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October 5-9, 2009
5 Days

Apostle Islands & Lake Superior

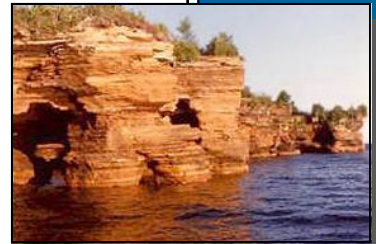
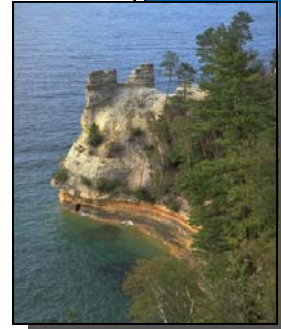
This travel package planned for you by Kathy Hawkins.

Experience the “Jewels of Lake Superior” along windswept beaches and cliffs. Water meets land and sky, culture meets culture and past meets present in the Apostle Islands. The 22 islands and 12 miles of mainland host a unique blend of cultural and natural resources. Lighthouses shine over Lake Superior. Come explore with us!

October 5 we pick up through our guaranteed departure cities. Relax as we travel north to Eau Claire, WI. We'll check into our hotel and get ready for an elegant **dinner** at the **Fanny Hill Inn**. Fanny Hill offers a unique blend of scenic beauty, premier dining, captivating gardens, and seasonal decorations and displays.

October 6 after **breakfast** we continue northward, enjoying the outstanding foliage of the Wisconsin countryside. Our destination today is **Lake Superior**, the largest freshwater lake in the world, containing more water than all the other Great Lakes combined. We arrive at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** and see many interactive displays of the history, topology, natural resources and animals unique to the Lake Superior area. We arrive in Bayfield, a fishing village nestled in the hillside on the southern shore of Lake Superior, where rooftops and church spires peek out from brilliant fall foliage. After lunch by the waterfront we board a **ferry** for a cruise to nearby **Madeline Island**, the largest of the Apostle Island Archipelago at only 14 miles long and 3 miles wide. The year-round population of the Island is approximately 220, but swells to between 2,500 and 3,000 when summer residents arrive – many of whom are descendants of early Island settlers who came to log, fish and farm, while some came just to establish a summer retreat. On the island, a **step-on guide** takes us to many rustic places, even a walk over a quaint bridge to a sandy beach. We stop for a visit to the **Madeline Island Historical Museum** with a pioneer home, artifacts of the area and a lighthouse reflective prism light demonstration. We will **ferry** back to the mainland and drive to nearby Ashland, WI, where we **stay on the shores of Lake Superior the next 2 nights**.

October 7 we enjoy **breakfast** before we travel back to Bayfield to board our **Grand Island Cruise**. The two-level Island Princess takes us through the heart of the 22 Apostle Islands and includes views of the historic Raspberry and Devils Island Lighthouses as well as the famous Devils Island Sea Caves. The Captain's narration will reveal rich heritage including geology, legends and lore, as we view miles of pristine National Lakeshore. After disembarking, we ride up the hill to a special **lunch** at the historic **Old Rittenhouse Inn**, amid antique furnishings and 19th Century elegance. Enjoy an elegant meal with salads, homemade breads, jams and jellies, delicious entrees and dessert to temp and delight you. After lunch we will have time to peek into the elegantly furnished rooms of this 1890's Queen Ann style mansion, and sit in the swing on the wrap-around porch to relax and view the lake. Next we visit **Bayfield Maritime Museum** to see an authentic recreation of a pilot house and the light from a lighthouse. We then drive past the historic **Iron Bridge** and climb high into



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the hills above Bayfield to family-owned and operated **Hauser Apple Orchard**. You'll find a gift shop filled with local crafts, breads, jams and jellies, and many unusual items in the loft. We'll have a **cookout by the lakeshore** for our **dinner** tonight.



October 8 after **breakfast** we leave the lake area and travel to **Red Wing, MN**, for an overnight stay at **Treasure Island Casino**. You will have time to enjoy this charming, historic river town renowned for its exquisite pottery and stoneware, Red Wing Shoes, cheesecakes and confections, antique and specialty shops and unparalleled scenery. We will have a little time for shopping or browsing before dinner on your own at the hotel. Then try your luck in the casino, take a swim in the pool or just relax in your fine room.

October 9 after **breakfast** a **step-on guide** will join us for a **tour of Red Wing**. We'll drive through the historic homes area, up to an overlook of the whole town and the river, a ride along the unique river harbor, a pottery demonstration at the Red Wing Pottery sales room and time for shopping. We will have an elegant buffet **lunch** today in the Victorian Room in the historic **St. James Hotel**. Then it's time to say farewell to Red Wing, make an afternoon stop at **Bushel and Peck Apple Orchards** and wind our way home, with many memories of this fun-filled trip.



Your 5-day Apostle Islands & Lake Superior travel package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 4 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to all listed attractions, gratuities for step-on guides, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$845 per person, double occupancy

\$775 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,010 single room accommodations.

Reservations: As long as space is available

Deposit: \$85 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: September 7

Cancel by: September 7 for penalty-free cancellation

Early Booking Discount: \$25 discount per person applied toward final payment if deposit is received by May 22

Peace of Mind protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Manchester, Decorah, West Union, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville, Cedar Rapids

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