

COUNTRY HERITAGE TOURS

QUILT TOURS



MACKINAC ISLAND

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AQS QUILTWEEK GRAND RAPIDS

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



The Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island



AUGUST 19 – 25, 2024

HAND-SELECTED HOTELS

ELKHART: Hotel Elkhart
GRAND RAPIDS: Embassy Suites
 Downtown

MACKINAC ISLAND: Mission Point Resort

6 NIGHTS

Hotel accommodations, including
 baggage handling

8 MEALS

American breakfast **B** daily, 2 dinners **D**

DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

Return transportation to Traverse City,
 Cherry Capital Airport (TVC)

TOP-RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick-off Welcome Meeting
- Shipshewana, Indiana
- Yoder Department Store
- The Cotton Corner Quilt Shop
- Lolly's Fabrics
- Amish Rug Weaving Demo
- Amish Quilts Trunk Show
- Quilt Gardens Heritage Trail
- Amish Quilting Bee and Wedding Feast
- Coppes Commons Hoosier Cabinets
- AQS QuiltWeek Grand Rapids Admission
- Mackinac Island Ferry
- Mackinac Island Carriage Ride
- Traverse City
- Customary Farewell Dinner

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DAY 1 ARRIVE ELKHART – TOUR BEGINS

Arrive in Elkhart, Indiana, and make yourself at home before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow quilting enthusiasts at this evening's **Welcome Meeting**. Take a little time to explore the surroundings and get excited for the days ahead. As you settle in, spend time admiring the local art installations that capture the spirit of this charming city.

DAY 2 SHIPSHEWANA

After breakfast, explore charming downtown **Shipshewana** and start shopping for quilting cottons and supplies at **The Cotton Corner**. Next, at **Yoder Department Store**, shop for handmade Amish goods, then browse the luscious fabrics and quilts at **Lolly's Fabrics**. After an **Amish rug weaving demo**, join the **Amish Quilts trunk show and Quilting Bee**. Don't forget to capture memorable moments and share stories with fellow quilters. Tonight, savor a homecooked **Amish wedding feast** with a **Plain family** and learn about the peace and simplicity of the Amish lifestyle as you indulge in **homemade pies** for dessert. (B) (D)

DAY 3 ELKHART – SHIPSHEWANA – GRAND RAPIDS

This morning, travel Indiana's scenic backroads to witness blooming **Quilt Gardens** and learn gardening tips from those who bring these living works of art to life. Discover how 200+ volunteers maintain these colorful patterns for all to enjoy, despite Mother Nature's whims. Snap photos of your favorite gardens to cherish the memories. Later, head to beautiful **Grand Rapids** and check into your downtown, **all-suite hotel**, then relax and unwind at the evening **manager's reception**. (B)



Linton's Enchanted Garden, Elkhart

DAY 4 GRAND RAPIDS

Admire hundreds of beautiful quilts at the **American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek Grand Rapids**. Explore traditional to unconventional quilts, competitions, galleries, and historic pieces from around the world. Shop for fabric, notions, patterns, machines, quilting supplies, and much more at the extensive **Merchant Mall**. In the evening, participate in classes or discover the local culinary scene, as you share quilting ideas and inspirations with new friends. (B)

DAY 5 GRAND RAPIDS – MACKINAC ISLAND

Take in the scenic drive north, making a stop in charming **Petoskey** for lunch and exploring on your own. This historic town offers a variety of shops and cafés for you to discover before arriving in **Mackinac City** and boarding the ferry to enchanting **Mackinac Island**. Experience the Jewel of the Great Lakes as you board a **horse-drawn carriage** upon arrival. Marvel at the iconic **Grand Hotel** and enjoy your carriage ride through town, soaking in the

island's unique atmosphere. Tonight, after exploring the boutiques, gardens, and beaches at your **waterside resort**, unwind watching the sunset, reflecting on your unforgettable journey so far. (B)



Amish wedding feast

DAY 6 MACKINAC ISLAND

Savor sunrise views at breakfast, then explore the quaint village of this National Historic Landmark island. Sample **famous fudge** or enjoy an elegant lunch on the porch of the Grand Hotel. Spend the afternoon browsing local shops for unique souvenirs and keepsakes. Tonight, celebrate the trip with fellow travel companions at your customary **Farewell Dinner**, sharing highlights and favorite moments that enriched your quilting adventure. (B) (D)

DAY 7 MACKINAC ISLAND – TRAVERSE CITY – TOUR ENDS

Board the ferry back to the mainland, bid farewell to Mackinac Island, and exchange addresses with new friends on your departure transfer to **Cherry Capital Airport – Traverse City**. Before boarding your flight, make sure to sample a slice of local cherry pie and cherish the memories and friendships you've made during this incredible quilting adventure. (B)

SHOW & CLASS INFO:

For information regarding QuiltWeek Grand Rapids classes and events, visit www.quiltweek.com



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