

"LAND OF THE MILLION DOLLAR SUNSETS"

Where is your favorite spot to enjoy a 'Million Dollar Sunset' in Michigan?

When Ernest Hemingway married the first time in 1921, he and his bride were driving through Northern Michigan. The car crested a hill and Little Traverse Bay was spread out in front of them.

"See all that," Hemingway told his new wife. "Talk about the beauty of the Bay of Naples! I've seen them both, and no place is more beautiful than Little Traverse Bay in its autumn colors."

Follow in the footsteps of Hemingway as you travel winding roads to the gorgeous harbor towns of Charlevoix, Petoskey & Harbor Springs. You'll understand why this region has been called 'Land of the Million Dollar Sunsets' since 1874.

Day One – Charlevoix

Nicknamed, "Charlevoix the Beautiful", it is easy to see why. Beautiful petunias are blooming each year that span a 5 mile stretch along the main road coming into Charlevoix.

Separating the south and north end of town, Charlevoix's draw bridge creates a beautiful view from the water and land. It's a gorgeous sight to see the bridge opening & closing as the sailboats and yachts travel through.

The Charlevoix Historical Society does a wonderful step on tour of the harbor town and offers a fascinating tour of the Mushroom Houses.

Shaped with boulders, these rounded and curved homes with wavy, curvy roofs are known world-wide. And the only place you can see them is in Charlevoix, Michigan.

Discover these fascinating stone houses that are snuggled into the hillside - learn about Earl Young, the architect who built & designed the houses into the landscape.

This is the only place in the world you'll find the fairy-like homes.



Shopping is a favorite past time in Charlevoix. Downtown Charlevoix features boutique shopping, unique restaurants, and world class events set along Round Lake which connects to Lake Michigan below the historic drawbridge.

It has one of the prettiest downtown areas in the state of Michigan.

The shopping experience offers an array of boutiques, restaurants and one of kind shops. And it is all nestled along a spectacular harbor-front.



Magnificent stone towers, English gardens and cobblestone courtyards. Enjoy the atmosphere of European romance at historic Castle Farms.

Hear the rich history from its beginning in 1918 as a model farm and its rise to a National Historic Landmark.

Tour the Hedge Maze and Tower Bridge that leads to a view of the garden railroad with model trains running on three levels.

Lunch will be at the Castle Farms today. 'bon appetite.'

Climb aboard the wagon for a guided tour at Friske's Farm and Orchard Tour.

You're in "cherry" country here – Tour the orchards & hear stories of agricultural & historical insights.

Friske's has a bakery, orchard fruit stand, specialty food items & Michigan gifts.



Check into your hotel at the quaint Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites in downtown Charlevoix.

Overlooking the Round Channel, the hotel was built by the same designer of the Mushroom Houses. It has stone turrets and a beautiful stone fireplace in the lobby.

Tonight, walk across the street to the waterfront

Weathervane Restaurant. Originally built as a grist mill, the Weathervane Restaurant was converted to a restaurant in the 1950s.

Designed by famed architect Earl Young, known for his curvy roof-lines and flowing architecture.

Guests will enjoy unparalleled views of the water from inside, or from the patio for the ultimate in outdoor dining.



Day Two

Travel US 31 north, wind along the Lake Michigan shoreline and arrive at Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey, Ernest Hemingway country.

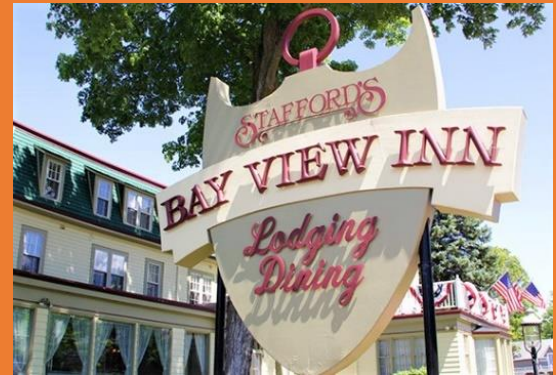


A local step on guide will greet your group in Petoskey. Hear stories that tell the rich history of Petoskey, discover the area's quaint gingerbread cottages, and explore some of the famous haunts of Hemingway.

Squeeze in a bit of shopping in the historic Gaslight District too.

Lunch is a special experience at the historic Bay View Inn in Petoskey.

Guests will dine in the lovely Roselawn Dining Room.



The Bay View Inn began way back in 1886. Over the years it has expanded but the elegant country inn atmosphere has remained a time-honored tradition.

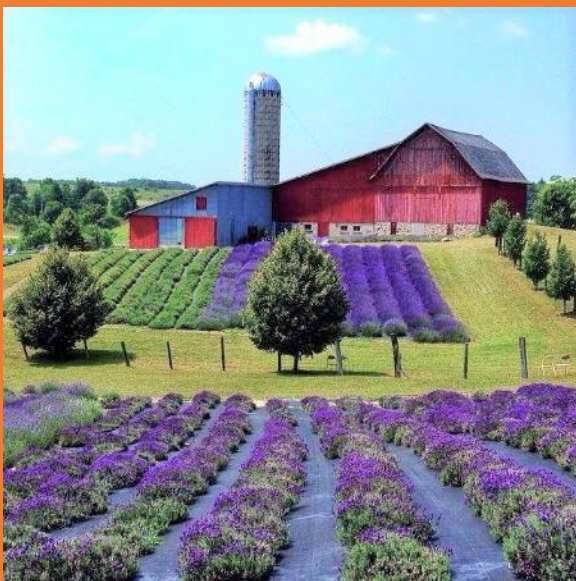
So...who doesn't have a sweet tooth?

Kilwins Chocolate Kitchen will satisfy your craving perfectly. Discover how delicious Turtles, Truffles, Chocolates, Caramel, Corns, Brittles, and other confections are made.

Of course, there are free samples at the end of each tour. What a great sensory experience.



Indulge in the luxury of lavender at Lavender Hills Farm in Boyne. Visitors have a magical experience of being surrounded by the regal beauty and scents of purple and green waves of lavender.



acres of vineyards.

Guided Golf Cart tours by entertaining and knowledgeable guides will take you through the lavender hills and tell you all about lavender, its uses, and answer questions.

Of course, you will want to visit their gift shop with extensive lavender items.

Vineyards await you in northern Michigan.

Experience a wine tasting at Petoskey Farms & Vineyards. Enjoy wine tasting while sitting on our outdoor covered patio overlooking our 22-acres of rolling hills, scenic farms, beautiful countryside and



Taste the local grapes and other local fruit in our Michigan wines made with you in mind!

New to Petoskey Farms is their pizza oven! Pizza, wine and music all with a majestic view of the vineyards. A perfect way to unwind after 2 days in Land of the Million Dollar Sunsets.

For a little 'Vegas' excitement and gaming, just head over to the gorgeous Odawa Casino in Petoskey after dinner.

Overlooking Lake Michigan, Odawa Casino Resort features gaming, restaurants, retail outlets, a concert venue, nightclubs, and a circular lounge bar in the middle of the gaming floor.

Overnight accommodations in Petoskey include the historic Perry Hotel, Odawa Casino, Holiday Inn Express, Apple Tree Inn, Crooked River Lodge (Alanson)



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