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Cruising the Great Lakes

October 2 - 9, 2023




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

Trace North America's passion for innovation, admire magnificent coastal scenery and visit places rich in maritime history during this seven-night, exclusively chartered cruise featuring all five Great Lakes. Cruise from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Toronto, Ontario, aboard the Five-Star, small ship *LE BELLOT* featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms. Experience the Victorian charm of Mackinac Island and the biodiversity of Ontario's UNESCO-inscribed Niagara Escarpment, including a visit to quaint Tobermory. Transit the Soo Locks and Welland Canal—Victorian-era engineering marvels—and visit the Museum Ship *SS VALLEY CAMP* in historic Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Discover the spirit of invention and cultural largesse that defines Detroit with guided tours of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and the Henry Ford Museum of Innovation. Feel the awe-inspiring force of Niagara Falls during a full-day excursion, featuring an unforgettable cruise toward the Horseshoe Falls.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Activity Level 3: 

My walking shoes are laced up tight and I'm ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we'll take between cities. I enjoy getting around in Zodiac rafts and 4x4 vehicles for short durations. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!



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Schedule by Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Home city/ Toronto, Canada/ Embark the ship/ Lake Ontario/ Welland Canal

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 with your fellow travelers. (D,R)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Niagara Falls/ Lake Erie

Drive to Niagara Falls and ride the Hornblower Cruise Funicular down the 19-story rock walls

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



Diego Rivera's Detroit industry murals capturing the history of the city.

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

Clock, intricately filled with 20,000 plants and flowers. This evening, cruise Lake Erie. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Detroit, Michigan, US

Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the most



Private, glass-bottom boat cruise through Big and Little Tub Harbors and around Flowerpot Island in Tobermory, Ontario.

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 Pointe to visit the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Detroit/ Lake Huron

Visit the acclaimed Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, which spotlights the creative genius of American inventors 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. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Tobermory, Canada/ Lake Huron

In Tobermory, embark on a glass-bottom boat cruise from

Maneuver through the mighty Soo Locks.



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. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Soo Locks/ Lake Superior/ Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, US

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 living quarters



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Step 2: Click the Blue “**Register Today**” button and fill out the online form.

Step 3: Look for an **email confirmation** from Harvard Alumni Travels.

All bookings are conducted online only.

Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip web page (link above).

and the tragic loss of the EDMUND FITZGERALD.

Continue to the Soo Locks Interpretation Center and watch colossal freighters lowered 21 feet from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. In the evening, cruise Lake Huron. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Mackinac Island/ Lake Michigan

Set off on a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage

ride around the island with a photo stop at the famed Arch Rock.

At Fort Mackinac, enjoy a guided visit and a marvelous view from the cliff top.

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. (B,L,R,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Milwaukee, Wisconsin/ Return to home city

Disembark the ship in Milwaukee and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Horse-drawn carriage tour of Victorian Mackinac Island and clifftop Fort Mackinac.



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TORONTO PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

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.

Double Pricing: \$1,195 Single Pricing: \$1,395

MILWAUKEE POST-PROGRAM OPTION

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.

Double Pricing: \$895 Single Pricing: \$1,195



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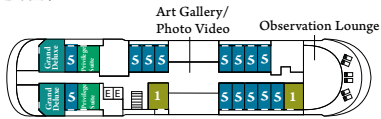
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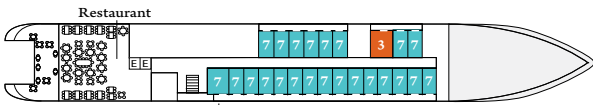
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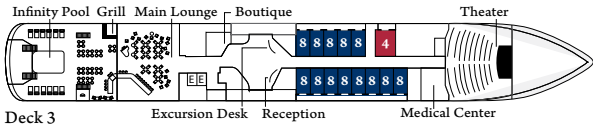
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Deck 5°



Deck 4



Deck 3

Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design: LE BELLOT ushers in 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 and where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

Life on Board: Enjoy sweeping views from the lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances, or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, fitness room, and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies: Each of the 92 staterooms and suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathrooms with a shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities.

Respect for the Environment: A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important certification among ocean-cruising vessels, LE BELLOT is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

Chic and Casual Dining: Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and four-course dinner.

World-Class Service: The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse. *Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel are included.*

Rates Per Person

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CATEGORY/DECK

CATEGORY 8 \$5,550

Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 7 \$6,250

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.*

CATEGORY 6 \$6,950

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 5 \$7,550

Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship and aft.*

CATEGORY 4 \$8,550

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 3, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 3 \$9,250

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 4, midship.* (limited availability)

CATEGORY 2 \$9,950

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 5, midship*

CATEGORY 1 \$10,550

Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, **private balcony.** *Deck 6, midship*

PRESTIGE SUITE II \$11,550

Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony,** two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck 5, midship.* (limited availability)

PRESTIGE SUITE I \$12,250

Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony,** two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. *Deck 6, midship.* (limited availability)

PRIVILEGE SUITE \$13,050

Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, **larger private balcony,** sitting area with sofa. *Decks 5 and 6, aft.* (limited availability)

GRAND DELUXE SUITE \$13,950

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)

OWNER'S SUITE \$14,550

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 6, aft.* (limited availability)