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SHORE EXCURSION GUIDE

Toronto to Chicago

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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.

Toronto, Ontario

DAY 2 · SEP 1

PREMIUM

Toronto City Exploration with Kensington Market & Distillery District

Price TBD

Get to know more about Toronto and its diverse neighborhoods, landmarks, and hotspots on this exploration with a local expert guide. Walk the cobblestone-paved, pedestrianized streets of the Distillery District – a bastion of restored Victorian industrial buildings, galleries and artists' studios. Then enjoy the shops, bakeries, and vintage boutiques in Kensington Market, a walkable Bohemian neighborhood that draws artists and visitors to its unique spaces.

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Niagara Falls (Port Colborne), Ontario

DAY 3 · SEP 2

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Voyage to the Falls

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Experience nature's power at its most exhilarating on the ever-popular Voyage to the Falls boat excursion. Time will seem to stand still as you feel the mist, hear the roar, and listen to your heart pound! Enjoy up-close views of Niagara Gorge, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls – and a face-to-face encounter with the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Afterwards, you'll have the opportunity to see the Falls from the top and select the perfect souvenir at Table Rock.

3.5 Hours
8:45 AM – 12:15 PM
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PREMIUM

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Price TBD

Discover the timeless charm of Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of Ontario's most picturesque towns. Nestled along the shores of Lake Ontario, this historic destination is known for its beautifully preserved 19th-century architecture, charming boutiques, inviting cafés, and vibrant floral displays. Enjoy time at your leisure strolling along quaint streets, browsing unique shops, and soaking in the town's rich history and welcoming atmosphere.

3.5 Hours
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PREMIUM

Port Colborne Walking Exploration

Price TBD

Grab your walking shoes and set out with a local guide on a Port Colborne exploratory stroll. Venture along historic streets in this charming Niagara city that hugs the Welland Canal and holds fast to its maritime heritage. Enjoy a visit to the Historical & Marine Museum, where nautical artifacts, lush gardens, and restored houses await, and end with a scrumptious treat at Pie Guys, a local favorite.

1.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Cleveland, Ohio

DAY 4 · SEP 3

INCLUDED

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Cleveland City Exploration

Included

Explore downtown Cleveland as you take in its skyline, riverfront views, and vibrant city energy on a narrated journey built for discovery. Step inside the historic West Side Market, where local flavors, global traditions, and lively vendors bring the city's culture to life. Then continue to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and experience an iconic lakeside landmark filled with legendary music, unforgettable artifacts, and the spirit of rock history.

2.25 Hours
9:45 AM – 12:00 PM
10:00 AM – 12:15 PM
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM
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PREMIUM

Cleveland’s Culture & Art

Price TBD

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Detroit, Michigan

DAY 5 · SEP 4

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The Henry Ford Exploration & City Exploration

Included

Explore American ingenuity at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, home to the Kennedy Presidential Limousine, Rosa Parks' bus, and the original Model T. The museum is so much more than automobiles – it is a place where history comes alive. As a bonus, you'll enjoy a panoramic exploration of Detroit where your guide will talk about the history of this iconic city.

3.5 Hours
8:45 AM – 12:15 PM
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2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

PREMIUM

Pewabic Pottery Then and Now

Price TBD

Discover Detroit's colorful connection to the Arts & Crafts Movement! Explore the timeless artistry of Detroit's famed Pewabic Pottery, one of the nation's oldest continuously operating potteries. Visit iconic Pewabic tile installations at the Women's City Club, Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, and the stunning Guardian Building. Then, step inside Pewabic's workshop for an in-depth look at its operations and ceramic heritage. Then create your own keepsake tile.

3.75 Hours
1:30 PM – 5:15 PM

IMMERSIVE

National Museum of the Great Lakes

Price TBD

Travel south along Lake Erie to Toledo and the banks of the Maumee River, where an exclusive National Museum of the Great Lakes experience has been designed for you. Enjoy a special welcome and presentation from museum experts and explore this special museum and its collections that tell the story of the past, present, and future. Explore the iconic 617-foot Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and have time for self-exploration in the museum.

5.25 Hours
7:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

DAY 7 · SEP 6

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
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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

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Birdseye Outfitters Kayaking

Price TBD

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Mackinac Island, Michigan

DAY 8 · SEP 7

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

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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

Escanaba, Michigan

DAY 9 · SEP 8

INCLUDED

Exploring Escanaba's History

Included

Get to know a little about "Esky," third largest city on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Soak up some valiant local history at a pair of museums highlighting Escanaba's legacy of military heroism and perhaps grab a bite of local fare.

2.5 Hours
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
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PREMIUM

Escanaba Art, Wine and Sweets

Price TBD

Bring your creativity with you to a local art gallery, where you will spend time crafting your own hands-on project led by a talented local artist. Stop at a local winery for a special taste of Michigan wine. If you're your palate is still wanting more, save room for a sweet treat from Sayklly's Confectionary.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

DAY 10 · SEP 9

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Milwaukee Views and History

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Harley Davidson Beyond the Gate Experience

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Experience the Harley-Davidson Museum, showcasing an unmatched collection of vintage Harley-Davidson products, memorabilia, and production exhibits filling two building floors, a 20-acre campus, and countless dreams of the open road. Visit the vault that houses special motorcycles in a secure area of the museum during the behind-the-scenes guided experience.

3 Hours
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

PREMIUM

The Tastes of Milwaukee

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Chicago, Illinois

DAY 11 · SEP 10

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

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Ship to Airport Transfer, Chicago O'Hare

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PREMIUM

Chicago Architecture Cruise to Midway

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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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