

CHARTER ITINERARY

ITINERARY SUGGESTION DISCOVERING THE GREAT LAKES



THE BEST OF THE GREAT LAKES

Singer Castle to Boldt Castle
8Nm @ 10knots 0H50

Boldt Castle to Clayton
10Nm @ 10knots 1H00

Clayton to Lake Niagara
143Nm @ 10knots 14H20

Lake Niagara to Welland Canal
29Nm @ 10knots 3H00

Welland Canal to Put-In-Bay
184Nm @ 10knots 18H30

Put-In-Bay to Grosse Pointe
58Nm @ 10knots 5H50

Grosse Pointe to Mackinac Island
255Nm @ 10knots 25H30

Mackinac Island to Harbor Springs
40Nm @ 10knots 4H00

Harbor Springs to Petoskey
3Nm @ 10knots 0H20

Petoskey to Bay View
2Nm @ 10knots 0H10

Bay View to Traverse City
53Nm @ 10knots 5H15

Traverse City to Charlevoix
36Nm @ 10knots 3H40



SINGER CASTLE

Singer Castle, a Scottish inspired castle, on Dark Island was built at the turn of the century, by Commodore Bourne, president of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, as a hunting lodge. It remained in his family for half a century until it was bought by Reverend Martin in the 60's who established the castle as a religious retreat.

The mysterious 28 room castle is famous for its hidden passageways which connect different parts of the house and its four-storey boathouse.



BOLDT CASTLE

Located on Heart Island in the Saint Lawrence River. Boldt castle is part of the Town of Alexandria, In Jefferson County.

Originally a private mansion built by American millionaire George Boldt as a present to his wife, it is today maintained by the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority as a tourist attraction.

The construction of Boldt Castle ceased abruptly in early 1904 after the death of Boldt's wife, He never returned to Heart Island, leaving this structure as a monument of his love.

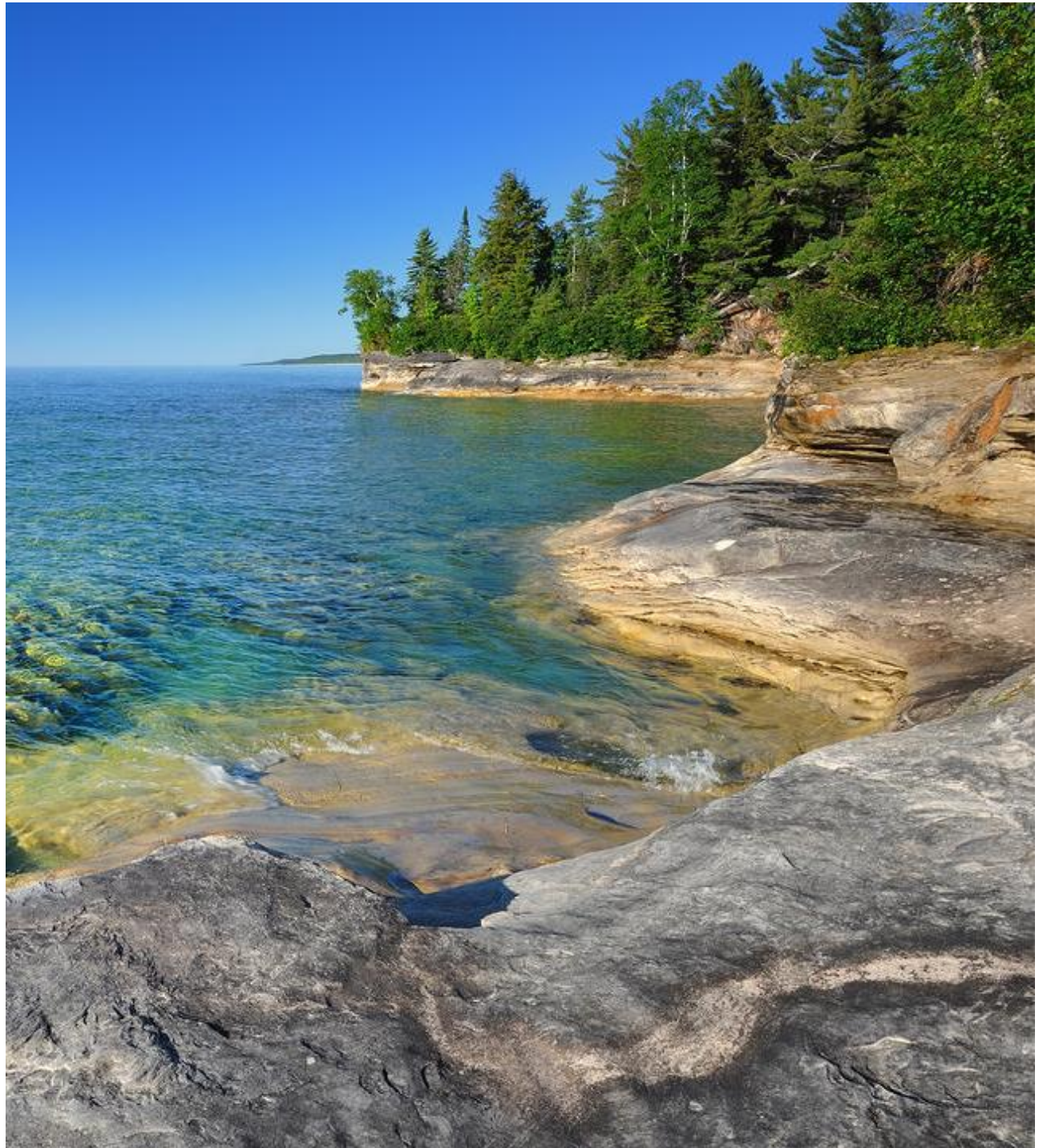


CLAYTON

Clayton is a classic river village on the St Lawrence river, located along the northern edge of upstate New York and minutes from the Canadian border.

Soon after it was settled in 1822, Clayton became a major shipbuilding and lumbering port. Dozens of charming buildings from this magnificent era remain, and there is so much to see and do in the area including numerous museums.

Fishing is another popular activity in the area, Keen anglers will enjoy the bass fishing in the river.



LAKE NIAGARA

Niagara-on-the-Lake is a town in Ontario, Canada. It is located on the Niagara Peninsula at the point where the Niagara River meets Lake Ontario.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is important in the history of Canada: it served as the first capital of the Province of Upper Canada, the predecessor of Ontario, called Newark from 1792 to 1797. During the War of 1812, the town, the two former villages of St. David's and Queenston, and Fort George were the site of numerous battles following the American invasion of Upper Canada, and the town was razed. Niagara-on-the-Lake is home to the oldest Anglican and Catholic churches in Ontario.

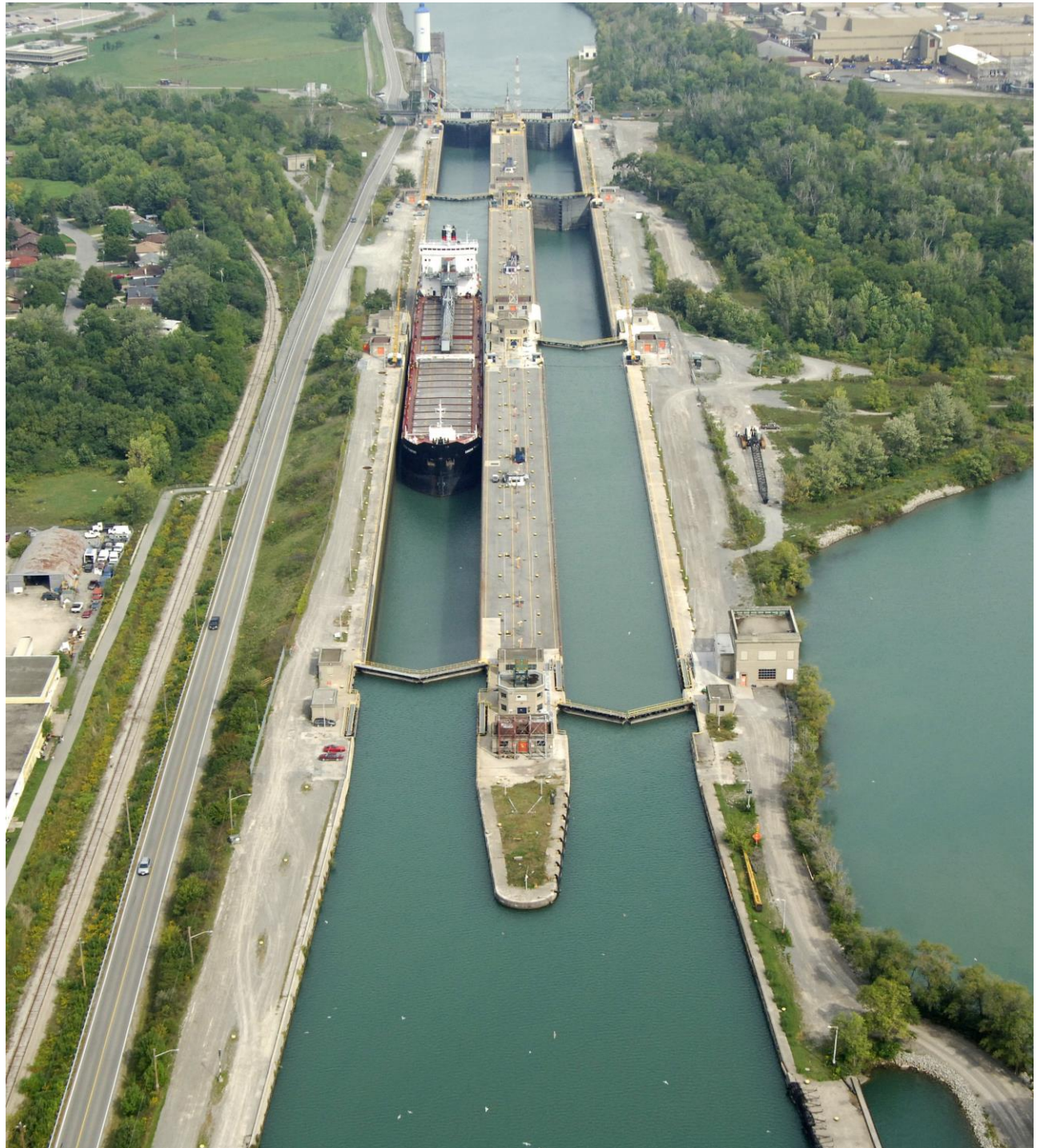


WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal is a ship canal in Ontario, Canada, connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. It forms a key section of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Traversing the Niagara Peninsula from Port Weller to Port Colborne, it enables ships to ascend and descend the Niagara Escarpment and bypass Niagara Falls.

The Garden City Skyway passes over the canal, restricting the maximum height of the masts of the ships allowed on this canal to 35.5 m (116 ft).

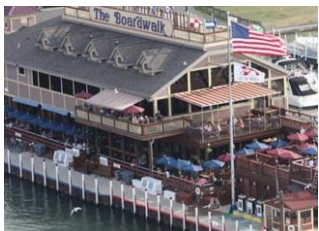
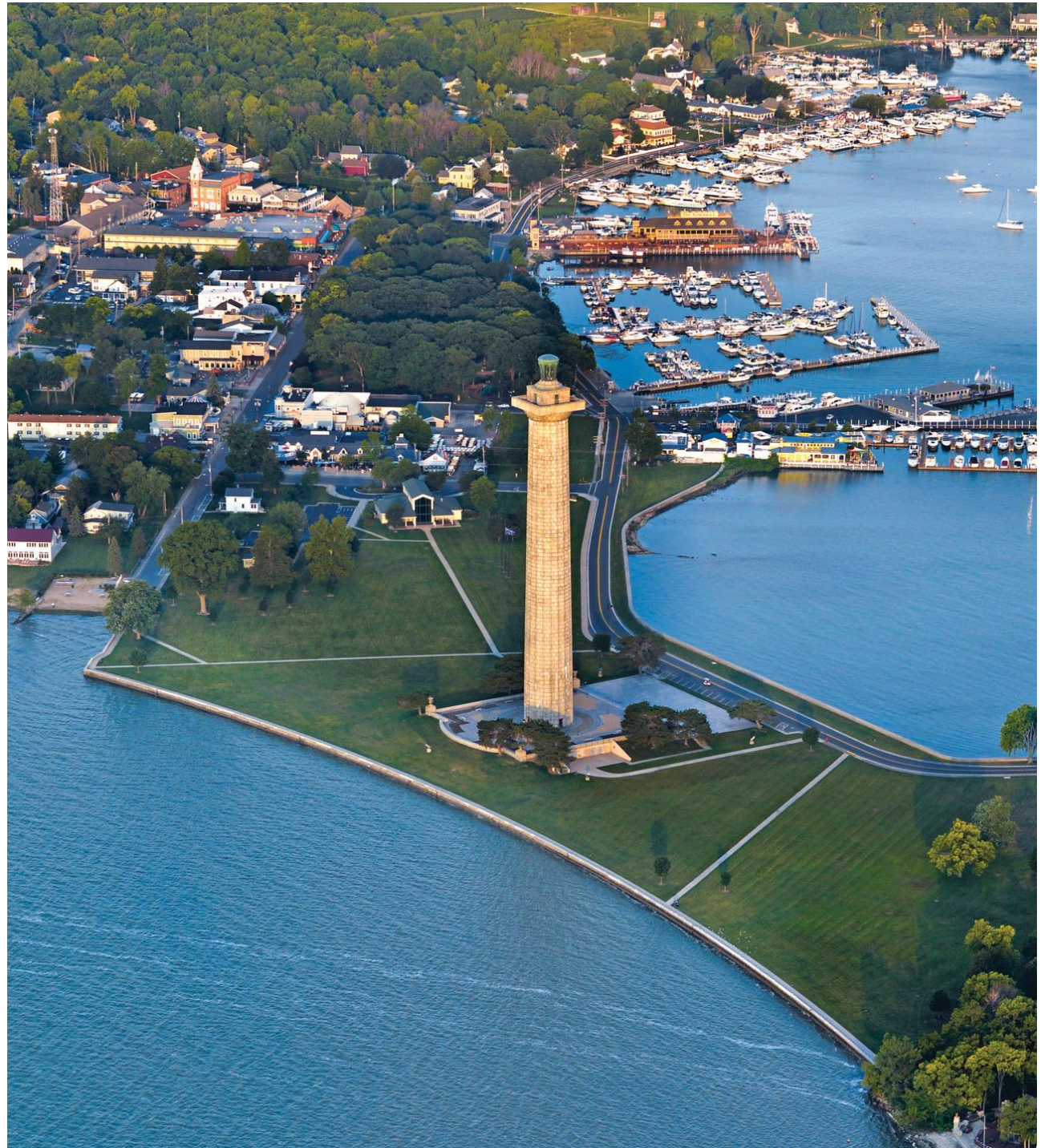
All other highway or railroad crossings of the Welland Canal are either movable bridges (of the vertical lift or bascule bridge types) or subterranean tunnels. The maximum permissible length of a ship in this canal is 225.5 metres (740 feet). It takes ships an average of about eleven hours to traverse the entire length of the Welland Canal.



PUT-IN-BAY

There is no doubt that Put-in-Bay Ohio is one of the most unique places you will ever visit. The tiny two by four mile island is dotted with historic homes, the nation's third tallest monument, quaint restaurants and local pubs. Beautiful water surrounds Put in Bay where you will find the best walleye and perch fishing in the United States.

The island village in Ottawa County, nicknamed "The Key West of the North," has a year-round population of just 125, but Tourism Ohio estimates that more than 750,000 people visit Put-in-Bay every year.



GROSSE POINTE

Grosse Pointe is a waterfront city adjacent to Detroit in Wayne County in the U.S. state of Michigan. The municipality covers just over one square mile and has a population of 5,421. It is the most affluent area of Michigan, with beautiful homes in abundance.

Located here is the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the house tells the story of the home life of a prominent American family. The Fords were cultural, social and economic leaders in an era of great optimism, as well as a turbulent time of economic depression and world war. Their impressive yet unpretentious home is where they raised and nurtured their four children - in a safe and loving environment. It reflects their love of family as well as their mutual passion for art and quality design.



MACKINAC ISLAND

Mackinac Island sits in Lake Huron, between Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas. Mackinac Island State Park, with trails, woods and the limestone Arch Rock formation, covers most of the island. Founded in 1780, Fort Mackinac is a walled cluster of military buildings on a coastal bluff.

The island was home to an Odawa settlement before European exploration began in the 17th century. It served a strategic position as a center on the commerce of the Great Lakes fur trade. This led to the establishment of Fort Mackinac on the island by the British during the American Revolutionary War.

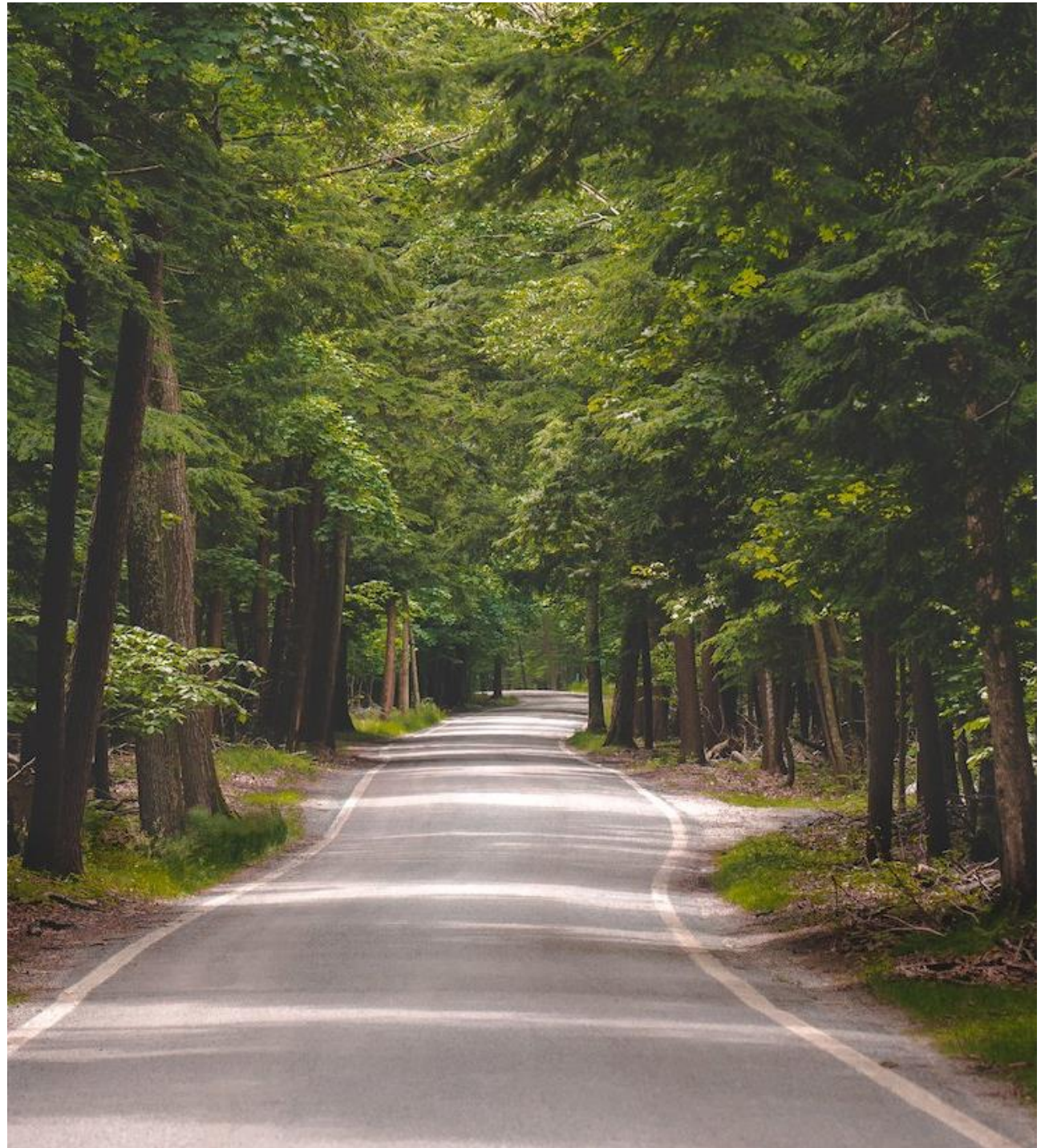
In the late 19th century, Mackinac Island became a popular tourist attraction and summer colony. Much of the island has undergone extensive historical preservation and restoration; as a result, the entire island is listed as a National Historic Landmark.



HARBOR SPRINGS

The quaint waterfront community of Harbor Springs has had a magnetic appeal to visitors since the turn of the century. It offers an inviting array of art galleries, culinary attractions and the deepest fresh-water harbor in the Great Lakes.

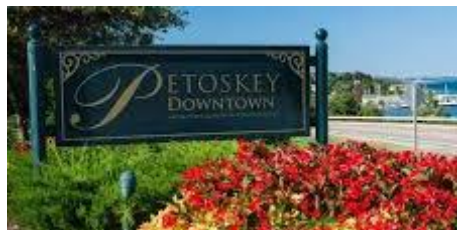
One of the most popular attractions in Harbor Springs is the M-119 Tunnel of Trees, an icon for the area's natural beauty. This stunning drive along bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan is beautiful whichever season you visit!



PETOSKEY

Straight across from Harbor springs, you find Petoskey, a charming lakeside community with a definite charm. It is known for its breathtaking views, Victorian architecture, historic Gaslight Shopping District, and Michigan's state stone, the Petoskey Stone. A popular thing to do whilst here is go hunting for the stones. With two miles of shoreline on Little Traverse Bay (and Lake Michigan), this is a natural place for both novice and more experienced rock hunters

The name "*Petoskey*" is said to mean "where the light shines through the clouds"



BAY VIEW

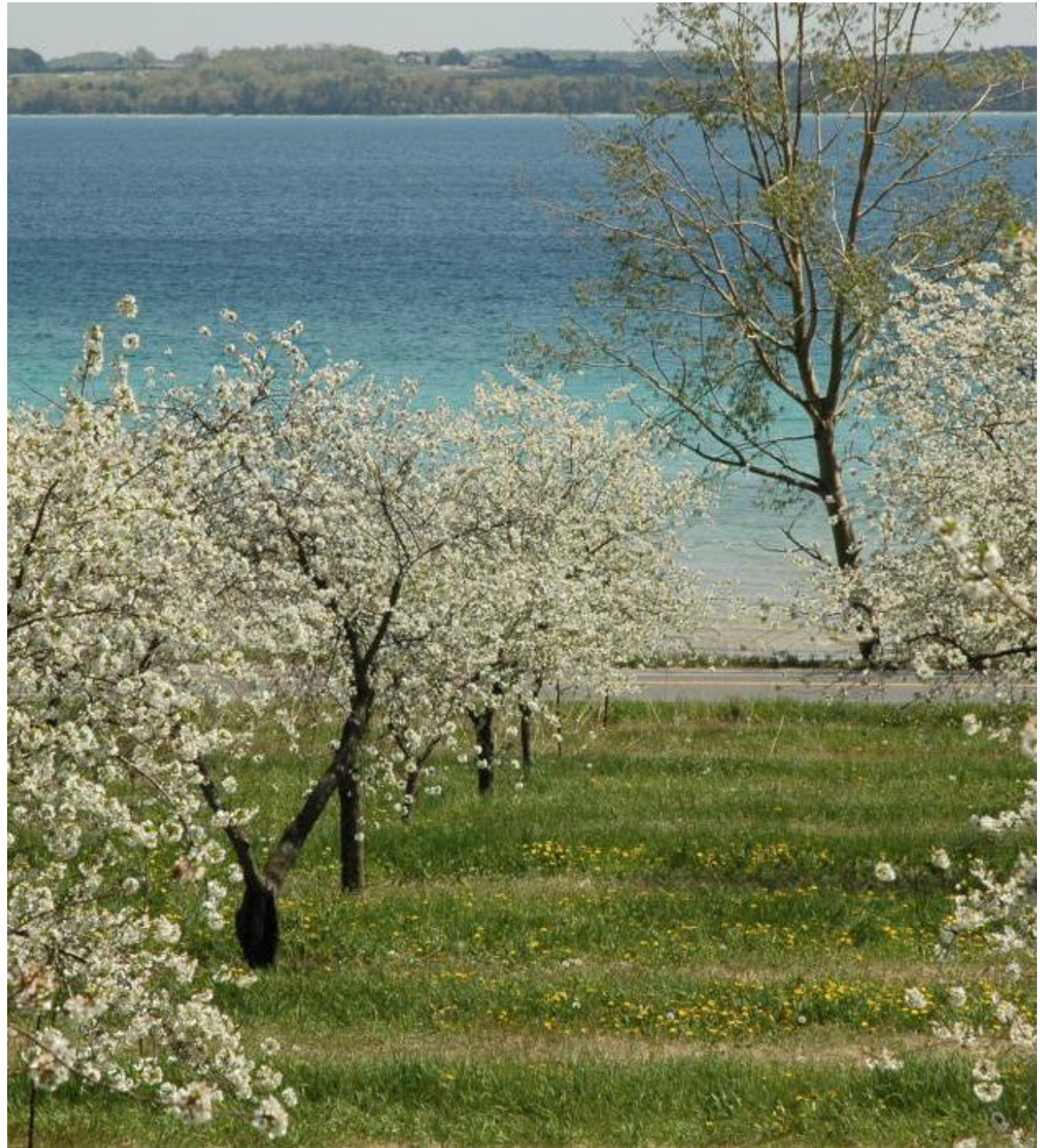
Bay View, Michigan, is one of the finest remaining examples of two uniquely American community forms, the Methodist camp meeting and the independent Chautauqua. Designed for the first purpose in 1876 as the country's only romantically planned campground, and adapted for the second from 1885 to 1915, Bay View constitutes an extraordinarily well executed ideal Victorian community which, because of its continuing corporate existence and the ongoing collective values of its membership, remains in an excellent state of preservation of both form and spirit. Bay View is a major example of American religious, cultural, social, and educational ideals embodied in an artistically shaped community plan.



TRAVERSE CITY

Traverse City, known as a four-season playground, is now celebrated for quality cuisine, wine and culture. Miles of sugar-sand shoreline include the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore with romantic lighthouses and coastal villages. The glacier-sculpted landscape of orchards and vineyards includes 16 golf courses. Swimming, sailing, paddling, hiking and fishing are favorite warm weather activities.

The Traverse City area is the largest producer of tart cherries in the United States. Near the time of cherry harvest, the city hosts the annual week-long National Cherry Festival in the first full week of July, attracting approximately 500,000 visitors annually. The surrounding countryside also produces grapes, and is one of the centers of wine production in the Midwest.



CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix is surrounded by 4 bodies of water. Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix, Round lake and the Pine river. It truly is a boaters paradise!

Charlevoix is named after Pierre François Xavier de Charlevoix, a French explorer who travelled the Great Lakes and was said to have stayed the night on Fisherman's Island during a harsh storm. During this time Native Americans were thought to have lived in the Pine River valley.

Enjoy the Great Lakes on board M/Y Big Eagle!

