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Agawa Canyon with Mackinac Island

Enjoy the fall colours on BOTH sides of the border!



Agawa Canyon Train

2026 DATES	Double	Single
September 28	\$2,795	\$3,695

TOUR DETAILS		
Duration	5 Days	
Fitness Scale	<u>Level 3</u>	
Connections Pickup	Route A	

Haven't heard of our Connections Program? Find out more here.

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PRINT INFO

"Captivating" and "breathtaking" are words often used to describe the beautiful landscapes of Ontario's north. During this short getaway, travel by coach, ferry, and rail journeying across the Canadian Shield awash in the vibrant colours of autumn.

With routing through the U.S., this American twist adds autumn on Mackinac Island and the classic carriage ride to the timeless Grand Hotel. In Sault Ste Marie, there are two options. With one, it's "All aboard the Agawa Canyon Train". Enjoy the passing landscapes and explore the canyon during a lunch break before you begin the return trip, snaking back through ravines and crossing gorges on trestle bridges. With stunning scenery and a relaxing train excursion, this is a quintessential Canadian experience. Alternatively, take a

guided Lake Superior Coastal drive. View the distinct landscapes that inspired The Group of Seven artists over a hundred years ago, visit the Voyageur's Lodge and Lake Superior Provincial Park, and enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Ontario.

RELATED TOURS: Agawa Canyon, Other Fall Getaways

What's Included



- Private coach transportation
- Our unique Connections Program
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Local professional guides and all entry fees and passes for included highlights
- Services of a Professional Tour Director

Prices are in Canadian dollars, are per person, and include HST.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Frankenmuth
- Bronner's Christmas Store
- Mackinac Island
- Mackinaw Carriage Tour
- Arrive by carriage to the Grand Hotel for lunch
- Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre with Dinner

INCLUDED OPTIONS

- 1. Agawa Canyon Train Excursion OR
- 2. Guided Lake Superior Coast Drive with
 - Voyageur's Lodge & Canoe Talk
 - Lake Superior Provincial Park

Why This Tour is Great



Visit an American Classic, The Grand Hotel

Feel like you are "Somewhere in Time", in a bygone era of horse-drawn carriages, and old-world charm. Experience the extraordinary hospitality of this National Historic Landmark that has been a special summer retreat since 1887.

Agawa Canyon Wilderness Park

Accessible only by rail, this untouched land is a wonder to behold. Enjoy a picnic by the river where there is a display of antique railroad equipment. Walk amongst the floral and fauna and climb the lookout tower for a panoramic view of the canyon. Or follow the River Trail to Black Beaver and Bridal Veil Falls where you might catch a glimpse of playful river otters or beavers.

Options!

Bring your friends and enjoy the fall colours together, even if one person would prefer not to take the train ride. On that day, in the comfort of the coach, enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Ontario!



The Island's "taxi service"

The Grand Hotel

Frankenmuth welcomes you!

Day-to-Day Itinerary



Day 1: Welcome to Frankenmuth, MI, Bronner's Christmas Store

Travel through southwestern Ontario, and greet new friends while heading to the border at Sarnia. From there, travel northwest through the rich farmland of Michigan to arrive in Frankenmuth. Those interested can do a wee bit of shopping at Bronner's Christmas Store before checking-in to the hotel. This evening, savour a famous Frankenmuth chicken dinner and enjoy a lovely evening drive before returning to the hotel.

Stay: Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI (1 night)

Meals: D

Day 2: Mackinac Island & Carriage Tour

After breakfast, travel northward arriving in Mackinaw City in time for lunch, then

take the ferry to Mackinac Island. From the moment one steps off the ferry, it can be seen that this is a unique place, with car-free streets. Enjoy a special "city tour" by carriage before checking into the hotel. With our main street location, we will walk to our restaurant for dinner.

Stay: Bicycle Inn, Mackinac Island, MI (1 night)

Meals: B, D

Day 3: The Grand Hotel, Canadian Bushplane Museum

This morning will be more leisurely. Walk to a nearby restaurant for breakfast, followed by time to browse the downtown shops. Then, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage taxi to the Grand Hotel for a legendary, one-of-a-kind Grand Luncheon Experience. Return to town by taxi carriage and catch the ferry back to Mackinaw City, where the journey continues to the border and Sault Ste. Marie. After checking in at the hotel, depart for the Canadian Bushplane Museum for a guided tour and a special dinner in the hangar amongst the planes!

Stay: Delta Waterfront Hotel, Sault Ste Marie (2 nights)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Agawa Canyon Train OR Guided Lake Superior Scenic Drive

With both options, enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your adventure.

OPTION 1: The Train! "All aboard!" and travel to the Agawa Canyon, with the vibrant colours of autumn out in full display. You will have an hour and a half to stroll the base of the canyon and enjoy your boxed lunch while taking in the breathtaking vista and landscapes.

OPTION 2: The Guided Scenic Drive! Board the coach and head to the Voyageur's Lodge to meet your Voyageur. Hear his stories of travelling and living on the shores of Lake Superior, and enjoy the lodge's famous fritters! Visit Lake Superior Provincial Park to learn about the "Power of Lake Superior" and the park's cultural history. Enjoy the stunning scenery with insights from the local guide and see some of the specific spots that inspired the Group of Seven.

Following both options, return to your hotel for a free evening to explore and soak up sweeping views of the St. Mary's River.

Meals: B, L

Day 5: Travel Home

Our journey home goes through Sudbury, where you'll enjoy a farewell lunch with your fellow travellers. Then sit back and enjoy the autumn leaves go by as you travel home.

Meals: B, L

Important Info for this Tour



This tour includes our unique <u>Connections Program</u>, and follows a special travel <u>Route A</u>, picking up in the following locations:

- Lindsay
- Peterborough
- Bowmanville
- Whitby
- Markham
- Brampton
- Milton
- Cambridge
- Woodstock
- London
- Sarnia

Please contact us to discuss your travel alternatives, airfare and pre-and post-tour accommodation options.

Although for most people medication is not required, for the ferry ride, there may be some who will want to bring along a remedy for motion sickness. You don't want to let a little thing like that spoil these amazing experiences.

Did you know?

The landscapes painted by The Group of Seven, are an important part of the heritage of Canada, and it may enrich the experiences on this trip to be reacquainted with their story and their work. The Agawa Canyon Train and the Scenic Coastal Drive include sites that inspired these artists. When the train stops in the Agawa Canyon Park, be sure to walk towards Bridal Veil Falls where you'll see specific landscapes that inspired some of the sketches by Lawren Harris and J.E.H. MacDonald. With the Scenic Drive option, when in Lake Superior Provincial Park, be sure to walk down to the beach.



Have questions? We're here to help! Call or email us today.