

# TOP OF THE HILL CLUB

for customers age 55 and better

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## Lighthouses & Shipwrecks

Lake Superior – Shipwreck Cruise – Iron Ore Mining

August 6-11, 2012

### Day 1 – Fire Museum / Lake Superior Visitors Center / William Irvin Ore Ship (D)

Departure from the Bank - coffee, orange juice, and muffins will be served on the motorcoach as we head to the shores of Lake Superior in Duluth. One of our breaks today will be in Hinckley, MN with a visit to the 1895 **Fire Museum**. On September 1, 1894 a great firestorm consumed and destroyed Hinckley and 5 smaller communities. 418 people died that day. Our first stop in Duluth is the **Lake Superior Maritime Visitor's Center** which portrays the history of Lake Superior shipping and contains displays of replicas of ship cabins, an operating steam engine, scale models of ships, and much more. Then, see what it would be like to actually sail the Great Lakes on the **William Irvin Ore Ship**. It will give you a first-hand look at what these massive ships looked like. Overnight accommodations are included in Duluth, MN.

### Day 2 Hull Rust Mahoning Mine and the Minnesota Museum of Mines (B, D)

View the biggest open pit iron ore mine in the world. More than three miles long, two miles wide and 535 feet deep. This man-made "Grand Canyon of the North" was the first strip mine on the Mesabi Iron Range. Rotary drills, 33-cubic-yard shovels and 240-ton production trucks can be seen in action. Next stop is the **Minnesota Museum of Mining**. Become a miner, as you climb aboard mining equipment the size of an elephant or become the operator of one of the fastest steam shovels ever made. Overnight accommodations are included in Duluth, MN.

### Day 3 Glensheen Estate / Split Rock Lighthouse / Chautauqua (B, D)

This morning we travel on the beautiful North Shore Drive to visit **Split Rock Lighthouse** at Two Harbors. Next we visit the historic **Glensheen Estates** - this is a 7.6-acre expanse and a 39-room Jacobean Revival mansion. The interiors of the mansion have endured, boasting nearly all of the same furnishings and décor that graced the rooms when the estate was completed in 1908. Even the formal gardens and landscape retain much of their original design. After dinner we will depart for our evening's entertainment at the **Big Top Chautauqua** - (sha-ta-qwa) is a year round nonprofit performing arts organization with a rich **history**. They operate an intimate 900-seat, all-canvas, state-of-the-art tent theater, producing and presenting a fifty-plus night summer season of concerts, plays, lectures, and a highly

acclaimed professional local troupe which performs original multi-media musicals in the tent and on tour. Overnight accommodations are included in Bayfield, WI.

### Day 4 Apostle Islands Cruise / Bayfield Winery (B, D)

Next we will **cruise the Apostle Islands**; 22 islands make up this national treasure, containing rose-colored cliffs that were shaped by glaciers into twisted formations containing caves and hollows. You'll see the historic **Raspberry Island Lighthouse**, **Devil's Island Lighthouse**, and learn about the historic significance of how they shaped shipping and recreation on the Great Lakes. From here we travel Minnesota's beautiful South Shore for outstanding views of Lake Superior with a stop at the **Bayfield Winery**. We will sample their wines while enjoying a panoramic view of Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands from over 600 feet above lake level. Overnight accommodations are included in Marquette, MI.

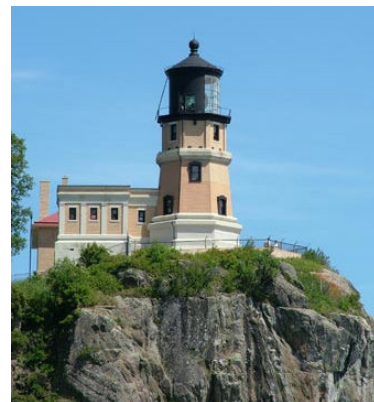
### Day 5 Marquette Maritime Museum / Shipwreck Cruise (B, D)

Today our tour guide will meet us at the hotel for a tour of the rich history of iron ore mining with a visit to a mine, the loading docks, museum, and other highlights of the city. Additional stops include a visit to the **Marquette Maritime Museum** and the **Lighthouse-Marquette**. The Museum has an important collection of lighthouse lenses, including a second order Fresnel lens from Stannard Rock Light. From here we travel to Munising, MI to discover the "shipwreck" portion of your tour with a **glass-bottom, narrated cruise** of 3 Lake Superior shipwrecks. Learn about how treacherous Lake Superior can be to navigate. Overnight accommodations are included in Munising, MI.

### Day 6 Leinenkugel Brewing Co/Return Home (B)

On our way home today we'll be stopping for a tour at the **Leinenkugel Brewing Co** with some beer tasting. Then it's time to head home after a fascinating look at the maritime life on Lake Superior.

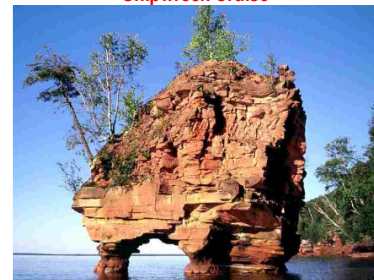
**Tour Price: \$TBD and includes:** Deluxe motorcoach transportation; Dinner and Theater; admission to all listed events (Cruises, Museums, Lighthouse fees, North Shore Drive); 5 continental breakfasts and dinners; 5 nights hotel accommodations; coffee, muffins, & orange juice on day one; tour escort; and a gift for everyone.



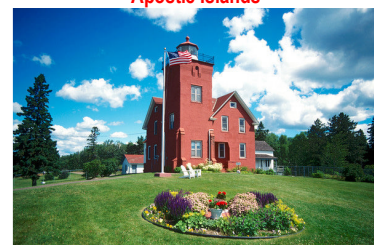
Split Rock Lighthouse



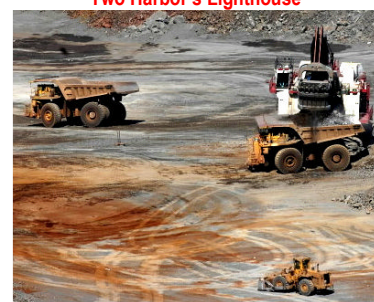
Shipwreck Cruise



Apostle Islands



Two Harbor's Lighthouse



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