

MICHIGAN'S WEST SHORES, S.S. BADGER CRUISE

4 Day Motorcoach Tour

July 19-22

\$839 Double
\$819 Triple
\$1029 Single

S. S. *Badger* Lake Michigan Cruise
Hackley, Hume Historic Homes
White River Light Station
Grand Traverse Lighthouse
Hartwick Pines Lumbering Museum
Charity Island Lighthouse Lunch
7 Meals, Earn \$20 "Travelchecks"



Day 1: Michigan's West Coast, White River Light Station. Convenient home pickups begin this Lake Michigan shoreline adventure. Our first stop is Muskegon. Fortunes were made from Michigan forests and we see that in the Victorian mansions of lumber barons Charles H. Hackley and Thomas Hume. After lunch we continue to Whitehall, MI, and the White River Light Station. The museum displays artifacts from Great Lakes shipping and fishing. This afternoon we check into the Little River Casino Hotel in Manistee, MI. Dinner is included this evening. (D)

Day 2: Sleeping Bear Dune, Grand Traverse Lighthouse, Hartwick Lumber Camp. Today we explore scenic shorelines and pine forests. The Maritime Museum at the Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station shows us exhibits of local history as well as rescue and recovery operations. At Northpoint on the Leelanau Peninsula, we visit the Grand Traverse Lighthouse, built in 1858 and now restored as a museum. After lunch on the peninsula, we travel inland to Hartwick Pines State Park. At the visitors center, see a re-created 19th century logging camp and sawmill. Logging industry artifacts are part of the decor at the West Branch, MI, Quality Inn where we spend the night. (B,L)

Day 3: Ferryboat NorthStar, Charity Island Lighthouse. After a continental breakfast we head to Au Gres, MI, to board the ferryboat *NorthStar* for the 12-mile cruise to Charity Island. This island is a 300-acre wildlife sanctuary and our tour of it ends with lunch on the porch of what was once the lightkeeper's home. The Charity Island Lighthouse closed in 1930, replaced by the Gravelly Shoal Light which we see on our return to Au Gres. A ride through northern pines brings us to the Holiday Inn Express in Ludington for the night. (CB,L)

Day 4: S.S. Badger Lake Michigan Cruise. A four-hour cruise across Lake Michigan awaits after our continental breakfast. The car ferry *S.S. Badger* is 410 feet long and features Badger Bingo, the Badger Boatique, and on deck sightseeing. At Manitowoc, WI, we reboard our motorcoach after it rolls off the *Badger*. Our lunch at the Courthouse Pub features their Food Network award-winning "Brat en Papillote." On the way home we stop at Mars Cheese Castle to shop for Wisconsin cheeses and bakery products. Return transfers take us home this evening. (CB,L)

BEST OF BRANSON, SILVER DOLLAR CITY

5 Day Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 6-10

\$979 Double
\$959 Triple
\$1179 Single

3 Nights Lodging in Branson
Touring Branson, the Lakes
Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise, Show
6 Shows: Yakov Smirnoff, Shoji Tabuchi,
Baldknobbers Jamboree, Twelve Irish Tenors, Silver
Dollar City, Circle B Dinner Show
9 Meals, Earn \$25 "Travelchecks"

Day 1: Off To Branson! From a sleepy Ozarks town to one of our nation's most visited tour destinations, Branson, MO, will amaze you! Today after pickup at home, we travel through Illinois and central Missouri to our lodging in Springfield, MO. A great lunch is included enroute. (L)

Day 2: Yakov Smirnoff, Showboat Branson Belle. After breakfast it's a short ride to the "Live Entertainment Capital of the World," Branson. We start with an entertaining and informative guided tour of this picturesque Ozark Mountains town and its Lakes area. Learn the fascinating history, beginning with Marvel Cave and the Shepherd of the Hills to the boom of the 1990's. Our star-studded lineup of seven shows begins this afternoon with one of the world's most loved comedians, Russian funnyman Yakov Smirnoff. Afterwards we check in for three nights at Branson's Best Western Music Capital Inn. This evening, we sail Table Rock Lake aboard the *Showboat Branson Belle*, an authentic sternwheeler. During the dinner cruise, enjoy the acclaimed show featuring Todd Oliver and his talking dogs. (CB,D)

Day 3: Twelve Irish Tenors, Circle B Dinner Show, Baldknobbers. After breakfast, see the group that's taking our country by storm... the Twelve Irish Tenors. This award-winning performance features Ireland's greatest male voices and their perfect harmonies. The afternoon is free to enjoy the many options in Branson. It's chow time plus at the Circle B Supper Club when we enjoy their delicious food and famous Old West music show. Our evening wraps up with the Baldknobbers Jamboree, the show that started it all in Branson. (CB,D)

Day 4: Shoji Tabuchi, Silver Dollar City. We get a true taste of the Ozarks today at Silver Dollar City. This wonderful theme park recreates the Ozarks of the 1890's with music, comedy shows and crafts demonstrations. During our visit, the park is hosting the National Harvest Fest with over 500 musicians and crafters from across the country. After a great dinner, we see one of Branson's legends, the world-renowned Shoji Tabuchi and his magical violin. Shoji is annually Branson's most sought-after ticket. (CB,D)

Day 5: Homeward Bound. Start the day with a continental breakfast before we make our way home across central Missouri and Illinois. Lunch is included at Landry's in St. Louis Union Station. Transfer



cars take us home, bringing down the curtain on our show-filled Best of Branson vacation. (CB,L)

Note: Branson shows are subject to change. Final payment is due Aug. 31 after which cancellation fees apply.