

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### ON MACKINAC, HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF EVERY DAY

Mackinac Island (MACK-in-awe) became one of the nation's favored summer resorts during the Victorian era. Vacationers arrived in large lake excursion boats from Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit seeking the cooler weather on Mackinac Island. They danced to Strauss' waltzes, listened to Sousa's stirring marches, dined on whitefish and strolled along the broad decks. To accommodate overnight guests, boat and railroad companies financed the building of Grand Hotel.

Perhaps the most noticeable first impression of Mackinac Island is the absence of automobiles. Mackinac Island is accessible only by boat or plane. Visitors and residents travel by foot, bicycle or horse-drawn carriage. There are only 600 year-round Mackinac Island residents. During the summer, there are more than 500 horses.

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### ON MACKINAC ISLAND, THERE'S PLENTY TO DO AND SEE

Walking tours and carriage tours are two great ways to see the island and its many attractions.

Visit Fort Mackinac, sentinel of the Straits of Mackinac for 224 years. Witness hourly rifle demonstrations, cannon firings and tours by costumed guides.

Historic Downtown Mackinac Island features fur trade era homes and shops, as well as grand Victorian cottages. Ride around the island on a rented bicycle—a great way to enjoy the natural beauty of Mackinac Island State Park and many limestone formations, including Arch Rock.

Two butterfly conservatories offer visitors a chance to see native and exotic species up close.

From 1892 to 1957, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse (located in Mackinaw City) guided ships through the Straits of Mackinac. It will open to public tours on June 12, 2004. Visitors will see a restoration in progress, including exhibits, period settings, and historical interpreters in costume.

Plan a day trip to nearby St. Ignace and Mackinaw City to visit the Father Marquette Memorial honoring the founder of St. Ignace. Experience Colonial Michilimackinac, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century fur trade and military outpost with a dozen reconstructed buildings, and guides dressed as British redcoats, French voyageurs, colonial villagers and American Indians.

You will find a unique variety of shops and restaurants on Mackinac Island. Art galleries and world-famous fudge shops abound.

To learn more about Mackinac Island, please visit [www.mackinacisland.org](http://www.mackinacisland.org) and [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com).

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## **GRAND HOTEL, FROM THE BEGINNING**

Opened on July 10, 1887, the Grand Hotel was built by the Grand Rapids & Indiana and the Michigan central railroads and the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company through the efforts of Sen. Francis B. Stockbridge. It is built of Michigan white pine, with its magnificent colonial porch, longest in the world. It is a classic example of gracious living seldom seen today. One of the outstanding landmarks on the Great Lakes, it is the world's largest summer hotel.

### **Evening Attire**

The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing for dinner. Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel: coat and tie for gentlemen, and dresses or pantsuits for ladies.

### **Please, No Tipping**

Tipping is neither expected nor permitted anywhere at Grand Hotel. This policy was established for the convenience of our guests. Instead, an added charge is applied to your daily rate. Michigan sales tax applies, as well as a baggage handling fee.

### **At Grand Hotel, No Two Guest Rooms Are Alike**

Each has been tastefully decorated by New York designer Carleton Varney with its own special character and style. Each guest room is complete with numerous amenities including individually controlled AC, mini bar, in-room safe, cable TV, iron, and coffee maker and designed to provide you with a comfortable retreat from the day's activities.

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## **THE MANY PLEASURES OF GRAND HOTEL**

### **Golf**

On The Jewel, you'll enjoy 18 scenic, challenging, but very playable golf holes. The Jewel is comprised of the Grand nine, across the street from the hotel; and the Woods nine, set in the interior of Mackinac Island. The Jewel features unparalleled scenic beauty, lush landscaping and meticulously manicured tees, fairways and greens.

The Grand nine was built in 1901 and redesigned in 1987. The Woods nine, added in 1994, was designed by prominent golf course architect Jerry Matthews. Transportation between the Grand nine and Woods nine is by specially designed horse-drawn carriage. Clubs are available for rental. To reserve tee times, please call (906) 847-3331 and ask for the Golf Shop.

## **Tennis**

Play in our beautiful setting of four Har Tru based clay courts. Improve your game with lessons and clinics with our Tennis Pro that is on staff throughout the summer. Rental equipment is also available. For more information, please call (906) 847-3331 and ask for the Tennis Shop.

## **Fort Mackinac**

Just a short stroll or ride away, Fort Mackinac is a National Historic Landmark where guides are dressed in period costumes. You'll witness cannon and rifle firing demonstrations, explore the real history of Mackinac in 14 original buildings filled with period settings, exhibits and videos. Enjoy a panoramic view of the harbor, and Grand Hotel service at the Fort Mackinac Tea Room.

## **Horseback Riding**

Riding stables are located near the hotel. Mackinac Island features more than forty miles of bridle paths. Drive-yourself carriages are also available from local liveryes.

## **Cycling**

Bicycles, which can be rented at Grand Hotel's Tennis Shop, are ideal for exploring Mackinac Island at your own speed. Special Grand Hotel box lunches can be enjoyed at any of the picnic spots throughout the island.

## **Carriage Tours**

Grand Hotel will be happy to arrange a tour of the island in a colorful horse-drawn carriage. This is a great way to discover Mackinac's rich heritage and natural beauty.

## **Vita Course**

The Vita Course is a half-mile outdoor exercise course on the hotel grounds. Along the jogging trail, exercise stations are designed to challenge and motivate.

## **Exercise Facilities**

A complete exercise facility is located adjacent to the swimming pool. Changing rooms and showers are available.

## **Grand Hotel Spa**

Make your stay at Grand Hotel even more relaxing with a visit to the Grand Hotel Spa. Enjoy a body treatment, facial, massage or any of our many other rejuvenating, nurturing and relaxing services, which can be enjoyed in the salon or in your Grand Hotel guest room. To schedule an appointment, please call (906) 847-3331 and ask for the Grand Hotel Spa.