

# Up North:

## Magical Mackinac Island, Hemingway Country, and the Singular Genius of Frank Lloyd Wright

September 26 – October 4, 2018

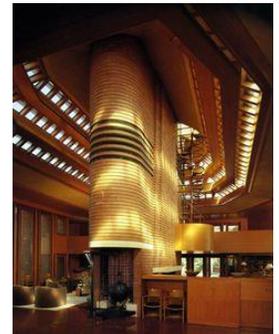
### Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Arriving Chicago, IL per our own schedules, we meet as a group this morning in the main lobby of the spectacular **Palmer House**. Our first stop today is **Oak Park**, and the **Hemingway Home**, where **Ernest Hemingway** was born on July 21, 1899. Nearby, we'll tour the **Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio**, which served as Wright's private residence and workplace for the first 20 years of his career. Wright used his home as an architectural laboratory, experimenting with design concepts that contain the seeds of his architectural philosophy. This afternoon we arrive in **Racine, WI** where we'll tour the **Johnson Wax World Headquarters**, featuring Wright's interpretation of the streamlined Art-Modern style popular in the 1930s. While here, we'll also view *To Be Alive!*, a classic film shown in the Johnson Wax pavilion at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.



### Thursday, September 27, 2018

We'll breakfast at the hotel this morning before visiting the **Wingspread** estate, another Wright design situated on **Lake Michigan**. The stunning home and landscaped grounds form an integral part of the architectural "prairie setting" experience. On to **Madison, WI** and the improbable **Monona Terrace**, an unconventional convention center originally proposed by Wright in 1938, but initially rejected by the town. It wasn't until 1990 that the mayor proposed they follow through and complete Wright's vision. The resulting work of art speaks for itself. After lunch, we'll tour the **Wisconsin State Capitol** and the **Wisconsin State Museum**. Dinner and overnight in Madison.



### Friday, September 28, 2018

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to **Spring Green, WI** and **Taliesin**, Wright's home as well as an 800-acre architectural campus that includes buildings from nearly every decade of his career. Taliesin was Wright's primary residence for 48 years from 1911 to 1959. It was his laboratory for architectural designs and innovation, and continues to serve the Taliesin architectural community. After lunch, we travel to **Ripon, WI**, and the **Little White Schoolhouse**, birthplace of the Republican Party. On to **Kohler, WI**. Dinner and overnight at the lovely **Woodlake Inn**.



### Saturday, September 29, 2018

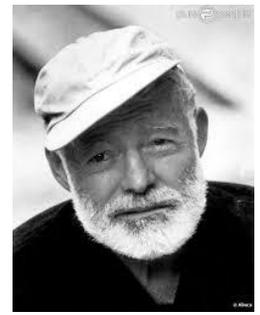
We'll breakfast at the hotel this morning before traveling to **Green Bay, WI**. Here we tour legendary **Lambeau Field**, the longest continuously occupied football stadium in the National Football League and home to the Green Bay Packers (every game played here has been sold out since 1960). After lunch on the waterfront we make our way to **Manitowoc, WI**, where we'll embark on the **S.S. Badger**, a car ferry that has operated on Lake Michigan since 1953. Arriving **Ludington, MI**, where we'll enjoy dinner and overnight.



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### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel north into **Hemingway Country**, and to **Horton Bay**. Throughout his childhood and early adulthood, Horton Bay, Charlevoix and Petoskey were frequent haunts for this future novelist. Ernest spent summer days here hunting, fishing, writing and playing tennis. Throughout his early works, Hemingway used Horton Bay, Petoskey and Charlevoix for the setting of many of his early works including: *Up in Michigan*, *The Three-Day Blow*, his Nick Adams stories, as well as *The End of Something*. Dinner and overnight at Petoskey's historic **Perry Hotel**.



### **Monday, October 1, 2018**

We'll breakfast at the hotel this morning before crossing the **Mackinac Bridge**, the longest twin-towered suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere. Arriving St. Ignace, we'll board a high-speed ferry to lovely **Mackinac Island**. Journey back through time, where the automobile never replaced the horse and carriage. Though there are only 600 year-round residents on the island, in summer there are more than 500 horses. Our lodgings for the next two nights are at the picturesque **Mission Point Resort & Spa**. European development of the island began on this point with French Jesuit missionaries landing at here in 1634, shortly after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth. If the surroundings look familiar, this charming island was the filming location for the cinematic classic *Somewhere In Time*. Dinner and overnight (the first of two) at the resort.



### **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

After breakfast at the resort, we'll tour **Fort Mackinac**, a Revolutionary era bastion and military target for both British and American soldiers. Then, the entire day free to enjoy Mackinaw. Tour the island by bicycle or by horse and carriage. See **Arch Rock**, a natural limestone formation standing nearly 200 feet above Lake Huron. Visit the **Butterfly House**, try stand-up paddle boarding, and reflect in historic **St. Anne's Catholic Church**. Indulge at the Grand Spa or swim and sunbath at the hotel's beautiful outdoor pool. Satisfy your sweet tooth at some of the island's many fudge stores, where you can sample traditional fudge made with 19th century recipes. Dinner then a second night at Mission Point.



### **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

We'll breakfast at the resort before taking the short ferry ride back to the mainland. Heading south, we'll stop for an atmospheric lakeside lunch. Arriving **Grand Rapids, MI**, we'll enjoy a very special guided tour of the **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**, conducted by Richard, who is currently working on the most comprehensive Ford biography to date. Our lodging for the night is the towering **JW Marriott**, situated across the Grand River from the Ford Museum. A special farewell dinner at **Cygnus Restaurant**, situated 27 stories above the city, with expansive panoramic views of the Grand River and surrounding cityscape. And, a surprise or too.



### **Thursday, October 4, 2018**

Breakfast is again included before departing Grand Rapids per our own schedules.

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