Join fellow Spartans at the Grand Hotel for the “Grand Experience” on Mackinac Island. Offered to MSU alumni 50 years or older, this tour allows you the opportunity to experience the Grand Hotel and the island of Mackinac in all its glory. Recognized as Travel + Leisure’s 500 World’s Best Hotels and third-generation, family-owned by the Musser family, the Grand Hotel is rich in history and a place where time moves at the pace of horse-drawn carriages and bicycles. Step away from it all and unwind in the warm hospitality that has been charming guests since 1887. Take part in traditions such as afternoon tea in the parlor, spectacular views of the Straits of Mackinac from the world’s longest porch, nightly dancing in the Grand Ballroom, an old-fashioned horse drawn carriage ride of the island and other fun activities. The Grand Hotel offers exceptional accommodations, with each guest room uniquely decorated by interior designer Carleton Varney of Dorothy Draper & Co. in New York City.

Tour Inclusions:
- Roundtrip motor coach transportation from East Lansing
- 2 nights accommodations at the Grand Hotel
- Roundtrip ferry tickets to Mackinaw Island
- Horse drawn taxi to and from the Grand Hotel
- Baggage handling, taxes and gratuities
- Full breakfast each morning
- Tea and cookies each afternoon
- Five-course dinner each evening
- Nightly dancing with the Grand Hotel Orchestra
- Carriage tour of the island
- Daily activities and workshops
- Grand Hotel gift
- mParks information desk
- Accompanied by a MSU Alumni staff member
- And much more

*Open to alumni and friends ages 50 and older.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, items of a personal nature, alcohol and meals not mentioned in the tour inclusions.

(This tour is arranged by the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association.)
**Daily Itinerary:**

**Sunday, October 14th**
6:00 am - Motor coach departs from East Lansing to Mackinaw City
10:00 am - Star Line ferry to Mackinac Island
10:30 am - Arrive on Mackinac Island and take the horse drawn taxi to the Grand Hotel
11:00 am - Group arrival and key room distribution
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Afternoon tea and cookies
5:00 pm - Welcome talk and activity sign up
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Michigan State cocktail reception
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm - Dinner in the Grand Hotel dining room

**Monday, October 15th**
7:30 am - 9:30 am - Breakfast in the Grand Hotel dining room
7:30 am - 6:00 pm - Activities/Carriage Tour
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Afternoon tea and cookies
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Closing reception
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm - Dinner in the Grand Hotel dining room

**Tuesday, October 16th**
11:00 am - Horse drawn taxi to the dock
11:30 am - Star Line ferry to Mackinac City
12:00 pm - Motor coach departs for East Lansing (Includes boxed lunch)
4:30 pm - Arrive in East Lansing

**Note:** Room accommodations are assigned by the Grand Hotel and are randomly allocated. For those with physical limitations, the Grand Hotel has a limited number of barrier free rooms with equipped facilities for those in wheelchairs or electric carts. Special accommodations must be requested when reserving space and requests by those with physical limitations will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Leader dogs for the blind are welcome. Every effort will be made to honor requests. Those with physical and mental restrictions must be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Getting There:** Motor coach transportation will be available from East Lansing to Mackinaw City and return. The motor coach is equipped with a restroom, WiFi and outlets. A stop will be made at a rest area during the trip.

**Cost:** $720 per person, double occupancy, $920, single occupancy and $670 per person, triple occupancy. Trip is limited to 90 participants.

**Reservations:** To reserve a space on the tour full payment is due by May 20, 2018. Reservations can be made online at www.alumni.msu.edu/travel or you may call Kara Swain of the MSU Alumni Association at 517-432-1780.

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**Travel Insurance:** We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance should you need to cancel. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.

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