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STITCHES ALONG THE GREAT LAKES

Quilters' Tour • May 15 - 22, 2028

Mackinac Island
Pictured Rocks
Amish Country

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Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, MI

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Join us for an unforgettable springtime journey through the Great Lakes region, where breathtaking shorelines, charming island communities, Amish hospitality, and some of the Midwest's finest quilt shops come together in one memorable tour. Cruise beneath the towering cliffs of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, spend a magical night on historic Mackinac Island after the daytime crowds have departed, explore picturesque northern Michigan, and discover the quilting treasures of Indiana's Amish Country. Along the way, enjoy fellowship with fellow travelers, outstanding regional cuisine, beautiful scenery, and plenty of inspiration for every quilting enthusiast.

Day 1: Monday, May 15, 2028 • Depart from Munising, Michigan

Our quilting adventure begins as we depart Rochester and travel east across Wisconsin and into Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula. Along the way, we stop at **Primitive Gatherings Quilt Shop**, where there is time to browse beautiful fabrics, patterns, books, and quilting inspiration. Comfort and lunch stops are made throughout the day as we continue through the forests and lakes of northern Wisconsin. This evening, we arrive in Munising on the shores of Lake Superior. We enjoy a welcome dinner as we begin our Great Lakes adventure. **D**

Day 2: Tuesday, May 16, 2028 • Munising, Michigan

This morning, we visit **Miss Good Stitch**, where we have time to browse fabrics, notions, and quilting treasures. Later, we board our unforgettable cruise through **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore**. Towering sandstone cliffs, waterfalls, sea caves, and colorful rock formations create one of the most scenic coastlines in North America. This afternoon, enjoy free time to stroll along the Lake Superior waterfront, browse charming local shops, or relax with a visit to a cozy bookstore. Dinner is on your own this evening. **B**

Day 3: Wednesday, May 17, 2028 • Mackinac Island, Michigan

This morning, we journey through Michigan's beautiful north woods to Mackinaw City, where we board our ferry to world-

Mackinac Island



famous **Mackinac Island**. Stepping ashore is like traveling back in time. With no automobiles, transportation is by horse-drawn carriage, bicycle, or on foot. The remainder of the day is yours to explore charming shops, historic streets, inviting cafés, galleries, and the island's famous fudge shops, or simply relax while enjoying magnificent views of Lake Huron. Our overnight stay allows us to experience the island after the daytime visitors have departed - a truly unforgettable experience. **B**

Day 4: Thursday, May 18, 2028 • Traverse City, Michigan

Enjoy a leisurely morning on Mackinac Island. Perhaps take an optional horse-drawn carriage tour, visit historic Fort Mackinac, stroll the waterfront, or simply enjoy one last walk through this enchanting Victorian community. Late this morning we return to the mainland and travel one of Michigan's most scenic routes along the shores of Lake Michigan. We stop in the charming resort communities of **Petoskey** and **Charlevoix**, where there is time to browse unique shops and enjoy beautiful waterfront views before continuing to Traverse City. Dinner is included this evening. **B/D**

Day 5: Friday, May 19, 2028 • Middlebury, Indiana

Following an early breakfast, we travel south through Michigan toward Indiana's Amish Country. Along the way, we stop in East Grand Rapids at Gaslight Village for lunch on our own and time to stretch our legs. We continue to Middlebury, arriving in time to visit the **Quilt Shop at Essenhaus**. After checking into our

Indiana Amish Country





hotel, we enjoy a **traditional Amish-style dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus**, followed by time to explore the beautiful **Krider World's Fair Garden** this evening. **B/D**

Day 6: Saturday, May 20, 2028 • Middlebury, Indiana

Today is devoted to exploring **Shipshewana**, the heart of Indiana's Amish Country. Browse the incredible selection at **Lolly's Fabrics**, visit **Yoder Department Store**, explore Amish-owned shops and bakeries, and enjoy time at the **Dutch Country Market**. Those who wish may take an optional buggy ride through the peaceful countryside. If available, we enjoy a special quilting presentation or demonstration by a local quilter or quilting business, offering an inside look at the craftsmanship and traditions that have made this region famous among quilters. We enjoy dinner together this evening. **B/D**

Day 7: Sunday, May 21, 2028 • Madison, Wisconsin

After breakfast, we begin our journey west through northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Along the way, we visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Laurent House (schedule permitting), a remarkable architectural masterpiece and the only home Wright designed specifically for a person with a disability. We continue through the beautiful countryside, making comfort stops as needed before arriving in Madison. This evening, we gather for a special **farewell dinner**. **B/D**

Day 8: Monday, May 22, 2028 • Return to Rochester, Minnesota

Following breakfast, we begin our journey home, traveling through the scenic Mississippi River Valley. In La Crosse, we stop at **Grandad Bluff**, where breathtaking panoramic views stretch across the Mississippi River Valley into Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. If desired, we may also visit a local quilt shop before enjoying lunch on our own. Filled with wonderful memories, new friendships, and perhaps a few quilting treasures, we arrive back in Rochester this afternoon. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
Breakfast | Dinner

Tour Price • \$3,979

Prices are per person, double occupancy, land
with a minimum of 25 paying participants

Single Supplement • \$1,100

Your Tour Includes:

- Accommodations (double occupancy) in superior three and moderate four star hotels
- Private, deluxe touring motor coach and driver
- Meals per the itinerary
- Admission to all activities per the itinerary
- Services of a professional tour guide
- Step-on guides for tour highlights and city tours
- Luggage handling of one piece per person at hotels, where available
- All taxes and tips for provided services, except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- End-of-tour tips to driver and tour guide
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Items of a personal nature such as passports, visas, etc.
- Optional tour gratuities of \$100 per person • Tour tips can be collected at time of final invoicing. Tip guidelines are \$4-6 per person per day for the driver and \$6-8 per person per day for the guide.

Payment Schedule:

- A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation.
- A payment of \$1,000 per person is due November 17, 2027.
- Final payment is due February 15, 2028. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to availability.

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to January 16, 2028, a \$100/person administrative fee plus any land penalties will be assessed. From January 17, 2028 to March 30, 2028, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Anyone canceling March 31, 2028 or thereafter will receive no refund. Please refer to the terms and conditions on your brochure for further information.

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