

## The route around Lake Michigan.

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### DAY 1

Chicago-Sheboygan Falls, Wis.: 166 miles

The route: Interstate Highway 94/U.S. Highway 41 to Wisconsin Highway 50 into Kenosha; Wisconsin Highway 32 through Racine and Milwaukee, then (sometimes shared with Interstate Highway 43) into Port Washington, back on I-43 to Wisconsin Highway 28 and into Sheboygan Falls.

Overnight: Rochester Inn (a B&B), Sheboygan Falls; \$162.23.

Best grub: Whitefish with puffball mushrooms, \$20; Biro Restaurant and Wine Bar, Sheboygan.

### DAY 2

Sheboygan Falls to Peshtigo, Wis.: 152 miles

The route: Wisconsin Highway 28 past Kohler into Sheboygan, Wisconsin Highway 42 back to Interstate Highway 43 north to Cleveland; backtrack on a back road to Haven, return to Cleveland and I-43 north to Manitowoc; Wisconsin 42 through Two Rivers to Wisconsin Highway 147 and onto I-43 through Green Bay to U.S. Highway 41 and into Peshtigo.

Overnight: Drees Motel, Peshtigo; \$29.55.

Best grub: 10-ounce tenderloin steak, \$14.95 (including soup and salad); Bergs' Chop House, Peshtigo.

### DAY 3

Peshtigo to St. Ignace, Mich.: 253 miles

The route: U.S. Highway 41 into Marinette, Wis., and across into Menominee, Mich.; Michigan Highway 35 from Menominee through Escanaba to U.S. 41/U.S. 2, then U.S. 2 east to Garden Corners; Michigan Highway 183 south to Fayette, then back north to Garden Corners, rejoining U.S. 2 and east into St. Ignace.

Overnight: Aurora Borealis Motor Inn, St. Ignace; \$54.49.

Best grub: Beer-battered Mackinac perch, \$13.99; Mackinac Grille, St. Ignace.

### DAY 4

St. Ignace to Traverse City, Mich.: 134 miles

The route: Interstate Highway 75 across the Straits of Mackinac to U.S. Highway 31, south to County Highway 66 at Levering, west to Cross Village and Michigan Highway 119, south to U.S. 31 at Bay View and continuing into Traverse City.

Overnight: Traverse Victorian Inn, Traverse City; \$86.35.

Best grub: Bigos (Polish hunters' stew; appetizer size), \$4.95; Legs Inn, Cross Village, Mich.

## DAY 5

Traverse City to Grand Haven, Mich.: 227 miles

The route: Michigan Highway 22 north to Northport, looping south through Leland and Frankfort to U.S. Highway 31 north of Manistee; then U.S. 31 (with some minor detours) through Ludington, Pentwater and Montague-Whitehall, past Muskegon into Grand Haven.

Overnight: Khardomah Lodge (shared bath), Grand Haven; \$73.44.

Best grub: Tournedos Oscar (filet mignons topped with crabmeat and bearnaise sauce), \$25.95; Arboreal Inn, Spring Lake, Mich.

## DAY 6

Grand Haven to Chicago: 191 miles

The route: U.S. Highway 31 (becoming U.S. 31/Interstate Highway 196; with some minor detours) through Holland, into Saugatuck, past South Haven, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph to the Red Arrow Highway into Stevensville; the Red Arrow through Herbert, Lakeside and Union Pier to U.S. Highway 12; U.S. 12 through Michigan City and Gary to Interstate Highway 90 (the Chicago Skyway); off at Stony Island Avenue and through Jackson Park to Lake Shore Drive and home.

Best grub: Double-scoop cone (Traverse City cherry and Saugatuck mud), \$5.25; Kilwin's, Saugatuck.

Total miles: 1,123

(Miles are actual miles driven but typically include meanderings. Lodgings listed as a guide to prevailing prices and not necessarily as recommendations. Room prices are for one person, tax included; doubles are usually slightly higher. All prices subject to change.)

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 NOTES FROM THE ROAD

Highlights: In Wisconsin \_ Kenosha Public Museum, Racine Zoo, Milwaukee lakefront homes, Port Washington, Whistling Straits golf course (Kohler), Wisconsin Maritime Museum (Manitowoc), Peshtigo Fire Museum; in Michigan \_ Fayette pasties, Harbor Springs-Petoskey-Charlevoix, Northport and Leland, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Ludington State Park, Pentwater, Musical Fountain (Grand Haven), Saugatuck galleries, Warren Dunes; in Indiana \_ Indiana Dunes; in Wisconsin/Michigan \_ farm stands, lighthouses and Lake Michigan beaches.

Road food: Cheeses, cheese curds, bratwurst and other sausages, whitefish, smoked fish, frozen custard, pasties, fresh fruit, lake perch, burgers, Michigan wines, ice cream and seasonal fruit pies.

Best lodging: Rochester Inn (a B&B), Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; \$162.23.

Best meal: Prosciutto-wrapped shrimp with basil, mozzarella and balsamic vinegar; and whitefish with Door County puffball mushrooms (seasonal), \$34; Biro Restaurant and Wine Bar, Sheboygan, Wis.

Best courthouse: Menominee (Mich.) County.

Best fauna: Monarchs. Around Labor Day, just about everywhere.

Best lakeside leaf drives, if you time it right: Michigan Highway 119, from Cross Village to Harbor Springs; and Michigan Highway 22, from Northport to Glen Arbor.

Best downtowns, aside from Milwaukee's: Port Washington, Wis., and Harbor Springs, Mich.

Best public beaches: Both in Michigan: Ludington State Park and, in Saugatuck, Oval Beach.

Best Lake Michigan Drive trivia: Lydia Clarke Heston, wife of Charlton, is great-great-granddaughter of Hezekiah Hunting Smith, a founder (in 1845) of Two Rivers, Wis., on the lake. They met as drama students at Northwestern, on the lake.

Best fire trivia: William Ogden, Chicago's first mayor (1837-38), owned, and lost, a huge factory in Peshtigo (on Ogden Avenue) during the Great Peshtigo Fire \_ the same day as the Great Chicago Fire (Oct. 8, 1871).

Best golf address: For The Bull, a new Nicklaus-designed golf course in Sheboygan Falls: One Long Drive.

Road best traveled: U.S. Highway 2 from Naubinway to Gros Cap, Mich.

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