

# Luxury Great Lakes Cruise

July 8-16, 2020



10 Days / 9 Nts



## The only all-inclusive Coastal Cruising experience on the Great Lakes.

Victory Cruise Line is owned and operated by American Queen Steamboat Company - enjoy the quality & service you have come to know and love!

- \* 1 Nt Chicago Hotel
- \* Muskegon
- \* Green Bay
- \* Mackinac Island
- \* Scenic Cruising Lake Huron
- \* Detroit
- \* Cleveland

From immersive, included educational shore excursions, to free-flowing wine, beer and spirits aboard, Victory Cruise Lines redefines luxury cruising on the Great Lakes. Your Great Lakes adventure begins in Chicago and ends in Port Colborne, Ontario. Your small, discovery-designed ship is large enough to offer services to pamper your every need, yet small enough to provide intimate, personal moments. Masterful regional cuisine, carefully selected destinations and educational enrichment enhance each cherished day.



**Day 1: Chicago, Illinois**—Deluxe motorcoach to Bradley airport to board your flight to Chicago. You will enjoy a one night stay in The Windy City giving you free time enjoy the hotel and your surrounding area. Victory Cruise Line will have a Hospitality Desk and their friendly staff will be able to answer questions and provide suggestions for dining, entertainment an sightseeing options.

**Day 2: Chicago, Illinois**—Enjoy breakfast in your hotel; Today you will enjoy a city tour that will highlight Chicago’s landmarks with a knowledgeable guide. Discover Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods and sights including the Loop, River North and the Magnificent Mile. A stop will be made at famous Millennium Park to see the iconic statue referred to as “The Bean”. This afternoon board the Victory II for your 7 Night Cruise.

**Day 3: Muskegon, Michigan**—This outdoor lovers’ haven on Lake Michigan’s eastern shore offers multiple state parks and trails, two paddle sport rivers, 26 miles of beaches and a winter sport rivers and 26 miles of beaches. You’ll board the USS LST 393, an historic transport ship launched on Nov 11, 1942. It logged more than 51,000 nautical miles, including is service in June of 1944 when it made 30 roundtrips to the beaches of Normandy. Your guided tour will show shipboard technology and living conditions of WWII soldiers. Afterwards, a narrated sight-seeing drive through the historic district of Muskegon.

**Day 4: Green Bay, Wisconsin**— Green Bay is Wisconsin’s oldest settlement. In addition to being known around the world for contributions to industry and agriculture, Green Bay is the smallest city to host a National Football team, and the only team to be owned by its fans. The city showcases the many shades of local cultivators in markets filled with man-and-nature-made goods year-round. This wonderful city is home to a plethora of craft breweries, boutiques and, of course fresh sea fare.

Valid U.S. Passport Required—must be valid 6 months past return date



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**Day 5: Mackinac Island, Michigan**— We'll awaken in the Straits of Mackinac, which connect Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. With no cars allowed on the Island, your horse-drawn carriage tour is a great way to experience the Victorian ambience of this National Historic Landmark. Learn about the island's history and see turn-of-the-century summer homes built by early captains of American industry. High atop a bluff overlooking the Straits of Mackinac, your tour of Fort Mackinac delves into its strategic importance during the War of 1812. Then take in the view from the Grand Hotel's verandah, the longest in the world. You'll have time to browse through galleries and boutiques.

**Day 6: Scenic Sailing on Lake Huron**— Today the M/V Victory II transforms into a self-contained universe ripe for exploration. Craft your experience as you choose—kick back on deck to embrace the calmness and spirituality of Lake Huron, or take some time to connect with friends in the many public spaces onboard ship. The day on the lake is all yours!

**Day 7: Detroit, Michigan**— Today we dock in Detroit, Michigan. Your tour through downtown will include the Detroit Institute of Arts and its 100-plus galleries, the Motown Museum, the West Canfield Historic District and other city highlights. If you prefer to try one of the optional/premium tours, you can visit the Henry Ford Museum, created to document the genius of ordinary people. Housed in a sweeping, nine acre, single-floor space with soaring 40-foot ceilings, the design and sheer scope of the museum is as grand as the vision that inspired it. Local expert docents will escort you to see the museum's highlights that include: the limousine that carried President John F. Kennedy on that fateful day in Texas, the bus in which Rosa Parks stood her ground and sparked the Civil Rights movement, and the chair from the Ford Theatre in which Abraham Lincoln was sitting when he was shot.

**Day 8: Cleveland, Ohio**—Majestically situated on the south shore of Lake Erie between the Welland Canal and Detroit/Windsor, Cleveland offers much to behold. Your narrated tour offers a visit to the Cleveland History Center, which spans the whole area's recorded past, and members of rock royalty get their due at the world-renowned Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, designed by I.M. Pei.

**Day 9: Port Colborne, Ontario** - Disembark the Victory II and transfer to the airport for our flights home, taking wonderful memories of the Great Lakes. Your motorcoach will be awaiting your arrival at Bradley Airport. Welcome Home!

**Costs\*:**

Cat E	Outside Stateroom	\$4399.pp twin—Deck 1
Cat D	Outside Stateroom	\$4599.pp twin—Deck 1
Cat C	Outside Stateroom	\$4899.pp twin—Deck 2
Cat B	Outside Stateroom	\$5099.pp twin—Deck 3

Plus Taxes \$359.pp

\*2020 Included Tours are being finalized at the time of printing and may be altered. More information will follow in September 2019. Airfare is based on an estimate and is not guaranteed until a contract is held.

**Deposits: \$800.pp due with reservation RECOMMENDED ASAP! Second Deposit of \$800pp is due by Nov 30, 2019. RESERVATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.** Space is subject to availability at time of deposit.

**Final Payment:** Feb 24, 2020

**Cancellation Penalty:** If cancelled after deposit and before Feb 24/20 fee of \$450.pp; Feb 24-March 15/20 fee of 50% of total fare; Mar 16-Apr 12/20 fee of 75% of total fare; No refunds after Apr 12/20.

**Trip Protection Coverage** is strongly recommended. Aon Affinity administers the NTA Travel Protection plan designed specifically for members of the National Tour Association.

The Pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan within 14 days of your deposit or initial payment. Purchase of the plan within this time period also provides eligibility for the Financial Insolvency benefit.

Traveling companions / roommates are required to take the same plan (Basic or Enhanced) in order to be properly covered. Premium is non-refundable once paid. Three ways to enroll:

Website: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> Tour Operator Location #076068. You can also view plan details on this site.

Call Aon 1-800-388-1470. Tour Operator Location #076068. Customer service agents can also answer questions about each plan.

Call Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop 860-243-1630 or 800-243-1630

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**Proof of Citizenship:**

**U.S. Citizens:** Valid Passport required—must be valid 6 months past the return date

**Non U.S. Citizens** are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

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**Entry into Canada:** Please note that Canada may deny entry to any person for reasons including, but not limited to, security risks, health issues, involvement in criminal activity (including crimes that have occurred in the past) such as DUI, DWI, reckless driving, negligent driving, misdemeanor drug possession, all felonies, domestic violence, theft and other crimes. It is recommended that a person who has ever been charged with, or convicted of a crime obtain the necessary approval documents before attempting to enter Canada.

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