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Cruising The Great Lakes: Milwaukee to Toronto

on LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE
September 17 - 24, 2022

with **Donald Pfister**



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The landmark Grand Hotel opened in 1887 as a summer retreat for vacationers who came to Mackinac Island via steamer and boat.

Trace North America's passion for innovation,

admire 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 DUMONT D'URVILLE featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms. Experience the charm of Mackinac Island and a visit to 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 base of powerful 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: 

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

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. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

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Study Leaders



Donald Pfister is the Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Botany and Curator Emeritus of the Farlow Library and Herbarium.

At Harvard he served in many roles including Faculty Dean at Kirkland House, Dean of the Harvard Summer School, Interim Dean of Harvard College and Director of the Harvard University Herbaria. His research has focused on the classification and diversity of fungi, history of collections and collectors of biological materials. He has done field work in many regions around the world, most recently in southern South America. He has taught courses ranging from the biology of fungi to plants used by people to forests and climate change. At home he enjoys working a large and varied garden. Before Harvard he was an assistant professor at the University of Puerto Rico, a graduate student at Cornell University and earned an undergraduate degree at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His wife, Cathleen Pfister, served in Kirkland House and worked in the Botany Libraries at Harvard. They have three daughters. On tour, Pfister plans to lecture on the biodiversity and history of explorations of the lake regions.

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Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

U.S. / Canada to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Depart home city to Milwaukee.

Upon arrival, embark

LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE. (D,R)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Lake Michigan/ Mackinac Island, Michigan/ Lake Huron

Located in Lake Huron, Mackinac Island was a port in the North American fur trade. With its beaches, parks and streets lined with Victorian homes, art galleries and fudge shops, few places capture an era better than this automobile-free isle.

Delight in a horse-drawn carriage ride to the GRAND HOTEL, the "Lady on the Hill"—a national landmark for over 130 years with a white Colonial facade, over 2,000 trademark red geraniums and a procession of American flags. Enjoy lunch viewing the world's longest porch, as romantic today as it was during the 1800s when it was dubbed "Flirtation Walk." Stop at limestone Arch Rock, a portal to the spirit world according to Native American legend, and tour Fort Mackinac, built by the British in 1779 and garrisoned until 1875. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Lake Superior/ Sault Sainte Marie/ Soo Locks

Cruise into Lake Superior—where in the eastern part of the lake are the remains of over 300 shipwrecks, including the famed *Edmund Fitzgerald*.



Discover the natural limestone of Arch Rock, rising 146 feet over Mackinac Island.

Enjoy the breathtaking views of the Lake Superior shoreline.

Known to Native Americans as the "Gathering Place" and to the locals as "The Soo," the historic town of Sault Sainte Marie became one of the Great Lakes' most important economic assets following construction of the Soo Locks. Maritime history is presented at SS *Valley Camp*, a retired 1917 lake freighter, featuring the restored living quarters of Great Lakes sailors and the loss of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. Transit the locks and tour the Soo Locks Interpretation Center, watching as colossal freighters lower 21-feet from lake to lake. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Tobermory, Ontario, Canada/Lake Huron

Cruise the coastline of Bruce Peninsula National Park, a biodiversity hot spot and part of the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. In the harbor village of Tobermory, embark on a glass-bottom boat cruise from Little Tub Harbor to Big Tub Harbor, which preserves 19th-century shipwrecks. Witness the remains of the schooner *Sweepstakes*, submerged in

only 20 feet of water with its hull almost completely intact. Observe Big Tub Lighthouse which has been guiding ships since 1885, and Flowerpot Island, famous for its natural "flowerpot" rock pillars, sea stacks and carved caverns. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22

Detroit, Michigan/ Dearborn/Lake Erie

Chart Detroit's rise to the apex of American idealism. Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the nation's most significant collections of art, 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 masterworks by Auguste Rodin, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, Vincent Van Gogh, Edgar Degas and Paul Cézanne. Discover the rich architectural legacy of the Gilded Age at Grosse Pointe where grandiose mansions, replete with lavish period furnishings, reflect Detroit's commitment to architectural preservation. Tour the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion, a polished window on the grandeur of America's industrial aristocracy. The manor was designed by Detroit's preeminent architect,



Be on deck to witness the engineering “miracle” of Mackinac Bridge, the Western Hemisphere’s longest suspension bridge, as the ship cruises beneath.



Cruise the azure waters of Fathom Five National Marine Park and discover the ethereal beauty of Flowerpot Island, where ancient cedars rise above surreal rock formations.

Albert Kahn, to resemble Cotswold village cottages and showcases an Art Deco design with rooms filled with ancient, Renaissance and 18th-century art.

Visit the acclaimed Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, which spotlights the creative genius of American inventor and innovators that represent defining moments in U.S. history. Or tour historic Greenfield Village, “America’s Hometown Celebration,” which preserves 80 famous historic structures, relocated from across the nation, as well as a lavish collection of vintage automobiles. See Henry Ford’s birthplace, two of Thomas Edison’s workshops, the Wright brothers’ bicycle shop and Luther Burbank’s garden office. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada, for Niagra Falls/Welland Canal

One of the world’s most awe-inspiring natural phenomena, Niagara Falls never fails to impress. Cruise toward the mist-enshrouded base of Horseshoe Falls and experience firsthand the sheer force of this geological wonder. See the 410-million-year-old rock layers of the Niagara Gorge and the formidable Whirlpool Rapids, among the world’s most extreme Class VI rapids. Enjoy a specially arranged lunch with spectacular falls views. See the Sir Adam Beck Power Station, the world’s first large-scale hydroelectric generation project, and admire Niagara’s famous Floral Clock, intricately filled with 20,000 plants

and flowers. The historically significant Niagara area was the site of the Battle of Chippewa, a major milestone in the development of the U.S. Army during the War of 1812. Cruise through seven 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—carrying nearly 40 million tons of cargo per year. (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Toronto/Return to Home City

Disembark the ship and return to your home city. (B)

Milwaukee

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

\$1,095 per person, double occupancy

\$1,295 per person, single occupancy

Rich in architectural treasures and world-class institutions that reflect its storied history, vibrant Milwaukee is the perfect introduction 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. Experience a downtown walking tour where modern high-rises share the skyline with meticulously preserved 19th-century buildings fashioned from the city’s signature cream-colored local brick. Visit the striking Pabst Mansion, built in Flemish style by Pabst Brewing Company president Frederick Pabst. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe, centrally located THE PFISTER HOTEL.

Toronto

POST-PROGRAM OPTION

\$845 per person, double occupancy

\$1,095 per person, single occupancy

Conclude your Great Lakes voyage 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, housed in a visionary building designed by renowned native son, architect Frank Gehry. Accommodations for two nights are in the historical, deluxe FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



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Terms & Conditions

AA&D Community Expectations: Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities, including travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA), are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees.

AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to—and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs—any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects the safety, well-being, and inclusion of community members.

CONTRACT: HAA does not itself conduct tours, but instead partners with several different tour operators in order to offer a broad range of travel programs. Tour participants contract directly with tour operators, although HAA is available to act as a liaison with tour operators should participants have any questions or concerns. HAA is not responsible for performing any of the tour operator’s obligations.

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: Three flights during program: Gyaquil/Galapagos, Galapagos/Gyaquil, Gyaquil/Quito; Enrichment program of lectures and discussions; three nights in Quito hotel; four nights aboard SANTA CRUZ II; welcome reception and farewell dinner; all meals as outlined in itinerary; complimentary wine and beer and non-alcoholic beverages throughout cruise; taxes; transfers and luggage handling at airport/pier/hotel for guests whose arrival(s) and departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfers; complimentary use of snorkeling equipment and kayaks; all excursions and visits with experienced local guides outlined in itinerary; all gratuities to ship personnel, restaurant staff, local guides, drivers, and tour manager throughout.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: International airfare from the U.S.; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Inclusions” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than scheduled group transfer(s); passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel, optional sightseeing excursions; meals and beverages not listed in the “Inclusions” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” section.

PROGRAM SIZE: SANTA CRUZ II can accommodate up to 88 passengers for this voyage. Harvard passengers will be joined by guests from the co-sponsoring institutions from National Trust, Tufts, Wash U St Louis, and Maryland, as well as potential independent travelers. HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person (plus \$200 per person Pre- or Post-Program). Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment is due November 5, 2021 (95 days before departure), payable

by check only to “Gohagan and Company”. Participants will receive an invoice directly from Gohagan and Company for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. No penalty for cancellations received more than 96 days prior to departure. Cancellations received 61 to 95 days prior to departure: 50% penalty (Note: Any refund amount will be by future travel credit). Cancellations received 45 to 60 days prior to departure: 70% penalty (Note: Any refund amount will be by future travel credit). Cancellations received 44 days or less prior to departure: 100% penalty.

TRIP INSURANCE: Neither HAA nor the tour operator, including all representatives, employees, and agents, will take responsibility for any costs or losses incurred or suffered by a participant, or a participant’s dependents or traveling companions before, during or after the tour. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted below, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip insurance to cover unforeseen trip interruptions, cancellations, lost baggage, and emergency medical assistance and evacuation. Participants may purchase trip insurance through any provider. HAA will provide information from one provider, Redpoint Resolutions, upon confirmation, which will detail available options. If a participant purchases a trip insurance policy from Redpoint Resolutions within a 14-day window, then the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived, and the participant will be eligible to purchase the “Cancel for Any Reason” upgrade. The 14-day window begins on the first day the participant’s trip deposits become non-refundable. For participants who utilize a trip credit to book the trip, the 14-day window starts the first day the participant is subject to financial penalty for cancellation, including full or partial loss of the trip credit. An insurance policy, when issued, shall constitute a contract only between the participant and the insurance provider. HAA will not intervene in any transactional issues or claim disputes between the participant and the insurance provider.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: International airfare is not included in the cost of the program. The tour operator can assist you with your air arrangements. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Operator.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on flights, and at country entry points, as well as protocols in place during the program to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure. All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility: participants must be able to embark or disembark

all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Participants requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental health condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible. All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator.

Participants with dietary restrictions also must make these known to the tour operator well before departure, otherwise the tour operator may not be able to accommodate them.

PREPARING FOR THE TOUR: Participants will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING & COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of HAA and the tour operator. HAA reserves the right to change program dates, staff (including study leader), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. HAA further reserves the right to cancel programs, levy a small group surcharge, send a program without a study leader and/or withdraw HAA sponsorship from a program. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether HAA takes any of these actions. Participants making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of this publication and are subject to change.

FAILURE TO OPERATE THE TOUR OR CANCELLATION OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR: If the tour operator fails to operate the tour or cancels the tour, except as a direct result of adverse weather conditions, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, significant health concerns (such as epidemics or pandemics requiring significant travel disruptions), or other such causes beyond HAA and the tour operator's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), then the tour operator shall refund all monies received from tour participants. If the tour operator's failure to operate the tour or cancellation of the tour is a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, then the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. Tours also shall be cancelled if the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency issues a statement within sixty (60) days of tour departure to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to any of the destinations on the itinerary for that tour. In such case, the tour operator will provide an alternate tour with a revised or substitute itinerary and may provide tour participants who choose not to travel on the alternate itinerary a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel.

CURTALMENT OF THE TOUR BY THE TOUR OPERATOR: If a tour is curtailed after it has begun, either as a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, or because the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency has issued a statement to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to the remaining destinations on the itinerary for that tour, then the tour operator will take immediate steps to end the tour early and assist tour participants with travel arrangements back to their homes or other final destinations. In such a case, the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund for the number of missed days on the original tour consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-recoverable prepayments, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator, its owners, and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss,

accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Nor will HAA and the tour operator accept responsibility for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to Force Majeure Events, other than as provided above. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. HAA and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant. Baggage and personal effects are always the sole responsibility of their owners. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any increases in tariffs, exchange rates, or fuel prices will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in a tour, each participant must sign this document and may be asked to sign a separate liability waiver and release form by the tour operator.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: HAA and the tour operator will not share participants' personal information with third parties or make it publicly available except as follows: participants' names, degree(s), home city, and email addresses may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; and relevant information about participants is shared with those contracted to provide tour services in the destination. Tour operators and their agents are prohibited from sharing or selling this information to other parties. Participants may opt out of sharing their email addresses with others on the tour participant list.

DISCLAIMER: Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this document. HAA is not responsible for errors in or damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this document is subject to change.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Tour participants understand and agree that participation in the tour involves risks that include, without limitation, risks involved in: travel; political, legal, medical, social, economic, and weather conditions; standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances that may differ from those to which they are accustomed; and health and safety standards that may differ from those to which they are accustomed. Without limiting the foregoing, tour participants understand and agree that there are risks associated with the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic, the trajectory of which may be unpredictable, and that as a result of such an epidemic or pandemic, local and national governments may enact border, travel, and stay-at-home restrictions, and health care systems may become overwhelmed. Tour participants recognize that they may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death and confirm that they have made their own investigation of these risks, understand them, and assume them knowingly and willingly. Knowing the risks described herein, tour participants agree, on behalf of their family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding their participation in the tour.

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION: By signing below (or by checking the respective box on the on-line registration form), I certify that I am age 18 or older and that I have carefully read and freely signed these Travel Terms and Conditions on my own behalf and on behalf of all members of my party. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Harvard, and its officers, governing board members, faculty, staff, representatives, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claims, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, related to my participation in the tour resulting from any cause, including but not limited to negligence on my part or on the part of any of the released parties.

I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document. I agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (excluding its conflict of laws principles), which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the tour.

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