



DOOR COUNTY MARITIME TOUR

3 Day – 2 Night Sample Itinerary



“One of the Top Ten Vacation Destinations in North America.”

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Day 1:

- 10:00AM Arrive at the **Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay**, offering docent guided tours of the maritime related exhibits that span the nautical history of Door County from early American Indian canoes to post World War II bulk carriers. Tour the tug boat and if there's time head across the bridge and enjoy the **Door County Historical Museum**, named the best small museum in the Midwest by the Chicago Tribune. Call ahead to find out about their annual exhibit and schedule a tour.
- 12:30PM Enjoy lunch at **Waterfront Mary's** while watching the boats pass through the harbor.
- 1:30PM For your next stop, walk the break wall at the **Canal Station Pier-head light**. This fully operational US Coast Guard station is located at the Lake Michigan end of Sturgeon Bay ship canal. It was built in 1882 and automated in 1972.
- 2:30PM Start your journey north on Hwy 57 to the oldest town in Door County, Baileys Harbor. Here you will find the historic **Baileys Harbor Range Lights**. For 100 years starting in 1869, sailors lined up the upper and lower lights of this facility to gain safe entry into the harbor.
- 3:30PM Journey northeast about 6 miles to **Cana Island Lighthouse**. This is Door County's most recognizable lighthouse and landmark. Wander through the oil room and keeper's house then climb the stairs to the top for the spectacular view of Lake Michigan. Peruse the grounds and find the historical marker for the shipwreck Frank O'Conner, one of the largest wooden ships ever built.
- 4:30PM Check into hotel for some **R&R**.
- 6:30PM Experience a traditional **Fish Boil** dinner at dozens of locations around the county. The boil features whitefish caught by local fishermen that is then cooked outside over an open fire, just as it was one hundred years ago by Scandinavian settlers of the Peninsula.

Day 2:

- 8:30AM Depart for Washington Island Ferry.
- 9:30AM Board the **Washington Island Ferry** for a half-hour scenic trip through Death's Door en route to Washington Island.
- 10:30AM Arrive on Washington Island and board the **Cherry Train**. Share the history, folklore and legends of island life with your expert tour guide.
- 12:00PM **Lunch**
- 1:00PM Learn some more about the Door County's rich maritime history at **the Jackson Harbor Maritime Museum**, located in two former fishing sheds, where fisherman continue in the commercial fishing trade. View artifacts, photographs and videos on local maritime history including commercial fishing, Coast Guard and area shipwrecks.
- 2:00PM Before leaving the island make one last stop at **School House Beach**. The beach is one of only 5 beaches in the world covered completely in smooth white limestone rocks.
- 3:00PM Board the **Washington Island Ferry** and return to the Peninsula.
- 4:00PM Go back to the hotel for some R&R before dinner.
- 5:00PM Prior to dinner journey through the streets of **Sister Bay**. Visit the shops, stop for a glass of wine or simply soak up all your surroundings at Waterfront Park.
- 6:00PM Enjoy dinner at **The Inn at Kristofer's**, truly waterfront dining at its best.
- 7:00PM Stay for desert and watch the **sunset** from your table or walk down to the waters edge and see the colors of the sky explode over the waters of the bay.

Day 3:

- 8:00AM Enjoy breakfast at the **Square Rigger Galley, Jacksonport**. Located in on the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline and known for their award winning breakfasts.
- 9:00AM Take part in one final maritime experience and see the magnificence and beauty of Door County while aboard an old **Chicago Fire Boat or Harbor Lady**.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING DOOR COUNTY!

