite soups, salads and sandwiches are served in the Copper Café. Moderate.

Stafford's Bay View Inn, Bay View
800.258.1886 ~ 231.347.2771
thebayviewinn.com

Dining located in restored century-old country inn overlooking Little Traverse Bay. In historic Bay View. Moderate to expensive.

Stafford's Perry Hotel, Petoskey
800.737.1899 ~ 231.347.4000
theperryhotel.com

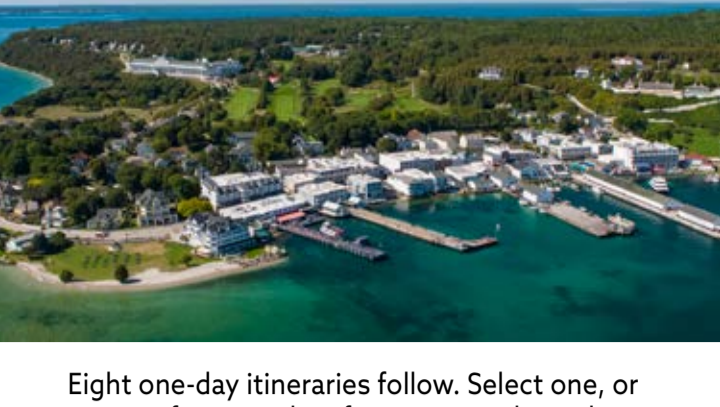
Fine dining overlooking the bay in turn-of-the-century landmark hotel. Casual dining also offered in the Noggin Room Pub. Close to Gaslight Shopping District. Moderate to expensive.

Terrace Inn and 1911 Restaurant, Bay View
800.530.9898 ~ 231.347.2410
theterraceinn.com

Dining room in authentically restored Victorian resort hotel in the heart of the historic Bay View area. Regional specialties. Moderate.

For other dining options, please contact the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau. 231.348.2755
PetoskeyArea.com

ITINERARIES



Eight one-day itineraries follow. Select one, or group a few together, for a two- or three-day stay. Some are tours of the immediate area, some include regional attractions, and some are geared to a particular interest. All have something unique to offer you and your group. If none of these itineraries exactly suit your needs, we'll help you plan whatever you'd like to offer your group.

TOUR #1 – MACKINAC ISLAND

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Depart for Mackinaw City
- Ferry to Mackinac Island
- Carriage tour of the island including Skull Cave, Arch Rock and Surrey Hill Square
- Lunch at the Grand Hotel
- Tour of Fort Mackinac (optional)
- Shopping/browsing on the island
- Ferry back to Mackinaw City
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #2 – INDIAN RIVER/GAYLORD/PETOSKEY

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Bus to Indian River's Cross In The Woods, the world's largest crucifix, and 50-bell carillon
- Drive to the Gaylord area for a view of elk in natural habitat
- Lunch in Boyne City
- Tour Kilwins Chocolate Kitchen
- Free time for shopping in the historic Gaslight District in Petoskey
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #3 – CHARLEVOIX/PETOSKEY

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Depart for Royal Farms, south of Charlevoix
- Tour Castle Farms
- Visit the Earl Young Mushroom Houses
- Lunch at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant
- Free time for shopping in Charlevoix
- Travel to Lavender Hill Farm
- Return to Petoskey and hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #4 – SOO LOCKS/MACKINAW CITY/HARBOR SPRINGS

- Breakfast in hotel or restaurant of choice
- Board buses for 95-mile drive to Sault Ste. Marie and a tour of the Soo Locks, the world's longest parallel lock system
- Lunch
- Drive back to Michigan's lower peninsula over the Mackinac Bridge, stopping at either Fort Michilimackinac or Historic Mill Creek Discovery Center
- Return to Harbor Springs via Cross Village and M-119 (Shore Drive), driving through the famous "Tunnel of Trees"
- Free time for shopping in Harbor Springs
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #5 – FARM TOUR

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Lavender Hill Farm tour
- Pond Hill Farm tour and lunch
- Mackinaw Trail Winery (sip & paint or just sip)
- Maple Moon Sugarbush, Bill's Farm Market or Coveyou Scenic Farm
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #6 – HARBOR SPRINGS/CROSS VILLAGE/INDIAN RIVER

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Tour of Harbor Springs, one of the country's "All-American Cities"
- Scenic drive along M-119 through "Tunnel of Trees" to Cross Village
- Continue on to Historic Mill Creek, an 18th century water-powered sawmill near Mackinaw City
- Lunch
- Drive to Indian River Shrine with world's largest crucifix and 50-bell carillon
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

TOUR #7 – HEMINGWAY'S MICHIGAN

Ernest Hemingway spent many of his boyhood summers in the Petoskey Area. He had a cottage on Walloon Lake (which is now a private residence), but also frequented businesses around the tiny community.

Ask for a map highlighting some of the locations associated with young Ernest, including the statue in downtown Petoskey. During the tour, you'll find plaques with even more information at some of the sites.

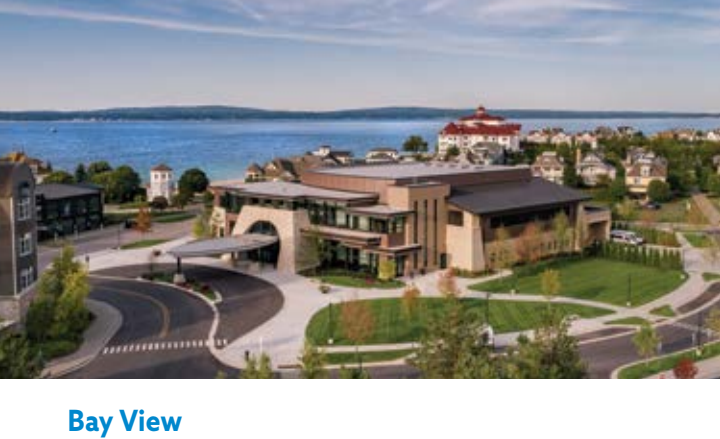
While exploring Hemingway's history, also visit Lavender Hill Farm, the largest lavender farm in Michigan. And stop by the Village at Bay Harbor, an upscale community on the shores of Little Traverse Bay, which offers dining and shopping.

Call 800-845-2828 for further details on this tour.

TOUR #8 – DOWNTOWN PETOSKEY/HARBOR SPRINGS

- Breakfast at hotel or restaurant of choice
- Bay View tour
- Kilwins Chocolate Kitchen tour
- Shopping in Gaslight District
- Travel to Harbor Springs, lunch at The Pier restaurant
- Return to Petoskey and Little Traverse History Museum
- Split into small groups to explore on your own
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

ATTRACTIONS



Bay View

231.347.6225 ~ bayviewassociation.org

This mid-19th century community has nearly 500 Victorian buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a National Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior. Concerts, lectures, religious services and musical performances are offered throughout the summer.

Castle Farms

231.237.0884 ~ castlefarms.com

Tours are available by appointment for groups of 10 or more at Castle Farms, a restored castle with beautiful gardens located in Charlevoix. You can choose to explore at your own pace on a self-guided tour, or your group can be immersed in the experience with one of their expert tour guides.

Crooked Tree Arts Center

231.347.4337 ~ crookedtree.org

Experience art exhibits, a gallery, demonstrations, plays and musical performances.

Great Lakes Center for the Arts

231.439.2600 ~ greatlakescfa.org

The Great Lakes Center for the Arts is a state-of-the-art performing arts venue with year-round, world-class performances, affordable ticket pricing, and a robust education program. Serving as a cultural and social hub, the Center includes a beautifully crafted, intimate 500-seat theater housing a large stage with technology that meets the demands of internationally acclaimed artists and companies. Tickets and more information available at greatlakescfa.org.

Harbor Springs History Museum

231.526.9771 ~ harborspringshistory.org

The museum is operated by the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society and is located in the former city hall building. Ask about the Shay hexagon house. Call for hours and admission.

Kilwins Chocolate Kitchen

231.347.4831 ~ kilwins.com

Tour this local candy company and have a free sample while you are here! Just one taste and you'll know why Kilwins is a favorite group stop!

Lavender Hill Farm

231.582.3784 ~ lavenderhillfarm.com

Take a tour, visit the gift shop or take part in one of the many farm activities.

Little Traverse History Museum

231.347.2620 ~ petoskeymuseum.org

On Petoskey's waterfront in a restored train depot. Group tours available.

Little Traverse Wheelway

trailscouncil.org

26-mile paved non-motorized recreational trail linking Charlevoix with Harbor Springs via Bay Harbor's West & East Parks, Petoskey's Magnus & Bayfront Parks, Bay View, Petoskey State Park and the Harbor Springs Airport. Incredible vistas are an added incentive to do a group walk or bike ride.

Odawa Casino

877.4.GAMING (442.6464) ext 8088

odawacasino.com

The Odawa Casino is ready and waiting for you with gaming, food and entertainment. This gorgeous casino offers over 1,000 slot machines and a variety of table games (blackjack, poker, roulette, craps, etc.). There are two dining options (Copper Café and Sage Restaurant). Beverage options include the Rendezvous Lounge and Victories Sports & Entertainment.

Petoskey Wine Region

petoskey.wine

Experience exceptional northern Michigan wines and share in the delightful atmosphere and scenery. The exposed bluffs and river gorges along the Lake Michigan shoreline pair with warm breezes from Little Traverse Bay, creating a microclimate where grapes flourish. Visit the trail and sample international award-winning wine. Find information on more than a dozen wineries in the Petoskey Area at petoskey.wine.

Pointer Boat

pointerboat.com

1½ hour tour of Little Traverse Bay on a restored 1943 boat. 12-guest maximum.

Shopping

Contact the local chambers of commerce or check out their websites for a directory of shops. Or better yet, just stop by and find out why you can't leave our area without a shopping bag or two in your hand.

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

231.582.6222 ~ boynechamber.com

Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

231.526.7999 ~ harborspringschamber.com

Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce

231.347.4150 ~ petoskeychamber.com

The Young Americans Dinner Theatre

855.229.3421 ~ highlandsharborsprings.com

This talented troupe of young people will sing and dance their way into your hearts while serving a terrific dinner. July and August only at The Highlands.

REGIONAL (DAY TRIPS)



Cross In The Woods, Indian River
231.238.8973 ~ crossinthewoods.com

55-foot-high cross with a seven-ton bronze figure of Jesus. Also, a 525 nun-doll museum in Indian River, overlooking Burt Lake. Approximately 20 miles from Petoskey.

Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island
906.847.3328 ~ mackinacparks.com

National Historic Landmark built during the American Revolution. Battle re-enactments in period dress. Regularly scheduled tours in season.

Fort Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City
906.847.3328 ~ mackinacparks.com

Authentic replica of 1714 fort. Activities include musket firings, a French dance and a mock French wedding. Archeological dig in progress. Craftsmen demonstrating work, in season.

Mackinac Bridge
mackinacbridge.org

Completed in 1957 to join Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas, "Big Mac" stretches five miles over the Straits of Mackinac. The bridge took four years and 2,500 workers to complete.

Mackinac Island
mackinacisland.org

World-famous attraction reachable via 15-20 minute ferry ride. Carriage tours of the island (no cars allowed). 35 miles northeast of Petoskey.

Historic Mill Creek Discovery Center
906.847.3328 ~ mackinacparks.com

Operating water-powered sawmill built in the 1780s. Scenic area for picnics. Craft demonstrations. Approximately 35 miles northeast of Petoskey, four miles from Mackinaw City.

SCENIC DRIVES



Several routes offer panoramic vistas of sand dunes, sparkling blue Little Traverse Bay and numerous inland lakes. Shore Drive (M-119) from Harbor Springs to Cross Village is renowned for spectacular views of the bay from high bluffs. Road leads through the famous "Tunnel of Trees."

Soo Locks Boat Tours, Sault Ste. Marie
906.632.6301 ~ soolocks.com

Boat trips through the world's largest parallel lock system, leaves from Sault Ste. Marie, 95 miles northeast of Petoskey.

Traverse City Area
traversecity.com

Well-known resort area. Orchard, winery and Music House tours. Site of famous Cherry Festival, held annually. Approximately 70 miles southwest of Petoskey.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR



MAY

National Morel Mushroom Festival, Boyne City

Morel mushroom hunting, cooking demonstrations.

JUNE

Bay Harbor In-Water Boat Show, Bay Harbor

A huge variety of boats, and entertainment.

JULY

Antique Festivals & Art Shows, Area-wide

Variety of quality artwork and antiques at several different shows.

AUGUST

Polish Festival, Boyne Falls

Polish food, music and dancing.

SEPTEMBER

Bridge Walk, Mackinaw City

Annual walk across Mackinac Bridge.

Taste of Harbor Springs, Harbor Springs

Sample local specialties.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Fall Color Tours

Matchless fall color in shades of orange, gold, and scarlet. Many scenic drives in the area.

THANKSGIVING - EASTER

Skiing, Snowboarding & Tubing

Midwest's best skiing at Boyne Mountain, The Highlands and Nub's Nob. Artificial snowmaking was pioneered here.

LODGING



HISTORIC HOTELS & INNS

Colonial Inn

210 Artesian Avenue, Harbor Springs
231.526.2111
Outdoor pool
Indoor whirlpool

Stafford's Bay View Inn

2011 Woodland Avenue (U.S. 31 North),
Bay View (Petoskey)
800.258.1886 ~ 231.347.2771
Food service on site
In-room whirlpool
Water views

The Terrace Inn & 1911 Restaurant

1549 Glendale (off U.S. 31, Bay View), Petoskey
800.530.9898 ~ 231.347.2410
Food service on site
In-room whirlpool

HOTELS & MOTELS

@ Michigan Inn & Lodge

1420 South U.S. 131 Highway (Spring Street),
Petoskey
866.439.9718
Food service on site
Water views

AmericInn Lodge & Suites

2645 Charlevoix Avenue (U.S. 31), Petoskey
231.439.8000
Indoor pool
Indoor whirlpool
Water views

Apple Tree Inn

915 Spring Street (U.S. 131 South), Petoskey
800.348.2901 ~ 231.348.2900
Indoor pool
Indoor and in-room whirlpools
Water views

Bay Inn of Petoskey

2445 Charlevoix Avenue (U.S. 31), Petoskey
231.347.2593
Water views

Best Western of Harbor Springs

8514 M-119, Harbor Springs
231.347.9050 ~ 800.528.1234
(worldwide reservations)
Indoor pool
Indoor and in-room whirlpools

Birchwood Inn

7291 South Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs
231.526.2151
Outdoor pool

Boyne City Motel

110 North East Street (M-75), Boyne City
231.582.6701

Boyne Vue Motel

2711 Railroad Street (just off U.S. 131),
Boyne Falls
800.549.2822 ~ 231.549.2822

Days Inn Petoskey

909 Spring Street (U.S. 131 South), Petoskey
231.347.4193
Indoor pool
Indoor and in-room whirlpools
Water views

Hampton Inn & Suites of Petoskey

920 Spring Street (U.S. 131 South), Petoskey
231.348.9555
Indoor pool
Indoor and in-room whirlpools
Water views

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

"Valley View"
1751 U.S. 131 South, Petoskey
888.497.0105 ~ 231.487.0991
Indoor pool
Sauna
Indoor and in-room whirlpools
Water views

Odawa Hotel

1444 U.S. 131 South, Petoskey
877.442.6464
Food service on site
Indoor pool
Indoor whirlpool
Water views

Quality Inn

1314 U.S. 31 North (at M-119), Petoskey
231.347.3220
800.228.5150 (worldwide reservations)

Stafford's Crooked River Lodge & Suites

6845 U.S. 31 North, Alanson
866.548.0700 ~ 231.548.5000
Indoor pool
Indoor and in-room whirlpool
Water views

Super 8

1859 U.S. 131 South, Petoskey
231.348.3324
Indoor pool

VACATION RENTALS

Bay Harbor Vacation Rentals

4160 Main Street, Bay Harbor
888.BAY.HARBOR (229.4272) ~ 231.439.2400
Water views (some)

Crooked Tree Cottages

Crooked Tree Drive, Petoskey
844.773.8319 ~ 231.439.4000
Food service on site
Outdoor pool

Hamlet Village Resort Homes & Condominiums, Land Masters

5484 South Pleasantview Road,
Harbor Springs
800.678.2341 ~ 231.526.2641
Indoor pool
Sauna
Indoor and in-room whirlpools

Lakeside Cottages

3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor
844.773.8319 ~ 231.439.4000
Food service on site
Outdoor pool
Outdoor whirlpool
Water views

Northern Michigan Escapes

110 Water Street, Boyne City
231.459.4257 ~ northernmichiganescapes.com
Water views (some)

Trout Creek Condominiums

4749 South Pleasantview Road,
Harbor Springs
800.748.0245 ~ 231.526.2148
Indoor and outdoor pools
Sauna
Indoor and in-room whirlpools

Water Street Inn

240 Front Street, Boyne City
800.456.4313
In-room whirlpool
Water views

RESORTS

Boyne Mountain Resort

1 Boyne Mountain Road, Boyne Falls
844.773.8321 ~ 231.549.6000
Food service on site
Indoor and outdoor pools
Sauna
Outdoor whirlpool

The Highlands Resort

600 Highland Drive, Harbor Springs
855.229.3421 ~ 231.526.3000
Food service on site
Outdoor pool
Outdoor whirlpool

Inn at Bay Harbor, Autograph Collection

3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor
844.773.8319 ~ 231.439.4000
Food service on site
Outdoor pool
Outdoor whirlpool
Water views

Village Suites Bay Harbor

4160 Main Street, Bay Harbor
888.BAY.HARBOR (229.4272) ~ 231.439.2400
Food service on site
Outdoor pool
Outdoor whirlpool
Water views

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

North Central Michigan College

1515 Howard Street, Petoskey
231.439.6392
Food service on site

Michigan law requires all businesses, including restaurants and bars, to be smoke free.

Smoking is also banned in enclosed areas of hotels, motels, and inns.

Mileage to Petoskey from:

Detroit, MI	243
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Flint, MI	200
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Grand Rapids, MI	185
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Mackinaw City, MI	35
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Port Huron, MI	266
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI	94
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Chicago, IL	347
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Cleveland, OH	435
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Fort Wayne, IN	335
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Indianapolis, IN	440
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Toledo, OH	310
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Windsor, ONT	270
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