

Michigan's Great Treasures

Day One – **Cotton Creek Farms** is an alpaca farm located between Cadillac and Traverse City. Meet a herd of 50+ alpacas! Creek Farms offers interactive tours and a 1,200 square foot farm store, for a fun-filled adventure.

Your group will be welcomed into the paddock to meet the alpacas up close and even give them some tasty treats. Your guide will share information about these amazing creatures and answer questions.

Save time for shopping! The farm store offers hundreds of alpaca products and fun gifts for adults and children. From alpaca yarn, clothing, and dryer balls to horse saddle pads and rugs!



This afternoon marvel at the crystal-clear turquoise waters of Lake Michigan set against the dune formations of **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**. Pierce Stocking Drive offers elevated views of the unique glacial formed landscapes, spectacular scenery through forest and over the dunes out across Lake Michigan. There will be opportunities to exit the coach to view world renowned vistas and capture photos.

Overnight at **Park Place Hotel & Conference Center**, this hotel offers more than just first-class accommodations. Its views of Traverse City and Grand Traverse Bay cannot be beaten. Plus, you don't have to travel far to experience nationally renowned restaurants and entertainment. Need a recommendation for dinner? **Traverse City Tourism** can suggest a variety of group friendly restaurants.

Day Two – Explore The Village at

Grand Traverse Commons, where one of the largest historic preservation and adaptive reuse redevelopments in the country is underway. The Village is the unique renovation of dozens of historic buildings formerly known as the Traverse City State Hospital. The Village story is unique and vital to the history of Traverse City. Choose



from an array of tours that give an accurate snapshot of Dr. Munson’s “Beauty is Therapy” theory on patient care, the former uses of the structures on the property, the purpose of the architecture and more.



Next you are off to **Castle Farms** in Charlevoix. Majestic stone towers, English gardens, and cobblestone courtyards create an atmosphere of European romance at **Castle Farms**, a National Historic Landmark. Built in 1918 by Albert Loeb, the acting President of Sears, Roebuck, and Co. as a model dairy farm hear stories of the past while experiencing the grandeur of today. Tour the Hedge Maze and Tower Bridge that leads to a view of the garden railroad with

numerous trains running on three levels. Consider adding a Make-n-take class or wine tasting to your tour. Castle Farms also offers group meal options, a perfect end to your tour!

If time permits. consider adding a step-on tour of Charlevoix and the Mushroom House neighborhood.

Groups can overnight in Charlevoix at **Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites**. This hotel is only 300 feet from the steps leading to the beach!



Day 3 - A popular seaside resort since the 19th century when visitors arrived by train or steamer, groups will love the Victorian charm of Petoskey. **Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau** can assist in arranging a step-on history tour of the Victorian homes and cottages in the historic Bay View community.



Since 1947, Kilwins Chocolate has been a celebrated part of Americana. A visit to **Kilwins Chocolate Kitchen** in Petoskey, provides an authentic sensory experience like no other. Watch team members make mouth-watering chocolates, caramel corns, and confections that are shipped all over the country!

New Attraction! Blu Dot Farm & Vineyard started as a dream in 2006, and with a whole lot of patience, persistence and planning was brought to fruition in early 2023. Blu Dot offers a relaxed setting to enjoy sips, snacks and the surrounding farm and vineyard views. Enjoy wine by the glass, bottle or a tasting.

The tasting room is what sets this vineyard apart from others, it is a small but mighty custom Airstream camper, surrounded by a beautiful patio!

The main barn at Blu Dot Farm & Vineyard was built sometime in the late 1800s. The property was originally an asparagus farm. Asparagus can still be spotted growing along the fence line. We have been told that Blu Dot Farm was named by the asparagus farmer's young son who's first word was Blue.



Enjoy dinner at the historic **Stafford's Bay View Inn**, Petoskey. For a little evening excitement and gaming, head over to **Odawa Casino**.

Petoskey offers a variety of group friendly accommodations, including **Apple Tree Inn, Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Stafford's Historic Perry Hotel**, or **Stafford's Crooked River Lodge** in nearby Alanson.



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