

# Door County and the Big Top Chautauqua

5 Days / 4 Nights

Departure Date: August 5-9

Tour Code: DOOR91

## **DAY ONE — D**

So close yet so far. Many of us never venture into the sliver of land flanked by Lake Michigan, but Door County is one of the most pleasant destinations to escape to especially in the peak of summer. As we make our way northward bound we'll pause at the base of this peninsula in Sturgeon Bay at the Maritime Museum to get much needed background on the history and lore of the inland sea that shaped the land and its early inhabitants. Motoring through the wooded backroads north finds us in the quaint town of Egg Harbor where we will have time to stretch our legs, and do some shopping. So many artisans make their home here it won't be difficult to find something you just have to have! Our overnight accommodations for two nights will be right on the water at Rowley's Bay in Ellison Bay. Here you will have time to freshen up and perhaps take a short walk at the water's edge before dinner. Tonight we'll enjoy a Prime Rib Buffet so be sure to come hungry! After dinner it's on to the theater. The Northern Sky puts on for our delight original musicals under the stars at Wisconsin's Peninsula State Park Amphitheater. Be sure to bring a light jacket or sweater if the evening turns cool.

## **DAY TWO — B, D**

After a good night's sleep in the quiet of the Door, we venture out for breakfast. A legend in these parts, Al Johnson's has been serving up Swedish pancakes with lingonberries for over 50 years. After we've eaten and checked out the gift shop our local guide will meet us and take us up and down the peninsula giving the history and legends of the area before we pause for a visit at the Simon Creek Winery in nearby Carlsville. This winery was established several years ago and has been making a name for itself here in the county. Taste of few of their vintages and perhaps take a few bottles home to share with friends.

Mid-afternoon we return to our lodgings to get ready for one of this evening's highlights. No trip to Door County would be complete without experiencing a traditional Fish Boil. The 'chef' will tell us the colorful story of the bay we sit beside from the early days of the Potawatomi up to the present as we watch as each ingredient is brought out and put in the pot by the boilmaster. Then listen for the 'bell' because that's when the boilover takes place. After that, dig into beautiful whitefish caught right in the waters before you. Yum! Another show is on tap after our great meal, so we board the coach and head for the well-known Peninsula Player's Outdoor Theater. Once again we're under the summer stars for a live performance.

## **DAY THREE — B, L**

This morning we fortify ourselves with another breakfast before saying goodbye to the bay and head for Wausau, WI. Lunch will be at a local eatery here in Wausau before continuing our travels to Ashland. Our next two overnights will be at the lovely Hotel Chequamegon. Located on the shores of Lake Superior it's known as the gateway to Apostle Islands. Enjoy this full service resort property with your evening free at leisure.

## **DAY FOUR — CB, L**

Enjoy breakfast at your resort before we travel the short distance to the ferry dock taking us to the delightfully quaint Madeline Island. As the largest of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior we join our local guide who regales us with stories of the island and its original inhabitants and its current ones. We'll have time to forget the clock and stroll the sandy beaches. Relax to the rhythm of waves rolling in as the breezes blow through towering pines. Enjoy lunch then shop the fine galleries and shops to cultivate your artistic spirit. Back on the mainland and our hotel, there's time to get ready for one of the most sought after performance venues in the country. The Big Top Chautauqua will live up to its reputation putting on a musical extravaganza all are sure to enjoy. And all under the big blue tent which is so recognizable all summer.

## **DAY FIVE — CB, L**

We check out of our wonderful hotel this morning but the day is just beginning. We head to the storybook town of Bayfield. Our guide will take us on a driving tour of the crown jewel of the Bayfield Peninsula. This delightful location is an active arts and crafts community, with loads of shopping, dining establishments and is also famous for its many apple varieties and orchards. After learning all about this wonderful community it's time for lunch. And what better place to eat but the beautiful Victorian Rittenhouse Inn. A delicious gourmet meal is waiting for us in lovely ornate surroundings. Indulge and enjoy! As we begin our travels towards home we hope you've been entertained by all the wonderful adventures you experiences and are already planning your next great adventure with Lamers!

### **PER PERSON PRICING:**

\$1,345 Double | \$1,298 Triple | \$1,243 Quad | \$1,472 Single

Deposit: \$200 per person within 7 days of making reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Luggage handling included for one suitcase.