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CRUISE LINES



SHORE EXCURSION GUIDE

Chicago Roundtrip

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Every port includes a curated excursion at no additional charge. Premium and Immersive experiences go further — smaller groups, specialist guides, and access arranged only for Victory guests. Reserve through your Guest Portal or with your voyage specialist.

INCLUDED

One curated excursion in every port, part of your fare.

PREMIUM

Elevated access and dining, for an additional fee.

IMMERSIVE

Small-group, hands-on experiences with local experts.

Port of Call

DAY 1 · JUN 17

PREMIUM

Navy Pier Culinary and History Collection

Price TBD

Step into the flavors and stories of Chicago on a fully guided walking experience that blends rich history with the city's most iconic eats. As you stroll along Navy Pier—one of Chicago's most visited and beloved landmarks—you'll learn how this historic pier has evolved from its opening in 1916 as a shipping and recreational hub to a vibrant destination for culture, entertainment, and lakefront life. Discover stories of world's fairs, military training, exhibitions, and public celebrations that

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2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Chicago, Illinois

DAY 2 · JUN 18

PREMIUM

Chicago Architecture Cruise

Price TBD

Chicago is a city whose life and commerce have revolved around its namesake river for nearly two centuries. And that makes a Chicago River architecture cruise the perfect way to experience the Windy City's parade of riverfront landmarks. You'll glide by over 40 of them as your expert guide recounts the stories that shaped this spectacular skyline.

2.75 Hours
12:15 PM – 3:00 PM

PREMIUM

Frank Lloyd Wright: His Home & Vision for the Future

Price TBD

Experience a pilgrimage exploration of Chicago-area structures designed by this most influential American 20th-century architect. Included are his home and studio in Oak Park, the UNESCO-listed Unity Temple, and the 1920 Robie House.

3.75 Hours
9:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Mackinac Island, Michigan

DAY 4 · JUN 20

INCLUDED

Mackinac Island Carriage Exploration

Included

Enjoy a charming, narrated exploration of Mackinac Island via horse-drawn carriage – the most iconic way to see the island. Then spend your afternoon sightseeing and shopping in this charming town at your leisure.

2.5 Hours
8:45 AM – 11:15 AM
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PREMIUM

Historic Michilimackinac: The Original Outpost

Price TBD

Take a short motorcoach ride from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and step back in time at Colonial Michilimackinac. Built in 1715, this reconstructed French and British fur-trading village brings the 18th-century Great Lakes frontier to life on its original lakeshore site. Watch musket demonstrations, meet costumed interpreters, and explore the fort and archaeological grounds—an engaging way to connect with early American history as the nation approaches its 250th anniversary.

3.25 Hours
1:30 PM – 4:45 PM

PREMIUM

Mackinac Island Bike Exploration

Price TBD

Take your seat for a scenic 8.2-mile two-wheeled ride around the coast of Mackinac Island on what is said to be America's only paved highway where motor vehicles are banned. The terrain is easy, the sights are fascinating, and your experienced guide knows the route like the back of their handlebars. Stops are made at numerous landmarks and viewpoints.

2.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

PREMIUM

Mackinac Island Walking Exploration

Price TBD

Meet your local guide at the pier for an insider's tour of the island's history, culture, and architecture. Travel past Market Street, Marquette Park, the harbor, and charming Victorian cottages before visiting the 1829 Mission Church—the oldest in Michigan. Enjoy panoramic views from East Bluff, then end your tour with a sweet stop to sample the island's famous fudge before returning to the pier.

2 Hours
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

PREMIUM

The Grand Luncheon

Price TBD

Muster your taste for, well, excellent tastes. A Grand Luncheon at the Grand Hotel is no ordinary experience. It's an extraordinary event involving bounteous fresh and composed salads, a multitude of cheeses and seasonal fruits, plenty of tempting hot dishes, a carvery station, and a sinfully opulent dessert display. All in a legendary setting.

1.5 Hours
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Munising, Michigan

DAY 5 · JUN 21

INCLUDED

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Scenic Cruise

Included

Recognized as one of the most beautiful shorelines in the Great Lakes, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore presents colorful sandstone cliffs, stunning beaches, and impressive waterfalls. A Lake Superior cruise would not be complete without the opportunity to take in the natural beauty and wonder of the lakeshore that is constantly changing as the water's energy reveals new features.

2.5 Hours
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Marquette, Michigan

DAY 6 · JUN 22

INCLUDED

Marquette Maritime Museum & Harbor Lighthouse

Included

Attention all lighthouse enthusiasts, Fresnel fans, and historic building buffs: don't miss this excursion to Marquette Maritime Museum & Harbor Light! You'll encounter engaging exhibits on maritime and Great Lakes history, notable shipwrecks, the largest collection of beam-focusing lenses on the Great Lakes – and a bright red lighthouse.

2 Hours
8:45 AM – 10:45 AM
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

PREMIUM

Mining, Art and History of Marquette

Price TBD

Whether you are interested in natural history and geology, visual arts or cultural history, this experience will educate you while showing you this scenic region of the Great Lakes. Explore the Michigan Iron Museum as you learn about the rich history of iron mining and its impact on the world. Enjoy the DeVos Art Museum where you will see creativity at its best. Learn about residents and culture at the Regional History Center.

4 Hours
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

IMMERSIVE

Niik Creative Workshop

Price TBD

This is your chance to create your own clay masterpiece. With an expert craftsman by your side, you'll have the opportunity to learn and design a special creation to take home. Niik Creative is a space that inspires your mind and settles your soul. Join this intimate experience for a true taste of Marquette art.

Duration TBD
1:30 PM – 4:00 AM

Houghton, Michigan

DAY 7 · JUN 23

INCLUDED

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum and Isle Royale National Park Visitor Center

Included

Rockhounds of the world, unite! At least for a few hours of fascination on a visit to this premier museum on the Michigan Tech campus. The Keweenaw Peninsula's unique geology – and the museum's many iconic specimens of copper and 100 other minerals – have made this an international must-see for collectors and connoisseurs alike. After visiting, you'll have the opportunity to visit Isle Royale National Park Visitor Center to see a video about the island that you will pass later in the voyage and

2 Hours
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

PREMIUM

A Glimpse into Mining's Past

Price TBD

Go subterranean on your visit to the labyrinthine tunnels of Historic Quincy Mine with an expert guide leading the way. And walk along the streets of Calumet National Historic Site, a Victorian boomtown during the heydays of Keweenaw's Copper Country era. See the architecture and hear the fascinating stories left behind.

4 Hours
9:15 AM – 1:15 PM

IMMERSIVE

Exploring The Keweenaw

Price TBD

Enjoy a scenic drive along the Copper Country Trail National Byway and discover vast natural beauty, fascinating mining history, and a long string of photogenic Keweenaw Peninsula sights – from the lighthouses that guard shipping along the turbulent coast to the waterfalls that cascade from these ore-filled hills. You'll have lunch at an iconic Keweenaw restaurant.

7 Hours
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Duluth, Minnesota

DAY 8 · JUN 24

INCLUDED

Glensheen Mansion

Included

You'll be in awe of Glensheen, the 39-room mansion and grounds that span along Lake Superior where the Chester Congdon family's life of vast wealth epitomized the pivotal role the iron mining boom played in shaping early Duluth. Congdon was a key figure in the industry, significantly influencing its growth and parlaying his strategic vision into a vast fortune as a matchmaker and early investor in the partnership of Oliver Mining Company and Rockefeller rival Andrew Carnegie – a union that led t

2 Hours
9:45 AM – 11:45 AM
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PREMIUM

North Shore Scenic Railroad

Price TBD

Come along on a trip back into the Lake Superior region's railroading past as you visit the train car collection housed at the old Duluth Union Depot – now the Lake Superior Railroad Museum – then climb aboard a heritage car of the North Shore Scenic Railroad for a ride featuring breathtaking views, a refreshing beverage and small charcuterie bites.

6.5 Hours
9:15 AM – 3:45 PM

IMMERSIVE

Iconic Images and Spectacular Lighthouses

Price TBD

Sweeping lake views, dramatic lighthouses, cascading waterfalls, and scrumptious pie are all on the menu during this Minnesota North Shore drive – arguably one of the state's most beautiful. With Lake Superior on one side and stunning landscapes on the other, the picturesque sights will be satisfying from beginning to end. And lunch will be, too.

3.5 Hours
9:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Thunder Bay, Ontario

DAY 9 · JUN 25

INCLUDED

Thunder Bay Icons

Included

One of the most photographed locations in the Thunder Bay region is Kakabeka Falls. These thunderous falls is located on the Kaministiquia River and is the second highest waterfall in Ontario, only behind Niagara Falls. You'll also have an opportunity to explore the Henry Alexander, a retired icebreaker ship that sits steps from your ship.

2.25 Hours
12:45 PM – 3:00 PM
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM

PREMIUM

Fur Trading: The Beginning

Price TBD

Step back into 1816 at the faithfully reconstructed Fort William fur trading post, with docents in period-accurate costume portraying the day-to-day activities of the original residents. Venture to the Anishinaabe Encampment to learn about the relationships forged between the First Nations people and non-Indigenous newcomers.

4 Hours
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

IMMERSIVE

Sleeping Giant Zodiac Experience

Price TBD

Embark on an epic adventure on a zodiac expedition to the Ontario's iconic Sleeping Giant. This exciting journey will fill your spirit and provide unique vantage points to see wildlife, breathtaking views, and maybe catch a glimpse of shipwrecks in the area. This geographic, panoramic and adventurous exploration will be the highlight of your time on Lake Superior.

4 Hours
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

DAY 11 · JUN 27

INCLUDED

The Best of The SOO

Included

Have a glimpse into the history and future of Sault Ste. Marie, also known as The SOO. Steps from the dock is the LSSU Freshwater Research Center where you'll have an opportunity to learn about the freshwaters of the lakes the science that is moving us forward. Then you will see the SOO Locks from land and have the chance to visit the observation platform overlooking the engineering marvel and the current construction underway. Finally, you'll have some time to explore the quaint downtown on you

2 Hours
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

PREMIUM

Sault Ste. Marie History

Price TBD

Step into Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where you explore the decks of the Ship Valley Camp and stroll past charming Historic Homes filled with the quiet character and stories of the city. You then rise to the top of the Tower of History, where sweeping views of the Soo Locks and rushing waterways surround you in fresh, wind-kissed air

4 Hours
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

IMMERSIVE

Birdseye Outfitters Kayaking

Price TBD

Paddle out into gentle adventure on the St. Marys River as you glide through a stunning landscape guided by a knowledgeable local. No matter your level of past kayaking experience, they'll help you feel comfortable in these tranquil waters and enrich your journey with insights into the river's history and ecology. You might even spot an otter or eagle!

2.5 Hours
10:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Green Bay, Wisconsin

DAY 13 · JUN 29

INCLUDED

National Railroad Museum and Green Bay Highlights

Included

Enjoy a narrated panoramic drive through Green Bay en route to this day's primary objective: the complete satisfaction of your interest in locos, rolling stock, and all other things railroad. You'll have a first-class guided journey, a train ride, and free time for personal wandering through the incomparable collection of the National Railroad Museum.

2.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PREMIUM

Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Price TBD

Discover the diverse beauty of Northeast Wisconsin's flora on an outing to Green Bay Botanical Garden, a lush 47-acre oasis within the city. Enjoy a docent-led exploration and gain insights into the Garden's history, special features, and current plantings in bloom. Breathe in the oxygen, smell the flowers, and experience the tranquility.

2.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

PREMIUM

Lambeau and Lombardi

Price TBD

The history of NFL football is built on legends, records, and hallowed ground. This behind-the-scenes experience at Green Bay's Lambeau Field steeps you in all three. Hosted by a veteran guide, you'll enjoy exploring the Stadium and spaces that make this more than a fan opportunity, it is a football must-see experience.

3 Hours
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

IMMERSIVE

Orchards to Shoreline: The Best of Door County

Price TBD

Begin your day exploring Door County’s coastal charm at Wienke's Market, followed by a visit to Cana Island Lighthouse, where you can climb to the top or explore the keeper’s quarters. Then, savor orchard treats at Seaquist Orchards, enjoy lunch at Pelletier's Restaurant, and end with a wine tasting at Door 44 Winery for a full taste of the peninsula’s flavors and scenery.

9 Hours
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Muskegon, Michigan

DAY 15 · JUL 1

INCLUDED

Muskegon History

Included

Ride the famous Muskegon Trolley backward in time to visit a pair of turreted Victorian lumber baron mansions, a home where the Great Depression lifestyle is still underway, and a museum that celebrates Muskegon's industrial accomplishments great and small – from its lumber facilities to its foundries, woodworkers, paper mills, and bowling equipment makers.

4.5 Hours
11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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7.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

PREMIUM

Ships of Muskegon

Price TBD

Trade the modern ease and elegance of Victory II for a three-vessel journey into maritime and naval history – at least for a few hours – as you explore a passenger ship from the golden age of Great Lakes steamer travel, a sub that saw 14 war patrols between 1942 and 1945, and an LST that ferried soldiers and equipment to the beaches of Normandy.

3.5 Hours
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Chicago, Illinois

DAY 16 · JUL 2

INCLUDED

Chicago Independent Disembark

Included

Please select if you have chosen to disembark via taxi, ride share, or self arranged pick-up.

0.25 Hours
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

INCLUDED

Ship to Airport Transfer, Chicago Midway

Included

Included in your cruise fare, enjoy a seamless and stress-free journey with our convenient and complimentary transfer service from the ship directly to the Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW). This post-cruise airport transfer ensures a smooth and timely arrival for your flight departure. This hassle-free inclusion is designed to add an extra layer of comfort and convenience to your experience.

1 Hour
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

INCLUDED

Ship to Airport Transfer, Chicago O'Hare

Included

Included in your cruise fare, enjoy a seamless and stress-free journey with our convenient and complimentary transfer service from the ship directly to the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). This post-cruise airport transfer ensures a smooth and timely arrival for your flight departure. This hassle-free inclusion is designed to add an extra layer of comfort and convenience to your experience.

1 Hour
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Reserve your experiences

Shore excursions open for reservation 120 days before departure. Your Victory voyage specialists are happy to arrange them for you at 855.556.7193, or your travel professional can reserve on your behalf. We encourage you to reserve early, as excursions are subject to availability and may be subject to change.

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