

# CAA VISIT TO MACKINAC ISLAND

OCTOBER 12-15, 2023

## Mackinac Island

is a summer resort in Mackinac county, northern Michigan, U. S. It is situated in Lake Huron near the Straits of Mackinac and has ferry connections to St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, on Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas, respectively. The island, eight miles (13 km) in circumference and thickly forested, has been a state park since 1895. It retains an 18th and 19th century atmosphere; automobiles are banned, and horses and buggies and bicycles are used for transport.



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# PLANNED PROGRAM

(Subject to Change)

## Thursday October 12

Arrive at Will  
2:00 - 4:00 PM CAA Board Meeting - The Gate House  
7:00 PM Welcome Dinner - The Gate House

## Friday October 13

On Own Guided Tour of The Grand Hotel  
Noon Box Lunch at The Grand Hotel Stables  
Tour Grand Hotel Stables and Carriages  
with Ben Mosley  
Visit Surrey Hill Carriage Collection  
Visit Three Stables on West Bluff  
*Dinner on your own*

## Saturday October 14

9:30 - 11:30 AM Tour of Island by Horse Drawn Tour Carriages  
*Lunch on your own*  
Optional Talk at the Dock with Jim Pettit:  
See a glimpse behind the scenes of bringing  
everything onto the island and transporting  
goods by horse drawn vehicles  
6:00 - 6:30 PM Cocktail Party at the Yacht Club hosted by  
Jack & Marge Day, Dale & Ellen DeHaan,  
and Mike & Shelly Rider  
6:45 PM Dinner at the Yacht Club

## Sunday October 15

Departure Day!

**Package Cost: \$285 per person**

**Package Includes:** Welcome Dinner; all talks, visits  
and tours; Lunch at the Grand Hotel stables; Island  
tour by carriage; Cocktail Party and Dinner at Yacht  
Club; accompanied by CAA representative.

**Hotel & Transportation to/from the Island  
not included.**



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## HOTEL DETAILS:



**LILAC TREE**  
*Suites*

[WWW.LILACTREE.COM](http://WWW.LILACTREE.COM)

The **Lilac Tree Suites** is located in downtown Mackinac. They feature two room suites with balconies, economical main street rooms, and luxurious amenities. With thirty-nine uniquely appointed suites, the Lilac Tree Suites reflects the French, English and American heritage of Mackinac Island. Each spacious suite has a living room and a separate sleeping room. No two suites are alike. The unique decor is accented with variations of wood, wicker and iron. Traditional antiques and modern fixtures combine to create an atmosphere that is unavailable anywhere else on the island.

Room rates for island view start at \$249 (plus tax) per night for weekday, rising to \$409 for weekends. Balcony rooms also available for additional fee.



**Contact Lilac Tree Suites directly  
for room reservations at  
906-847-3341**

(block in name of Carriage  
Association of America)

A list of alternative accommodations can be found  
through the **Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau** at  
[www.mackinacisland.org/stay](http://www.mackinacisland.org/stay)





## YOUR TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND STARTS AT THE FERRY DOCK

There's no bridge to Mackinac Island and there are no cars allowed anyway, so you can't drive all the way there. One option for getting to Mackinac Island is by plane on a brief 7-minute charter flight from the mainland. Another option for getting to Mackinac Island is by private boat. **Most visitors arrive via ferry.**

The ferries depart from both **Mackinaw City**, at the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula, and **St. Ignace**, at the southern tip of the Upper Peninsula. It's there where visitors typically leave their cars for the length of their stay on Mackinac Island.

### Arriving By Car to the Ferry Docks

- From the south, take I-75 to the ferry docks in either Mackinaw City or St. Ignace.
- From the north, take I-75 or U.S. 2 to the ferry docks in either St. Ignace or Mackinaw City.

### Arriving By Air

The closest regional airport to Mackinaw City is Pellston Regional Airport (PLN) with daily flights from Detroit via Delta Airlines.

Transportation to/from PLN to the Ferry Docks is by shuttle or taxi. Ground Transportation Information can be found on the Pellston Regional Airport website at [www.pellstonairport.org](http://www.pellstonairport.org)

### Ferry Companies

Both **Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry** and Star Line - now known as **Mackinac Island Ferry Company** offer boats to Mackinac Island and back from about every 30 minutes from late April through the end of October. The ferry ride takes about 20 minutes from either Mackinaw City or St. Ignace. Your luggage will come on the ferry to Mackinac Island with you, and you also may bring your own bicycle on board if you wish. Once your ferry boat arrives at Mackinac Island, you can retrieve your luggage and bring it to your place of lodging. Mackinac Island Taxi service is available. Some places to stay (including the Lilac Tree Suites) have dock porters take care of your luggage for you and bring it from the ferry docks to your room.

### Ferry Schedules, Tickets, and Info can be found:



[www.sheplersferry.com](http://www.sheplersferry.com)  
231-436-5023



<https://www.mackinacferry.com/>  
800-638-9892

# REGISTRATION

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CAA Member? (Circle One) YES NO

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$285.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration includes:*

- *Welcome Dinner*
- *All Talks, Visits, and Tours*
- *Lunch at the Grand Hotel Stables*
- *Island Tour by Carriage*
- *Cocktail Party and Dinner at the Yacht Club*
- *Accompanied by CAA Representative*

Registration  
Deadline:  
October 1, 2023

Please consider becoming a visit sponsor:

Sponsorship Levels: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have enclosed a check, payable to the CAA, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card, Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Registration Form and Payment to:**

Carriage Association of America  
4075 Iron Works Parkway  
Building D, Lexington, KY 40511

Or Email/Fax Form and CC info to:

**info@caaonline.com** or Fax: **859-231-0973**

**Call Lilac Tree Suites directly for room  
reservations at 906-847-3341**

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**Register Online at**

**[www.caaonline.com/mackinac](http://www.caaonline.com/mackinac)**



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