



Midwest Directors Conference

Travel Need to Know

Ground Transportation from the Airports:

Limousine service is available from Pellston Regional Airport and Chippewa County International Airport to take you to the Shepler's Ferry boat docks to catch the ferry to Mackinac Island. Shepler's Ferry has boat docks located in both Mackinaw City (in the lower peninsula) and in St. Ignace (in the upper peninsula). Reservations for the limousine service should be made in advance and the contact information is as follows:

Pellston Regional Airport: Mackinaw Shuttle - \$50 round trip per person.

For reservations, call (888) 349-8294 or (231) 539-7005 or make reservations online at www.mackinawshuttle.com

Chippewa County International Airport: Soo Line Airport Shuttle - \$80 one way (for up to four persons)

For reservations, call (800) 762-7844 or (906) 635-0427

Taking a shuttle from the airport (Pellston or Chippewa) is advisable since cars are not allowed on the Island and a rental car will be sitting unused at the Ferry docks.

Flying to Mackinac Island Airport:

Downtown shops and restaurants are located 2 miles south of the airport, with the option to walk or call the horse-drawn taxi service at 906-847-3323 (\$7/person; 2 fare minimum + \$1/minute driver-waiting time; **cash only**). Sorry, no bike rentals. It is highly recommended you reserve a taxi before departing to the Island by calling the Mackinac Island Taxi Service directly.

Note: It is suggested you ask for pick up 15 minutes after your flight lands to allow time to collect your luggage and not have to pay a \$1.00 per minute driver waiting fee.

Driving to Ferry:

Guests staying overnight on Mackinac Island should proceed directly to the Mackinaw City dock for luggage and parking assistance. Overnight parking options are noted below. All guests entering the gated dock area will have a 60 minute grace period free of charge for loading and unloading their vehicles.

- If traveling north for a trip to Mackinac Island, guests can take exit #338 of I-75 North, turn left off the exit, then right at the light (the intersection of Central and Nicolet) to our dock.
- If traveling south from Michigan's upper peninsula, guests can take exit #339 of I-75 South, turn left at the next two stop signs, continue straight through the light (the intersection of Central Ave. and Nicolet) directly to our dock.

It is strongly suggested that all guests arrive one hour prior to their desired departure time.

Two types of overnight parking are offered, both of which are self-park:

- Standard parking for \$10.00 per night
- Premium parking for \$30.00 per night

Once arriving at the dock, cast members will guide you through the unloading process and provide instructions on where to park.

Ferry Service:

Upon arriving in either Mackinaw City or St. Ignace, you will catch the Shepler's Ferry to Mackinac Island. The group rate for the cost of the ferry is \$21 per person. You can also purchase your tickets online in advance at sheplersferry.com, promo code: MDC2021 (this is case sensitive). Luggage tags will be provided by the Grand Hotel and available to you at Shepler's Ferry dock, which will enable your luggage to be taken directly from the boat docks to the Grand Hotel. (Below is the Ferry Schedule)

Transportation on the Island:

Mackinac Island is definitely not an ordinary place! All transportation on the Island is provided by foot, bicycle, or horse-drawn carriage. Upon arrival on the Island, horse-drawn carriages will be available to take you to the Grand Hotel for \$6.00 per person, or you can also walk to the Grand Hotel, which normally takes about 10 minutes.

Pre-Register:

If you arrive on the Island prior to 4:00, you can preregister at the Grand Hotel front desk and that will allow access to the Hotel amenities. You can also turn in your luggage tags at that time. Your luggage will be delivered to the room once you have checked in.

Conference Registration: A Midwest Directors Conference registration table will be set up across from the Grand Hotel front desk from 4:00 – 5:00 and will also be set up at the entrance of the reception at 6:00. This is where you will receive your lanyard, name badge, and a map of the Island.

Note: The pool is open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and it is heated.

Dress Code:

Below is the dress code information for the Grand Hotel and the other resorts we will be visiting for dinners:

- The Grand Hotel - Business casual - During the day, casual resort clothing is appropriate. Prior to 6:30 PM, please no midriff-baring tops, sweatpants, or cut-off shorts for ladies. For gentlemen, no sleeveless shirts, sweatpants, or cut-off shorts. Because every evening at Grand Hotel is a special occasion, after 6:30 PM in main areas of the hotel and after 5:30 PM the Main Dining Room, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress sweaters, and dress slacks for ladies are preferred, while gentlemen are required to wear a suit coat, necktie, and dress pants (no denim or shorts). This applies for all areas inside the hotel including the Parlor, Lobby, Terrace, and Main Dining Room, with the exception of the Cupola Bar.
- The Island House 1852 Grill Room – Smart casual - Smart casual is a step up from casual, but not too formal. Jeans are allowed.
- Mission Point Resort – Smart casual - Smart casual is a step up from casual, but not too formal. Jeans are allowed.
- The Woods Restaurant – Smart casual - Smart casual is a step up from casual, but not too formal. Jeans are allowed.

The Pink Pony, a restaurant and bar located on Main Street on Mackinac Island, will have live music every night starting at 9:30 p.m.

COVID-19:

Masks are optional at the Grand Hotel and the other resorts we will be visiting for dinners.

Sheplers Ferry 2021

September 7 through October 10

LEAVE MACKINAW CITY

7:00 AM	10:00 AM	2:30 PM
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8:00 AM	11:00 AM	4:30 PM
8:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:30 PM
9:00 AM	12:00 NOON	6:30 PM
MIGHTY MAC DEPARTURES 9:30 AM	12:30 PM	7:30 PM
	1:30 PM	

LEAVE MACKINAC ISLAND

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9:00 AM	12:30 PM	7:00 PM
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	8:00 PM
10:00 AM	2:00 PM	
10:30 AM	3:00 PM	

DAILY DEPARTURES IN BLACK | MIGHTY MAC DEPARTURES
SEPTEMBER 11 ONLY | FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS ONLY

September 7 through October 31

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