



# THE MAJESTIC GREAT LAKES

ABOARD THE LUXURIOUS M/V *VICTORY I*  
AUGUST 14–23, 2018

FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND & NIAGARA FALLS



## EXPLORE A WORLD OF NATURAL WONDER

Welcome aboard the M/V *Victory I*, a superbly designed boutique vessel that captures the unparalleled intimacy, tranquility, and grace of small-ship cruising. Featuring a beautifully appointed interior and only 101 contemporary staterooms, she radiates modern sophistication as she glides along the crystal-clear waters of the Great Lakes. With outstanding cuisine, complimentary beverages, stylish details, and luxurious public areas and lounges, the recently refurbished M/V *Victory I* offers her guests a memorable expedition.

Admire towering rugged bluffs, untouched deep-green wilderness, and historic ports on a tranquil odyssey in the majestic region of the Great Lakes. Experience the Victorian atmosphere on idyllic Mackinac Island, where horse-drawn carriages trundle past gingerbread-trimmed houses and charming shops tempt visitors with decadent treats. Sail to Sault Ste. Marie to witness the renowned Soo Locks and to visit the world's largest Great Lakes maritime museum before encountering the pristine beauty and rich native heritage of Manitoulin Island, the largest freshwater island in the world. View Midland's beautiful murals, tour the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, and behold the thunderous power of Niagara Falls from the remarkable perspective of a Hornblower vessel. From Chicago to Toronto, this ten-day cruise reveals North America's most treasured waterways and landscapes like you've never seen them before.

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS:

- Scenic 10-day voyage aboard the luxurious 202-guest M/V *Victory I*
- Select complimentary expert-led shore excursions
- All onboard meals and select beverages including coffee, juice, and soft drinks
- Complimentary wine and beer with dinner
- Daily cocktail hour featuring cold canapés and bar snacks one hour prior to dinner
- Private Go Next reception including hot and cold canapés and beverages
- An experienced Go Next Program Manager
- Smart-casual attire throughout your journey, no formal wear required
- Attentive service from a caring staff of 84 to ensure a remarkable voyage
- Informative and enriching lectures from carefully selected onboard speaker
- Comprehensive pre-departure information

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare
- Round-trip transfers
- Passport
- Gratuities
- Port taxes and fees

## STATEROOM CATEGORIES

*Owner's Suite  
Private Terrace*

OS **\$9,299**

*Outside Stateroom  
Promenade Access*

AA **\$8,599**

*Outside Staterooms*

A **\$8,299**

B **\$7,999**

C **\$7,699**

D **\$6,999**

E **\$5,999**

*Prices are based on double occupancy and subject to change.*



## ITINERARY

### **DAY 1: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Embark on your luxury cruise aboard the M/V *Victory I* in Chicago, Illinois, a magnetic cultural hub situated at the southwestern tip of Lake Michigan. The third-largest city in the United States, the “Windy City” beckons visitors with its photogenic urban skyline, superb museums and art galleries, sprawling parks, and inventive culinary scene.

### **DAY 2: SCENIC SAILING OF LAKE MICHIGAN**

#### **DAY 3: MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

Step back into the 19th century on Mackinac Island, located at the ends of the Straits of Mackinac, between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. A national historic landmark steeped in Victorian-era charm, Mackinac Island has a no-car policy. Embark on your excursion aboard a horse-drawn carriage and gain insight into the island’s compelling history at Michigan’s oldest building, Fort Mackinac. Behold the imposing stone walls and cannons of this impressive fort, built atop a soaring cliff by British soldiers in 1780.

#### **DAY 4: SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN (WHITEFISH BAY & LAKE SUPERIOR)**

Today, transit the Soo Locks from Lake Huron into Lake Superior at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Experience the oldest city in the Midwest on a guided excursion that features the New Fort Brady and the Valley Camp Museum Ship. Built by the American Shipbuilding Company in 1917, this former ship is now home to the world’s largest Great Lakes maritime museum. Explore the cargo’s rich collection of photography, shipwreck artifacts, and fascinating nautical exhibits. Then visit the mighty Soo Locks—one of the world’s largest and busiest locks—enabling ships to travel between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes.

#### **DAY 5: LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND (GEORGIAN BAY)**

Delight in a scenic early-morning cruise of Georgian Bay, with its verdant islands, rugged cliffs, and diamond-blue waters that have inspired some of Canada’s most celebrated painters. Arrive at the small town of Little Current, and tour Manitoulin Island, the world’s largest freshwater island, home of the Ojibwe people. Stop at the uniquely designed Immaculate Conception Church, attend a traditional smudging ceremony, and enjoy an interpretive tour of the local museum and art gallery. Back in Little Current, return to the ship, or explore the community’s quaint downtown shops, docks, or waterfront parks at your leisure.

#### **DAY 6: MIDLAND, ONTARIO**

Discover the scattered murals displayed around Midland, depicting the town’s rich history. Then, experience early Canadian pioneer life at “Sainte-Marie among the Hurons,” a world-renowned living-museum reconstruction, and explore the floating-ship museum S.S. *Keewatin*, with staged rooms filled with artifacts from its seven decades of sailing the Great Lakes.

### **DAY 7: SCENIC SAILING OF LAKE HURON**

#### **DAY 8: WINDSOR, ONTARIO & DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Stop at Windsor, the “City of Roses,” en route to Detroit. Then visit the vast Henry Ford Museum where highlights include the limousine that carried President John F. Kennedy on that fateful day in Texas, Abraham Lincoln’s rocking chair from Ford’s Theatre, and more.

#### **DAY 9: NIAGARA FALLS (WELLAND CANAL) & SCENIC SAILING OF LAKE ERIE**

Disembark near the historic, 27-mile-long Welland Canal. Next, traveling by deluxe motor coach, take in magnificent vistas as you pass through the area’s fertile agricultural vineyards. Witness the thunderous power of Niagara Falls, one of the world’s most astounding natural wonders, and board a state-of-the-art Hornblower cruise vessel for a thrilling, up-close perspective of the famous Horseshoe Falls and its breathtaking misty spray. Afterward, travel the scenic Niagara Parkway on the ridge overlooking the river, and enjoy lunch at a charming local restaurant before returning to the ship.

#### **DAY 10: TORONTO, ONTARIO**

Disembark the M/V *Victory I* in Toronto, one of the most multicultural cities in the world, offering a wide array of attractions from a melting pot of backgrounds.

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### FEATURED ONBOARD LECTURER

**Frederick Stonehouse** has authored over 30 books on maritime history and has been a consultant for both the U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada. He has been an on-air expert for National Geographic, History Channel, and Fox Family, as well as many regional media productions. He’s received awards for contributions to maritime history from Underwater Canada, Our World Underwater, the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History, and the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. Fred teaches maritime history at Northern Michigan University and is an active consultant for numerous maritime projects and programs.

