

# Sterling Travel with Jill Aikin



## Holland Tulip Festival

featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel

**Tour Dates: May 7 - May 14, 2026**



of downtown Chicago with a local guide. Later, depart for Michigan and arrive in Holland at the height of their annual Tulip Festival. You'll visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Tulip Gardens, Holland's only tulip farm ablaze with acres of tulips in brilliant color in a Dutch setting of windmills, drawbridges and canals. You may also wish to shop for Delftware, the famous Dutch pottery or be fitted for a pair of wooden shoes. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 3 Holland Tulip Festival:** This morning, return to Holland and visit famous Windmill Island to see "De Zwaan," an over 200-year old working windmill. Also visit a miniature Netherlands Village, a candle-making shop and an antique carousel with hand carved wooden horses and beautiful paintings. You will have time available to explore Holland on your own. This afternoon you have reserved seating at the Quality Car Wash Volksparade (people's parade), where locals scrub the streets clean for the marching bands and community floats that follow once the streets pass inspection. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Arrive on Mackinac Island:** Today, ferry to Mackinac Island, a picturesque spot in Lake Huron that still preserves the charm of a bygone era. No automobiles are permitted

**DAY 1 Arrive in Chicago:** Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. for suggestions on dining this evening.

**DAY 2 Chicago Sightseeing and Travel to Michigan:** After breakfast, you'll begin the day with a panoramic tour

and nothing intrudes on the serenity and natural beauty of the Island. Upon arrival, tour via horsedrawn carriage. Take a step back in time as you enjoy the atmosphere of this unique treasure. At the end of the tour, the carriage brings you to the crown jewel of Mackinac Island, the Grand Hotel. The world's largest summer hotel, it was built in 1897 and is your home for the next two nights. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Explore Mackinac Island:** You will have the entire day at leisure on Mackinac Island. Browse the many shops, visit historic Fort Mackinac or rent bikes and pedal along the coast of Lake Huron. "The Grand" is a venerable island institution and the perfect place to enjoy a stroll in the beautifully landscaped gardens or afternoon tea. Don't forget to sample some world-famous Mackinac Island fudge! **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Traveling in The Great Lakes State:** Leave Mackinac Island today and travel through the Great Lakes State. Michigan has the unique distinction of being surrounded by four of the five Great Lakes. Your destination is Dearborn, the heartland of the Ford Motor Company **Meal: B**

**DAY 7 Ford River Rouge Factory Tour and The Henry Ford Museum:** This morning, go behind the scenes at the world's largest automotive complex as you watch the Ford F150 pickup truck being built on a Ford Motor Company factory tour. This afternoon you have the choice of visiting the Henry Ford Museum, often called "the attic" or Greenfield Village, also known as "America's Hometown." Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 8 Journey Home:** Your journey ends with a group transfer to Detroit Metropolitan Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m. or Chicago's O'Hare Airport for flights after out 5:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** – Embassy Suites Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois

**Days 2 and 3** – DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Days 4 and 5** – Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan

**Days 6 and 7** – DoubleTree Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.

Cost for a room in Chicago is \$399, tax and breakfast included.

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## Tour Highlights

- 11 Meals: 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend one night in downtown Chicago with a guided sightseeing tour of the "Windy City"
- Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, steeped in the area's rich Dutch heritage
- Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Tulip Gardens, ablaze with acres of brilliant color in a Dutch setting
- Attend the Quality Car Wash Volksparede (people's parade) featuring a street scrubbing followed by high school marching bands and floats
- Spend two nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Mackinac Island
- Explore the charm of a bygone era on Mackinac Island
- Tour Mackinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage en route to the hotel
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour to see the F150 pickup truck being built
- Have the choice of visiting either The Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
May 7, 2026	\$3,474	\$1,199

**Air is offered at additional \$249 per person when booked by June 30, 2025.**

**Full fare from DEN is \$850 per person**

\*Note: The Grand Hotel has a dress code policy. Please refer to your travel documents for details.

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*

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- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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EASY			ENERGETIC	

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