



# American Legends

Departing Once Only! July 26 - August 11, 2010  
17 Days from \$4,295 per person

At Uncommon Journeys & Train Holidays, we have long had a reputation for designing holidays that are without equal in terms of imagination and uniqueness and for July of 2010, we have created a brilliant itinerary that has never been offered in history: downtown Chicago to Midtown Manhattan by small coastal liner via Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Welland Canal, Lake Ontario, the historic Erie Canal and the Hudson River, to name just a few. Nicer still, not only will our guests view America, up-close at 'see level' but we have included an amazing collection of ports on the way like quaint Mackinac Island, Dearborn, Michigan, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Oswego, NY, West Point and, of course, New York City.

Happily, in addition to interesting ports, our 'pocket' cruise ship, the 98-passenger Grande Mariner is the perfect antidote to those tired of huge, mass-market cruise ships carrying 4000 guests at a time. With an all-American crew, life aboard is casual and informal with no need for 'dressing up'. Meals are superb and are naturally included in the fare. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day and there is a comfortable observation lounge in addition to open deck space. Better still, is what the Grande Mariner does not offer: no napkin folding lessons, tired Vegas-style cabaret shows, gold chains by the inch and the relentless 'nickel and diming' found on so many ships nowadays. Guests enjoy a low-key, relaxed voyage on a well-designed ship, able to get up close to small ports of call. All cabins are comfortable with in-room facilities and both the lounge and dining room can seat all guests at one time.

Since a classic holiday deserves a classic hotel, our Great Lakes Holiday begins with the perfect introduction to the 'Windy City', an overnight stay at the fabled Drake Hotel, the grande dame of Chicago hotels, before we set sail. We have intentionally left plenty of free time to explore all that Chicago has to offer including the nearby Art Institute and Grant Park, the Museum of Science and Industry. As befits an epic journey, in New York City our guests enjoy the extraordinary luxury and style of the famed Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Park Avenue along with a special Farewell Dinner. Of course, this holiday is fully escorted by a professional tour manager from start to finish with special parties and events both ashore and aboard the Grande Mariner. But, with only 49 rooms, these two voyages will fill up quickly so prompt reservations are encouraged!

*All Aboard!*

## Featuring

- ✦ Complimentary train travel to Chicago from any Midwestern point. Guests living in other parts of the country may take advantage of our special 'Add-on' train fares ranging between \$99 and \$299, depending on your home city. For those with less time, we also offer special airfares beginning at \$199, pp with additional details available on request.
- ✦ Fully hosted by professional tour manager from start to finish to handle all of the details with special parties and events ashore and aboard the ship.
- ✦ Overnight deluxe hotel stay at Chicago's fabled Drake Hotel before sailing including tax and luggage handling and welcome cocktail party. A special sailing day lunch at famed Giordano's Restaurant is also included, a venue known for its authentic Chicago-style deep dish pizza. Transfer to the ship on sailing day is naturally included.
- ✦ Fourteen-night passage from Chicago to New York City aboard the mini-liner 'Grande Mariner' with all meals & beverages while aboard included. There is a wonderful All-American crew and this one-time voyage will not be repeated.
- ✦ Overnight in New York City at the storied Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Park Avenue along with transfers and Farewell dinner. Guests may extend their stay in New York if they wish, taking advantage of our special rates.



Sunset on the Great Lakes, we sail where the big ships simply cannot.



A convenient departure right from Chicago's Navy Pier! (sister-ship Niagara Prince pictured)



## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

**CHICAGO, IL:** Our guests enjoy Chicago's most storied hotel, the Drake before our rare departure from historic Navy Pier.

**MANISTEE, MI:** See elegant architecture in this quaint village whose renovation is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**MACKINAC ISLAND, MI:** A charming Victorian village that astonishingly still relies on non-motorized transportation and we have included lunch at the famous Grand Hotel here.

**WYANDOTTE, MI:** Gateway to the fabulous Ford Museum of Dearborn where the American experience is brought to life.

**CLEVELAND, OH:** Lake Erie's newly discovered pearl, thanks to countless restoration projects including vibrant cultural arts centers created from old mills.

**ERIE, PA:** Pennsylvania's only Great Lake port.

**BUFFALO, NY:** See this amazing sight up close since we have included a complimentary shore excursion to Niagara Falls (passport required) during our visit.

**ROCHESTER, NY:** Home of Eastman Kodak, you may opt to visit the George Eastman House, home to the International Museum of Photography (subject to availability).

**OSWEGO, NY:** Gateway to the scenic Erie Canal and known as The Port City of Central New York (pilot house lowered/raised). Few ships can transit the Erie Canal and Grande Mariner is uniquely designed to do.

**ERIE CANAL STOPS:** At Sylvan Beach, NY and another convenient location (overnight).

**TROY, NY:** A walk through this 19th century town reveals wrought iron architectural details (pilot house raised/lowered).

**KINGSTON, NY:** Tour the Hudson River Maritime Museum and Rondout Lighthouse.

**WEST POINT, NY:** Visit the impressive U.S. Military Academy (subject to accessibility).

**NEW YORK CITY, NY:** The Grande Mariner sails down the Hudson River midday, under the George Washington Bridge to dock in midtown Manhattan in Chelsea. We transfer to the opulent Waldorf-Astoria for our overnight stay in the Big Apple with a special Farewell Dinner this evening. We offer low-cost air or train travel fares home from New York City for added convenience or guests may extend their stay in New York City.



The Iconic Waldorf-Astoria, Park Avenue.

## FARES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Rates listed are per person, double occupancy

All staterooms feature private restroom/shower facilities.

- I Economy Inside** **\$4295.**  
*Upper & lower beds. \*very limited availability.*
- II Standard Outside** **\$4595.**  
*Upper & lower beds, porthole. \*very limited availability.*
- III Standard Outside** **\$4895.**  
*Two lower beds, picture window. \*very limited availability.*
- IV Superior Outside** **\$4995.**  
*Two lower bed, sliding window/door opens out to outside deck.*

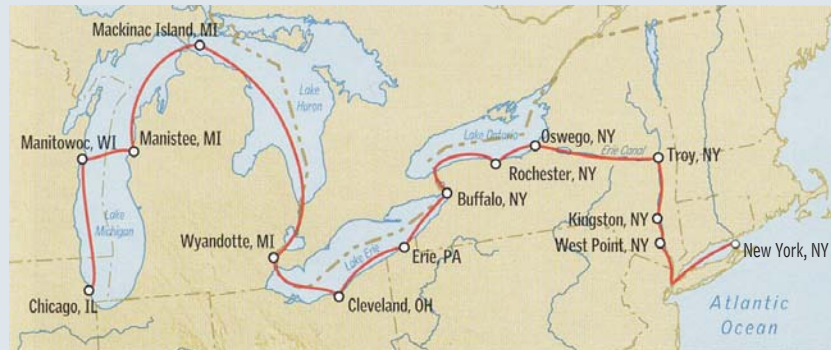
Port taxes are \$325. per person and not included in the above fares. Single rates are 175% of the double occupancy fare.



**The Grande Mariner** - This intimate pocket cruise ship is the perfect choice for exploring the Great Lakes offering casual comfort (no need for formal clothing here). All cabins are outside rooms with facilities, there is a large dining room offering delicious meals with just one seating and a comfortable lounge. With only 98 lucky passengers, it is easy to make new friends.

### WATERWAYS NAVIGATED:

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| Lake Michigan       | Lake Ontario    |
| Straits of Mackinac | Oswego Canal    |
| Lake Huron          | Erie Canal      |
| St. Claire River    | Oneida Lake     |
| Detroit River       | Mohawk River    |
| Lake Erie           | Hudson River    |
| Welland Canal       | New York Harbor |



This is arguably one of the most amazing itineraries, offering striking water views of Chicago, Cleveland and New York and contrasting panoramic views of rural areas along some of America's most historic waterways.

