



Frequently Asked Questions

Who should attend the tours?

Special Tours such as Bike Safaris are scheduled only upon request. Send an email or call Mackinac Revealed. Bike Safaris are \$40 per person, private tours are \$40 per person, both with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices are subject to change.

What about tipping?

Tipping is invited but never expected. The tour guide is rendering you a service, and as such, a tip is appreciated if you feel the guide has done a good job. In the service industry, the customary tipping amount is 15-20% of the tour price (for reference, usually \$5 to \$10/person)

Are there accommodations for strollers and wheelchairs?

Mackinac Revealed welcomes everyone. It is up to you as to whether the tour is right for you. The route is paved except for one trail several hundred feet long. This pathway can be circumvented to remain on pavement.

Do we go inside any buildings?

No, but we pass very close to the outside of many historic structures, including the Grand Hotel, and learn about the construction and design of the buildings, the summer homes, as well as the residents and lifestyles. Photos of the insides are shown as we proceed because your tour guide grew up in one of the Victorian homes.

How far is the meeting place from the boat docks?

It takes 5-10 minutes to walk from the dock to the meeting place. It is only 3-5 blocks (depending on which ferry line you use).

Exactly where do we meet?

The meeting spot is a large marble bench in a contained area at the Woodfill Commemorative Bench on Cadotte Avenue, across the street from the Little Stone Church. The marble bench is in the shape of a horseshoe and is surrounded by white, round, planters. Your guide will introduce herself and have a list of the participants. Please check in with the guide when you arrive at the starting location.



Woodfill Bench

The Bench is a few hundred feet past the Gatehouse Restaurant at 1547 Cadotte Avenue. The meeting spot is on the same side of the road as this restaurant.



This meeting site is across the street from the Little Stone Church, but a bit farther west, up the road that goes to the Grand Hotel.



Little Stone Church

What are precise directions for reaching the meeting site? From any dock on Main Street, walk up a side street to Market Street. Turn left onto Market Street, walk to the end – where there is a stable in the right and the road curves to the right. Most traffic will also be turning right at this corner. At this point, do not walk straight downhill towards the Lake, but follow the curve in the road to the right, where it becomes Cadotte Avenue. Go to the end of the

block and keep going straight past the Gatehouse Restaurant on the left. You then will see the Little Stone Church on the right. The meeting spot is across the road from the Little Stone Church, a bit past the Gatehouse Restaurant and on the same side as the restaurant.

What if I cannot find the meeting place? Ask carriage-drivers and passersby for the location of the Little Stone Church. The meeting location is across the street from the Little Stone Church, but a bit farther closer to the Grand Hotel.

How can I get a map?

Island maps are available at many bike-rental shops, and at a booth operated by the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau. The Bureau is next door to the Murray Hotel on Main Street. This is next to the spot where Carriage Tours load and depart, and directly across the street from the top of the east Star Line dock.

What about pagers and cell phones? Out of consideration for other tour participants and your guide, we ask that you turn ringers and alerts off or switch them to silent mode. If you must have a phone conversation during the tour, we would appreciate you stepping away from the group so as not to disrupt anyone's experience.

Should I bring my camera? Absolutely. You are free to take photos along the entire tour. There are views, sites and features you will want to photograph.

What about bad weather - - are tours cancelled due to poor weather? Rainy weather is not cause to cancel a tour. There are no refunds for adverse weather situations because the tours will operate rain or shine. Please check the weather forecast for the possibility of adverse conditions (rain, cold, etc.) and prepare as appropriate. Generally, tours will be cancelled only if lightening is a threat. If extreme weather causes cancelation, the tour will be rescheduled.