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Cruising the Great Lakes

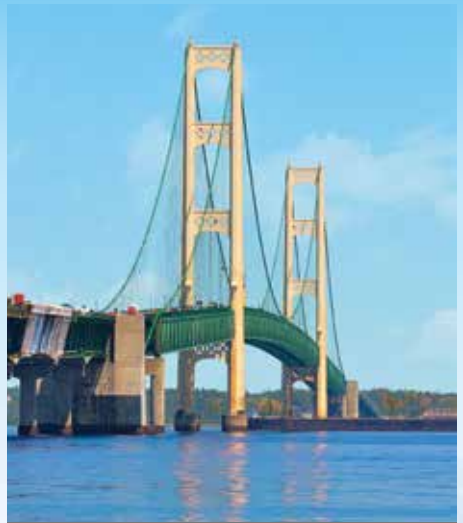
October 2 to 9, 2023



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER
WES OLESZEWSKI

Highlights include:

- ◆ Visit all five Great Lakes—Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Superior, and Lake Ontario.
- ◆ Dive into Great Lakes lore with renowned Great Lakes author Wes Oleszewski, who has a large YouTube following.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to Niagara Falls with a cruise to Horseshoe Falls and a visit to the Floral Clock with lunch overlooking the falls.
- ◆ Horse-drawn carriage tour of Victorian Mackinac Island and clifftop Fort Mackinac, with a specially arranged lunch at the elegant, 19th century GRAND HOTEL.



Mackinac Bridge



Wes Oleszewski

Wes Oleszewski is a prolific author who has written 27 books since 1991. A native of Saginaw, Michigan, he is known for his ability to extract important details from obscure events, which he weaves into historically accurate narratives. His books cover such topics as

Great Lakes maritime history, World War II and the Great Lakes, and aviation spy tales. Oleszewski also operates YouTube channel with over 150 videos and two million views—sharing extensive insight into the worlds of aviation and maritime history, providing a wealth of information for anyone who shares his love of these topics.

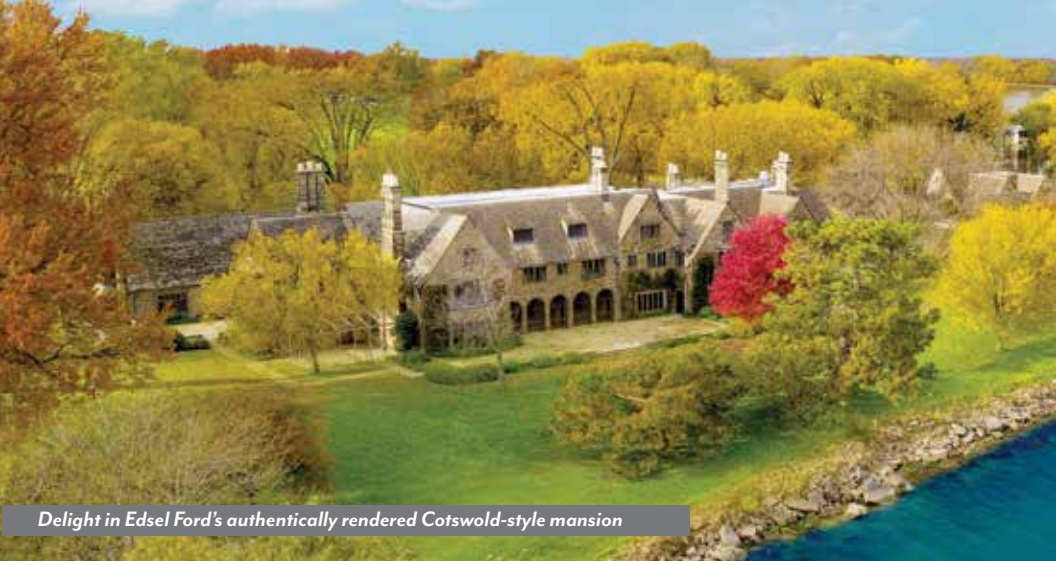


Niagara Falls

8 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city/
Toronto, Canada/Embark ship/
Lake Ontario/Welland Canal
- 2 Niagara Falls/Lake Erie
- 3 Detroit, Michigan, U.S.
- 4 Detroit/Lake Huron
- 5 Tobermory, Canada/Lake Huron
- 6 Soo Locks/Lake Superior/
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S.
- 7 Mackinac Island/Lake Michigan
- 8 Milwaukee, Wisconsin/
Return to home city

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Delight in Edsel Ford's authentically rendered Cotswold-style mansion



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Dear Council Traveler,

As the largest surface of fresh water on Earth, the Great Lakes are ideal for exploring North America's rich maritime history, passion for invention, and sublime natural wonders. This expertly created program cruises all five of the Great Lakes—Ontario, Erie, Superior, Huron, and Michigan and features lectures on board by renowned Great Lakes author Wes Oleszewski.

Journey from cosmopolitan Toronto to Milwaukee cruising for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star LE BELLOT, featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. Call at smaller ports and discover some of North America's most alluring towns and magnificent coastal scenery. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride along the streets of quaint Mackinac Island to the iconic GRAND HOTEL. Cruise the protected waters near Tobermory, Ontario, Canada, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Transit the historic Soo Locks at Sault Sainte Marie and the Welland Canal near Niagara Falls, two of the world's most celebrated 19th-century engineering feats and major catalysts for industrial growth and innovation.

An archetype for 20th-century urban growth and the birthplace of Motown, Detroit is currently undergoing a renaissance. Experience the Motor City's fascinating cultural legacy at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion, and the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Take a visit to the awe-inspiring Niagara Falls, where a thunderous cascade of crashing water summons one of life's most mesmerizing spectacles.

This refined itinerary triumphs the vitality, dynamism, and natural beauty of North America's five Great Lakes. We encourage you to make your reservations while space and extended booking savings are still available! Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x 209 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haight, Director of Travel

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Maritime Marvels



Welland Canal

In the heart of North America lies the world's largest reservoir of fresh water, carved by glaciers 10,000 years ago. Surrounded by 11,000 miles of spectacularly sculpted shoreline, the five Great Lakes boast powerful natural wonders, historical maritime landmarks, and some of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. Our tour offers a glimpse of life on the Great Lakes over the last two centuries as we visit the nearly 200-year-old Welland Canal that connects Lake Erie with Lake Ontario and the mighty Soo Locks—one located in Sault Ste. Marie in Ontario, Canada, and the other in a city by the same name in Michigan. Learn more about this fascinating maritime history at the SS VALLEY CAMP Museum, housed in a 1917 lake freighter, where two lifeboats from the famous EDMUND FITZGERALD shipwreck are on display.



Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie



SS VALLEY CAMP Museum



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**Depart home city/
Toronto, Canada/
Embark the ship/
Lake Ontario/
Welland Canal**

Day 1

Arrive in Toronto and cruise through eight locks of the Welland Canal, one of North America's most important economic lifelines. Constructed in the early 19th century, the canal links Lake Ontario to Lake Erie and was instrumental in opening the Great Lakes to commerce and prosperity; the canal carries nearly 40 million tons of cargo per year.

Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

Niagara Falls/Lake Erie

Day 2

Drive to Niagara Falls and ride the Hornblower Cruise Funicular down the 19-story rock walls of the Great Gorge and back up. Cruise toward the base of Horseshoe Falls and experience the sheer force of this geological wonder. After a specially-arranged lunch, see the 410 million-year-old layers of the Niagara Gorge and the Whirlpool Rapids, among the world's most extreme. Discover the Sir Adam Beck Power Station, the world's first large-scale hydroelectric generation project, and Niagara's famous Floral Clock, intricately filled with 20,000 plants and flowers. This evening, cruise Lake Erie.

Detroit, Michigan, US

Day 3

Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the most

significant collections of art in the nation, housed in a magnificent Beaux Arts building. See Diego Rivera's monumental Detroit Industry mural, which captures the city's blue-collar history, as well as master works by Auguste Rodin, Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Edgar Degas, and Paul Cézanne. Continue to Grosse Point to visit the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion.

Detroit/Lake Huron

Day 4

Visit the acclaimed Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, which spotlights the creative genius of American inventor and innovators that represent defining moments in U.S. history. See Kennedy's presidential limo, the chair where Lincoln was assassinated in Ford's Theater, and the bus where Rosa Parks refused to vacate her seat. This evening, cruise Lake Huron.

**Tobermory, Canada/
Lake Huron**

Day 5

In Tobermory, embark on a glass-bottom boat cruise from Little Tub Harbor to Big Tub Harbor. See the remains of the schooner SWEEPSTAKES, Big Tub Lighthouse, and the Flowerpot Island. Enjoy time at leisure. Prepare for more stunning views this evening as you cruise across Lake Huron.

**Soo Locks/
Lake Superior/
Sault Ste. Marie,
Michigan, U.S.**

Day 6

This morning, transit the Soo Locks from Lake Huron to Lake Superior and back. Arrive in Sault Ste. Marie and explore the SS VALLEY CAMP, a retired lake freighter that is now a museum featuring exhibits of faithfully restored



Diego Rivera's Detroit industry murals



living quarters and the tragic loss of the EDMUND FITZGERALD. Continue to the Soo Locks Interpretation Center and watch colossal freighters lower 21 feet from Lake Superior to enter Lake Huron. This evening, cruise Lake Huron.

Mackinac Island/ Lake Michigan

Day 7

Set off on a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage ride around the island with a photo stop at the famed

Arch Rock. Continue to Fort Mackinac for a guided visit. Enjoy lunch at the National Historic Landmark, GRAND HOTEL MACKINAC in the hotel's elegant Main Dining Room overlooking the world's longest porch displaying the hotel's many American flags, as well as the glistening Straits of Mackinac.

Cruise Lake Michigan and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin/ Return to home city

Day 8

Disembark continue on to the Milwaukee Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



Flowerpot Island, Tobermory

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LE BELLOT represents a new generation of five-star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and internet access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.

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Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Extended Booking Discount through Sep. 18, 2023	Rate after Sep. 18, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$4,995	\$5,745
7	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$5,695	\$6,545
6	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$6,395	\$7,355
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$6,995	\$8,045
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$7,995	\$9,195
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,695	\$9,995
2	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, midship.	\$9,295	\$10,685
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,995	\$11,495
Prestige Suite II	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability)	\$10,995	\$12,645
Prestige Suite I	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability)	\$11,495	\$13,215
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$11,995	\$13,795
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$12,995	\$14,945
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 5, aft. (limited availability)	\$13,995	\$16,095

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Port taxes are an additional \$450 per person. Additional fuel surcharge fees may apply. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Toronto

September 30 to October 2, 2023

Start your Great Lakes voyage early in cosmopolitan Toronto, one of North America's most celebrated cultural melting pots. Enjoy a walking tour of the Distillery District, Canada's premier arts, culture, and entertainment destination, and visit Fort York, built in 1793 on the shores of Lake Ontario. Enjoy a specially arranged lunch in the CN Tower's 360-degree revolving restaurant. Visit Casa Loma, a Gothic Revival mansion and garden built in the style of a European castle by Sir Henry Mill Pellatt. Tour the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto's crowning jewel with a collection of over 80,000 works, including the world's largest collection of Henry Moore sculptures. Accommodations for two nights are in the historical FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,195

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,395



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Milwaukee

October 9 to 11, 2023

Rich in architectural treasures and world-class institutions that reflect its storied history, vibrant Milwaukee is the perfect extension to your Great Lakes cruise. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historical North Point neighborhood—home to one of the finest collections of Victorian mansions in the Midwest—and tour the expansive Milwaukee Art Museum, an impressive addition to Milwaukee's revitalized waterfront, with more than 25,000 pieces of art. Visit the striking Pabst Mansion, built in Flemish style by Pabst Brewing Company president Frederick Pabst. Accommodations for two nights are in the historical, centrally located PFISTER HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,195

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: **1st Choice** _____ **2nd Choice** _____

- ☐ Double (two twin beds).
☐ Double (one queen bed).
☐ Single accommodations.
☐ Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate
(shares cannot be guaranteed).

Toronto Pre-Program Option

September 30 to October 2, 2023

- ☐ Double \$1,195 per person.
☐ Single \$1,395 per person.
☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Milwaukee Post-Program Option

October 9 to 11, 2023

- ☐ Double \$895 per person.
☐ Single \$1,195 per person.
☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

☐ I/We want you to book my/our air from:

(fill in departure city)

☐ I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person. A representative from Gohagan Travel will follow up via email to collect your information.

- ☐ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$_____.
Make check(s) payable to **2023 Great Lakes**
- ☐ I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for payment by ACH.

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First participant's signature Date

Second participant's signature Date

FINAL PAYMENT due June 29, 2023; make by check or ACH.
Reservations made after June 29, 2023 require payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until 95 days prior to October 2, 2023!

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