

Niagara & Great Lakes Cruise

Aboard The Viking Octantis



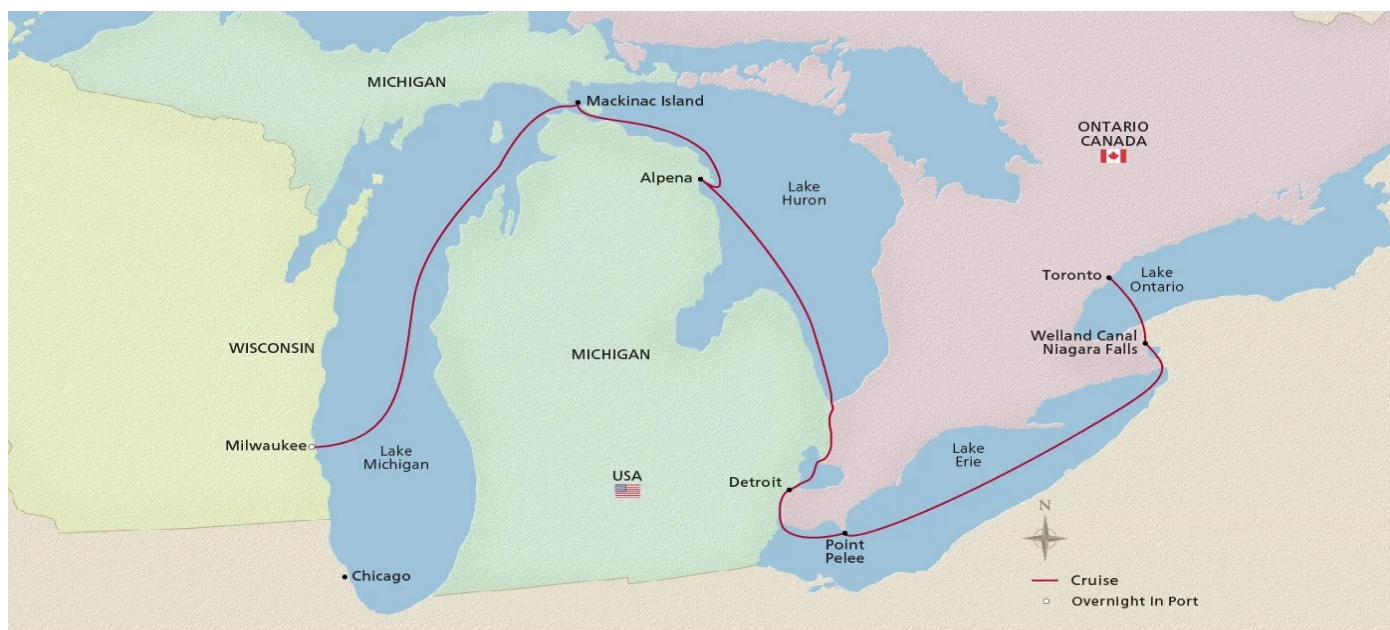
August 29 - September 5, 2024

8 Days 7 Nights 7 Guided Tours



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Day 1— Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Embark your ship and settle into your stateroom. Toronto is beloved by many as one of Canada's boldest and most innovative capitals. Hugging the shores of Lake Ontario and facing the picturesque Toronto Islands, it was founded by British loyalists fleeing the American Revolution in 1793. Today the city is a pleasure to explore on foot, whether strolling past the Victorian bay-and-gable homes of Rosedale, or the historic enclave of Wychwood Park, an Ontario Heritage Conservation district. The city's Distillery District is home to North America's largest preserved collection of Victorian industrial architecture.

Day 2— Welland Canal & Niagara Falls, (Port Colborne)

The Welland Canal is one of Canada's greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. Built from 1824 to 1833 to bypass the Niagara River and its mighty falls, the Welland comprises eight locks that lift or lower ships a total of 326 feet between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. This vital canal is the spine of the peninsula's trade and industry, with numerous docks receiving ships and roadways crossing the water. Viking's latest expedition vessels are purpose-built to traverse this impressive waterway, allowing ships to dock safely while navigating this important crossing.

Port Colborne proudly proclaims itself the "Gateway to Navigation." It is also the gateway to North America's largest and most powerful cascade, Niagara Falls. Epic in its scope and volume, the falls hurl 42 million gallons of water down 20 stories every minute. Its mile-wide length straddles the Canadian and US borders and is split by islands into three smaller cataracts: Horseshoe Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and American Falls. Long a storied destination for young honeymooners, today the mighty torrent is a thrill for visitors.

Day 3 - Point Pelee, Ontario, Canada

Point Pelee is a pristine area that points into Lake Erie from Ontario, tapering off to a fine point before disappearing into the waters. The peninsula comprises woodlands and the largest freshwater marshes on the Great Lakes. It was proclaimed a national park in 1918 and is further protected by the Ramsar Convention, an international treaty that protects wetlands. Located at the convergence of two major bird migration flyways, about 350 species have been recorded here. Boardwalks deliver visitors into this unique ecosystem of vast, open vistas and wave-kissed shores.



Day 4— Detroit, Michigan

Detroit sits on one of the four straits that link the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence Seaway and has emerged as a city rich in culture. In 2015, it became the first US city to earn designation as a “City of Design” by UNESCO for its creativity in urban development. Detroit was founded as a fort in 1701 and later grew into the epicenter of the US automobile industry. Today the city is beloved as the birthplace of Motown, a portmanteau of “motor” and “town.” Its waterfront reveals remarkable examples of postmodern and art deco skyscrapers.

Day 5— Alpena, Michigan

Alpena is in the northeastern region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The town faces Lake Huron's Thunder Bay and is home to Alpena Light, a brilliant red steel structure built in 1914. After its founding in 1840, fishing and logging were introduced to bolster its economy; today it is home to one of the largest limestone quarries in the world. Two of its architectural gems are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: the art deco County Courthouse and the late-Victorian IOOF Centennial Building, once the city's courthouse.



Day 6— Mackinac Island, Michigan

Steeped in the charms of simpler times, Mackinac Island is a gem of the Great Lakes. Located in the Straits of Mackinac where Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas are closest and Lakes Huron and Michigan meet, this bucolic haven preserves gilded Victorian-era treasures along car-free streets traversed by horse-drawn carriages. The perimeter road is the only state highway in the US that does not permit motor vehicles. More than 80% of Mackinac is protected as a state park, from its Greek Revival Grand Hotel and British-built Fort Mackinac to its preserved wilderness areas.





Day 7— Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee was first settled by Europeans in 1818, when French-Canadian fur trader Solomon Juneau arrived. German, Polish and Eastern European immigrants followed, bringing with them a long tradition of beer brewing. For several decades in the 20th century, Milwaukee became the world's most prolific beer producer. Today, the city is a vibrant center of art, history and culture. The RiverWalk, a pedestrian walkway along the Milwaukee, is a popular spot for enjoying relaxing strolls or viewing public art installations.

Day 8— Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee lies on the shores of Lake Michigan at the confluence of three rivers—the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic. For centuries before the arrival of Europeans, the area was inhabited by indigenous peoples, such as the Potawatomi, Menominee, Fox and Winnebago. In 1647, missionary Jacques Marquette came to Milwaukee's shores, and fur traders soon followed. The settlement was a secondary trading post until after the Revolutionary War, when Jacques Vieau established the "Milwaukee Outfit" and made the outpost an important stop on the western shores of Lake Michigan. After breakfast, disembark your ship and journey home.

Tour Package Includes

- 8 Days, 7 Nights Cruise on the Viking Octantis
- Transfer via motorcoach from Bloomington to O'Hare International Airport
- Flight from O'Hare to Toronto
- Airport transfer to ship
- Transfer via motorcoach from Milwaukee to Bloomington
- Meals while on ship
- Beer, wine, & soft drinks onboard with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour specialty coffees, teas, and bottled water
- Port taxes & Fees
- Gratuities while on the ship
- Free Wi-Fi
- One Complimentary excursion in every port of call
- Kayaks, Zodiacs, Special operation boats, and excursion gear needed for any relevant excursion
- Direct Travel Host*

*host with minimum 25 booked guests





Viking Great Lakes & Niagara Cruise Rate

- Nordic Balcony N1 on Deck 2: \$9,399.00
- Deluxe Nordic Balcony DN3 on Deck 3: \$9,699.00
- Deluxe Nordic Balcony DN1 on Deck 4: \$10,399.00

All prices are per person, based on double occupancy.

Payment Terms & Insurance

A \$500 per person non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is due approximately 4 weeks after booking. Once booked I will be able to confirm date. Direct Travel highly recommends Custom Care travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance. The cost of the policy is person and is non-refundable. Insurance prices are subject to change based on the actual travel package purchased.

Questions about the trip

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Cabin Selected:

- Nordic Balcony N1: \$9,399.00 per person + Insurance (Insurance will be quoted)
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