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Mackinac Island is sprinkled with distinctive, luxury hotels for the traveler who is looking for an extravagant experience. Located between Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas in Lake Huron, you can get to Mackinac Island by private boat, ferry, or small aircraft. Transportation on the pedestrian-only island consists of bicycle, electric scooter, and horse-drawn carriage, but if you check into one of these magnificent hotels, you may not want to leave your room.

# **Century Amenities** This vacationer's haven is a summer resort island with no franchise

Combining 19th Century Opulence with 21st

hotels. It maintains its 19th-century ambiance and old-world hospitality while offering numerous modern amenities. That includes full digital capabilities to keep you connected so that you can stay on the grid — if you'd like — and relax effortlessly.

Award-winning private properties — many family-owned and historic — dominate this island, allowing you to select from over 1,500 rooms and a variety of plush lodging types. All accommodations provide access to nearby events, activities, dining, shopping, and nightlife. The most luxurious properties cater to guests with exclusive on-site offerings.

celebrating a special occasion, here are five lavish options to consider adding to your Mackinac Island travel plans.

Whether you're vacationing with your family, visiting on business, or



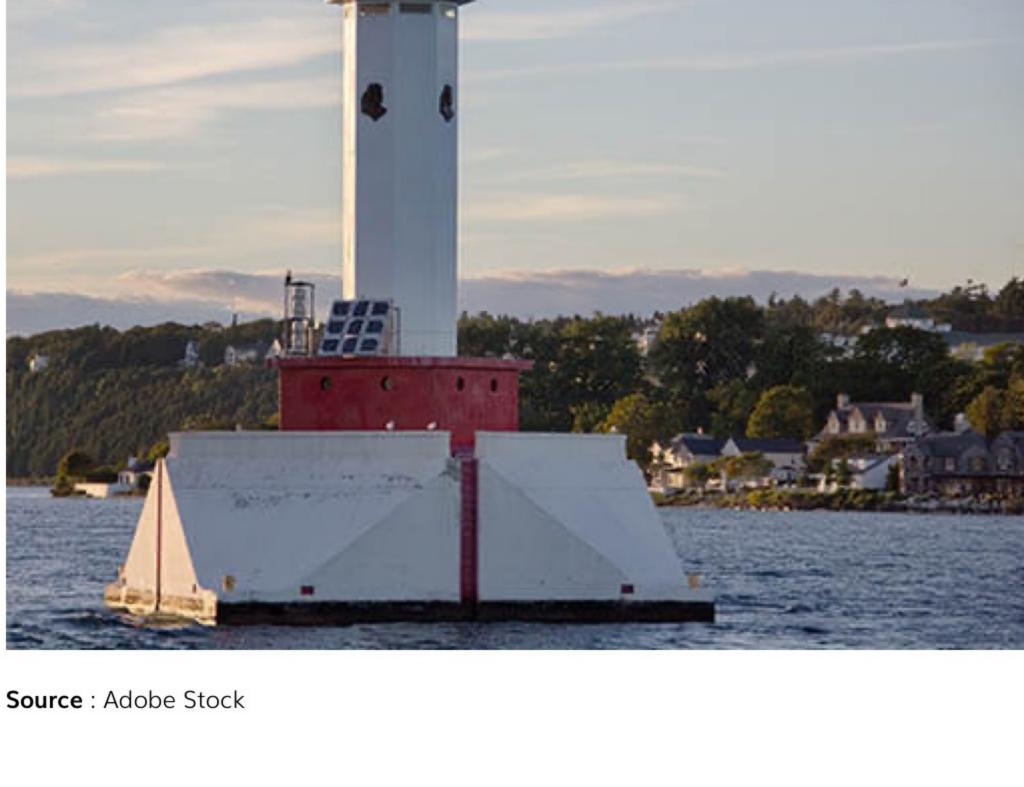
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## **Grand Hotel**

One of the most recognized hotels on the island, this resort is located on a bluff overlooking Lake Huron. The opulent 393-room Victorian mansion opened in 1887 and contains the world's longest porch. It was the movie location for "Somewhere in Time," and it has hosted five U.S. presidents. You'll stay in luxurious, updated rooms individually decorated by prominent interior designers. In the morning, take a swim in the hotel pool named for competitive swimmer and film star, Esther Williams. Spend your afternoon at Astor's Salon and Spa, and then wrap up the day playing lawn games before enjoying a five-course dinner and dancing.

## Hotel Iroquois One of the island's oldest properties, this striking 1904 Victorian sits

on a bend on Main Street and features an enclosed gazebo-style front porch overlooking award-winning Victorian-style gardens. The gardens continue to the back of the 46-room hotel, where visitors experience stunning waterfront scenery complimented by lighthouse views and a private sunbathing beach. The Hotel Iroquois offers elegant, distinctively decorated rooms, most with air conditioning and a few with ceiling fans for cooling down on hot summer days. Its in-house restaurant, Carriage House, is an island favorite and is open for lunch and dinner during high season between mid-May and mid-September.



Mission Point Resort

### Situated on 18 acres of waterfront property on the island's sunrise side, Mission Point Resort is tucked away from the rest of the island.

Built as a small, walkable community unto itself, the 241-room resort includes five restaurants, a completely equipped fitness center, a full-service spa, over 38,000 square feet of event and function space, an 18-hole putting course, a complimentary kids' club, and a movie theater. On-site offerings allow you to experience life's simple pleasures like kite flying, flower pressing, biking, and Bocce ball. Family and pet-friendly lodging is located in the Main Lodge or Straits Lodge, and fully furnished apartment-style suites of up to 1,500 square feet are available. Island House Hotel

## Built in 1852, the Island House Hotel is the island's oldest hotel and has since been restored to its original splendor. A 95-room property

in the Marina Historic District, just two blocks from downtown, the mansion sits a short distance from the Lake Huron shore it overlooks. The hotel offers an impressive array of room sizes and types with packages to suit guests with different tastes. Accommodations are simple but elegant, with private baths and pillow-top mattresses, and they range from traditional rooms to suites that sleep eight guests and contain kitchenettes. After a restful night's sleep, eat in one of the hotel's three restaurants, and take advantage of its many amenities like its indoor pool or nearby golf course. Inn at Stonecliffe

Nested high on a quiet west bluff, the Inn at Stonecliffe comprises several buildings. First is the 16-room 1904 Tudor-style mansion. There is also the more modern but Victorian-influenced, 31-suite Summer House. Island visitors who prefer an entirely tranquil, relaxing experience stay here, surrounded by lush gardens and enthralling bluff-top views of the island's bustling main tourist path. Non-smoking mansion rooms, beautifully redecorated in 2014, windows. Air-conditioned suites in the Summer House include a full-

feature lush bedding and cool island breezes through open size sofa sleeper and a mini kitchenette. Savor your complimentary hot breakfast each morning, and eat dinner at the Cudahy Chophouse restaurant.

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