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Note: Option to start in Chicago, Illinois; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; or Detroit, Michigan



Chicago, Illinois to Madison, Wisconsin

3 hours/147 miles

Madison, Wisconsin to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

4 hours and 15 minutes/273 miles

Minneapolis/St. Paul to Grand Rapids, Minnesota

3 hours/178 miles

Grand Rapids, Minnesota to Bayfield, Wisconsin

3 hours/162 miles

Bayfield, Wisconsin to Marquette, Michigan

3 hours and 45 minutes/205 miles

Marquette, Michigan to St. Ignace, Michigan

2 hours and 45 minutes/159 miles

St. Ignace, Michigan to Detroit, Michigan

4 hours and 45 minutes/296 miles

Detroit, Michigan to Saugatuck, Michigan

3 hours and 15 minutes/197 miles

Saugatuck, Michigan to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

4 hours and 30 minutes/240 miles

Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois

2 hours and 30 minutes/92 miles

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Day 1

Chicago, Illinois, the Midwest's cultural capital, is a family-friendly destination. **Millennium Park** is a must-visit for year-round events and world-class public art, and the **Navy Pier** offers amusement park rides, shopping and dining. The **Field Museum of Natural History** and the **Shedd Aquarium** are among the largest museums of their kind in the world. Art aficionados can peruse a collection of more than 300,000 objects at the **Art Institute of Chicago**. Visitors can take a boat cruise

along the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan to view the spectacular skyline, or get a panoramic perspective at **360 Chicago**, on the 94th floor of the **John Hancock Center**. The bravest of souls can experience **TILT**, a glass observation cubicle that leans out at a 30-degree angle high above Michigan Avenue.

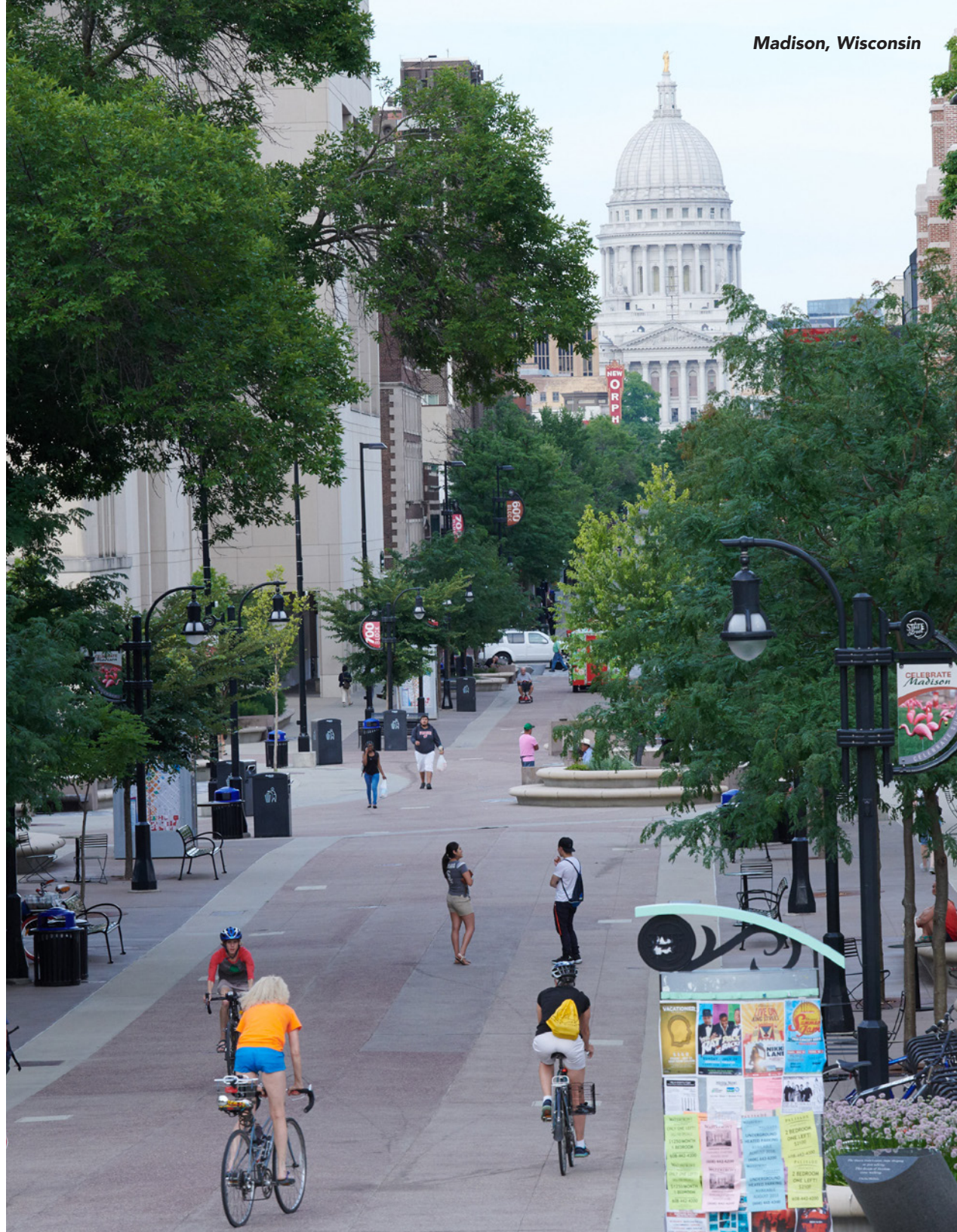
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360 Chicago, Illinois



MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Day 4

Start with a stroll through the **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden** (don't miss the iconic **Spoonbridge** and **Cherry sculpture**) and visit the **Walker Art Center**. Root for the home team at a **Minnesota Twins** baseball game at Target Field or set aside a day to tour the **Mall of America**, a huge shopping mall packed with 400-plus shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, including an aquarium and indoor amusement park. Cross the

Mississippi River to Minneapolis' 'twin', St. Paul, to see **Minnesota's Capitol Building**, festooned with golden horses, then walk along **Summit Avenue** to see the city's historic mansions. While there, save time to explore the well-curated, interactive **Science Museum of Minnesota**.

Accommodation: Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota



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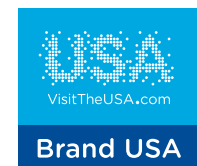


Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minnesota

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Travel north through Minnesota, known as the 'Land of 10,000 Lakes', to Grand Rapids. Here you'll find small-town charm surrounded by Minnesota's nature. You'll discover a truly unique north woods experience, filled with abundant outdoor adventures, scenic beauty, preserved heritage

Accommodation: Grand Rapids, Minnesota



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Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin

3 hours and 45 minutes/205 miles

Head to Michigan and explore the picturesque **Keweenaw Peninsula**, located along the shores of Lake Superior. Visit the **Delaware Mine** in Delaware and **Fort Wilkins Historic State Park** in Copper Harbor. A stop en route at **The Jampot**, located in Eagle Harbor, is a must. Operated by the monks of Holy Transfiguration Skete, this bakery and gift shop offers preserves, fruitcakes and fresh bakery confections. Continue past the **L'Anse Indian Reservation** to Marquette, Michigan.



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Day 8

Follow Scenic State Road 28 to Munising, Michigan. Take a cruise on Lake Michigan along **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore**. Although less well-known than other national parks, Pictured Rocks is among the country's most spectacular natural treasures. The lakeshore earned its name from the colourful streaks of minerals layered in the sandstone cliffs. In winter, the lake water freezes, often transforming itself into awesome ice

formations against the cliffs. Take time to visit the historic lighthouse at **Au Sable Light Station** on the way to **Tahquamenon Falls State Park** near Newberry to see two striking waterfalls on the **Tahquamenon River** before arriving at St. Ignace.

Accommodation: St. Ignace, Michigan



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Wawatam Lighthouse on Lake Huron, Michigan





ST. IGNACE/MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

Day 9

Tucked between Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas, the entirety of Mackinac Island is a **National Historic Landmark**, nearly all of it protected as a state park. The ferry that runs from the mainland operates on a seasonal schedule, with limited service in the winter. Slow down and experience this destination, which takes visitors back in time. The Victorian

architecture, absence of chain hotels and island-wide ban on cars makes it feel like a throwback to a simpler era. Walk, bike or take a horse-drawn carriage to get around.

Accommodation: St. Ignace, Michigan



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ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN

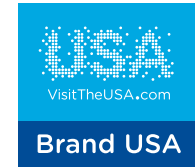
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Day 10

Head to Detroit, where the city centre of the **'Motor City'** has been revitalised with trendy restaurants, shops and cultural venues. The must-see **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation**, just outside of Detroit in Dearborn, Michigan, houses cars, planes and rare items such as former President John F. Kennedy's limousine and the Rosa Parks bus. See where music icons including Stevie Wonder, the Supremes and Marvin Gaye recorded hits at the **Motown Museum**. View the works of artistic

masters at the **Detroit Institute of Arts**, best known for its frescoes by Diego Rivera. Explore the aquarium, zoo, museum, beach and other areas of **Belle Isle Park**; admission to most of the attractions is free with park admission. Nightlife abounds in the city, with gaming at three hotel-casinos and live Jazz at **Cliff Bell's** legendary nightclub.

Accommodation: Detroit/Dearborn, Michigan



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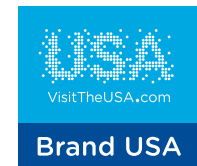


Henry Ford Museum, Michigan

 3 hours and 15 minutes/197 miles

Head west to Ann Arbor, home of the **University of Michigan** and beautiful views of the **Huron River**. Ann Arbor's **Main Street** is considered among the best in the USA, attracting visitors throughout the year. Your next stop will be Grand Rapids, gateway to Michigan's '**Gold Coast**' and calling itself 'America's best beer town', with more than 40 breweries on its

Accommodation: Saugatuck, Michigan



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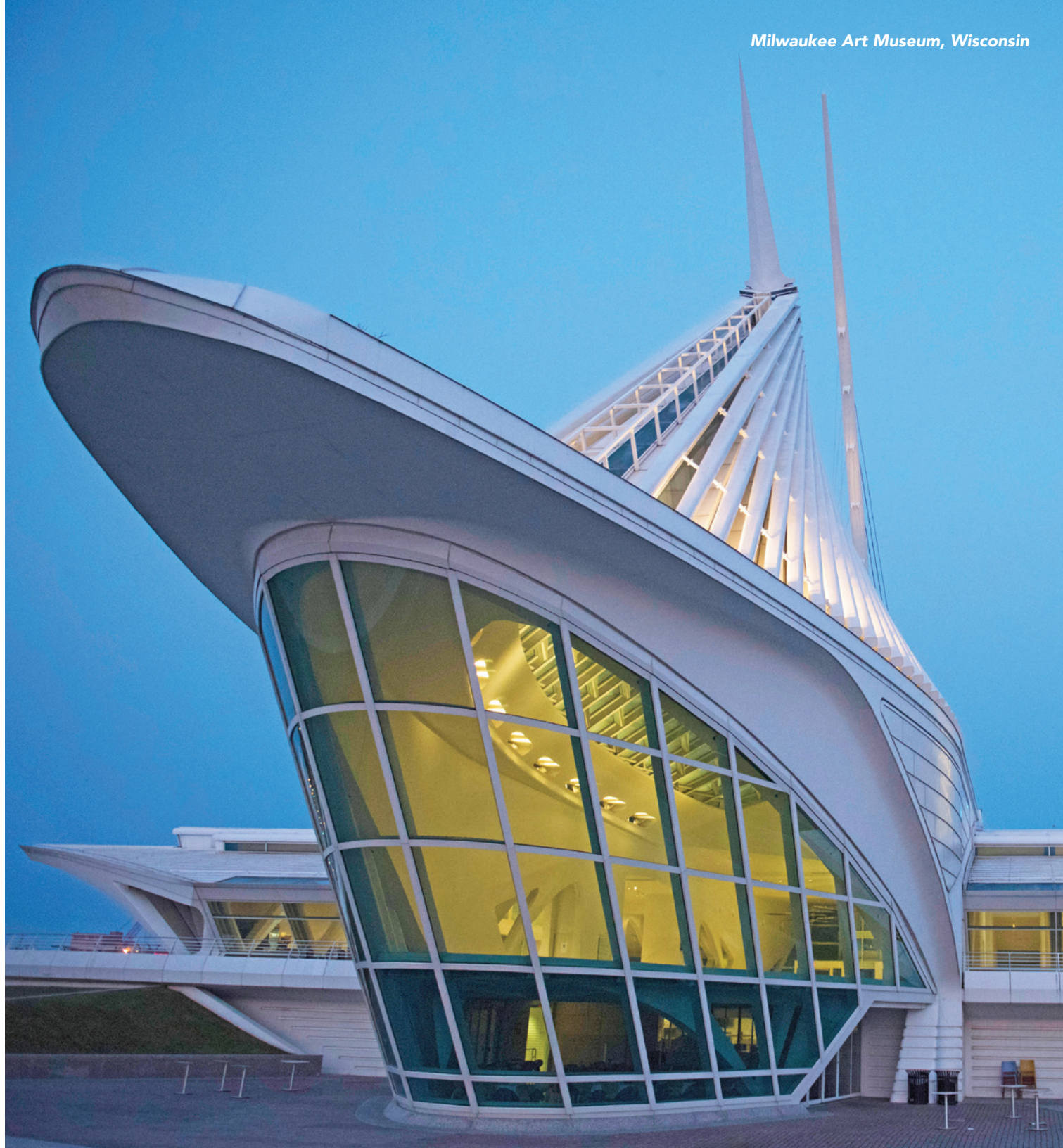
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Day 12

Travel north along the Michigan lakeshore to the resort city of Muskegon, then take the **Lake Express Ferry** across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Wisconsin's largest city, Milwaukee continues to celebrate its beer brewing heritage while expanding its appeal with a powerhouse arts scene, big-city attractions, revitalised historic districts and a vibrant farm-to-table culinary scene. Calling itself the 'City of Festivals', Milwaukee is home to many summer festivals, including **Summerfest**, the world's largest music festival. Explore one-of-a-kind attractions such as the **Milwaukee Art Museum**, **Miller Park** and the **Harley-Davidson Museum**. Experience the city's brewing heritage on tours offered by MillerCoors and local microbreweries such as the **Lakefront Brewery**, **Milwaukee Brewing Company** and **Sprecher Brewing Company** (also a great option for children, thanks to their craft sodas).

Accommodation: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee Art Museum, Wisconsin



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Return to Chicago along the Lake Michigan shoreline to further explore this amazing city. Visit some of Chicago's iconic attractions such as the **Cloud Gate** sculpture (aka, 'The Bean') and enjoy deep-dish pizza at **Gino's East** or **Lou Malnati's** or a Chicago hot dog at locations throughout the city.

Accommodation: Chicago, Illinois



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