# **Circle Georgian Bay**

5 Days

June 16-20, 2019

## Day 1 Little Current, ON

From Toronto, we begin our circle of Georgian Bay by travelling through the Bruce Peninsula to Tobermory. Here we board the Chi Cheemaun for a 2-hour cruise across the narrows between Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, one of the most beautiful and biologically diverse environments in Canada. Several vessels have plied these waters since 1932 from the 14-car capacity Normac to the current Chi Cheemaun with a vehicle capacity of 143. We disembark on Manitoulin Island, the largest freshwater Island in the world. A spectacular view awaits on a stop at 10-mile point before continuing to Little Current for our two-night stay. Dinner is included. **(D)** 

## Day 2 Little Current, ON

Breakfast is included this morning. Why not enjoy that second cup of coffee on the deck overlooking the North Channel, or take a stroll on the boardwalk along the waterfront? Mid-morning, we explore Manitoulin. See Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong and of course we can't miss out on the Chocolate Shop! In M'Chigeeng you'll find one of a kind handmade Quill Boxes at Lillians Native Crafts, and then to the inspirational Immaculate Conception Church. Lunch will be included along the way. This evening a special cruise is planned aboard the Grand Heron, a 75' trimaran style tour boat. See the historic swing bridge, the wind-swept pines and the quartzite rock bluffs while enjoying a delicious dinner topped off with a spectacular sunset! **(B,L,D)** 

#### Day 3 Sudbury, ON

After breakfast, we cross the historic swing bridge, the only land access to Manitoulin Island. We travel through The La Cloche Mountains, a range of 3.5-billion-year quartzite rock. At their peak, the La Cloche mountain range once stood 11 kilometers tall making them the tallest mountain range in the world but after billions of years of erosion, what you see is an area of smooth quartzite ridges that now make up some of the tallest mountains in Ontario. Scattered throughout these mountains are boulders which were used as "warning bells" by the local natives when struck. For this reason, the range was coined "Bell Mountains", in French – "Lacloche" by the French Voyageurs. On arrival in Sudbury, we stop at the famous Big Nickel before making our way to Science North. The structure is designed to represent two snowflake-shaped buildings connected by a rock tunnel which passes through a billion-year-old geologic fault. Exhibits allow you to identify the frogs and birds that inhabit Ontario's wetlands; enter the darkened environment of the nocturnal room for a glimpse of nocturnal animals; take a closer look at a living honey bee colony; inside a beaver hut and some billion-year-old fossils!! We overnight in Sudbury. (B)

## Day 4 Midland, ON

The French River is the first designated Canadian Heritage River, flowing 110 miles from Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay and the paddle route of First Nations, French Explorers, fur traders and Voyageurs. The Visitor Centre presents "Voices of the River", through rich exhibitry and take in spectacular views over the French River Gorge from the suspension bridge. In Midland, we visit the Huronia Museum. See a replica of a "pre-contact" Huron/Ouendat village, wigwam and a full-size longhouse as well as an exhibit gallery featuring tens of thousands of historic artifacts ranging from photographs, native archaeology and art by members of the Group of Seven, and others. Later we enjoy an evening performance at The

King's Wharf Theatre, with dinner included prior to the show. Nestled within Discovery Harbour on Georgian Bay, it is flanked by the historic buildings of a 19th-century British naval and military base and located at the end of a beautiful boardwalk that looks on to the homeport of replica ships H.M.S. Bee and H.M.S. Tecumseth. We overnight in Midland. **(B,D)** 

#### Day 5 Home

A leisurely breakfast before we continue our journey back to Toronto to check in for your conference for 12 noon. (B)

#### **Includes**

Relaxing motor coach transportation

4 nights accommodation

Taxes

Luggage handling- one per person

4 breakfasts - combination full and deluxe continental

MS Chi Cheemaun

Dinner in Little Current

Guided Sightseeing on Manitoulin

Lunch on Manitoulin

Sunset Dinner Cruise on North Channel

**Big Nickel Sudbury** 

Science North

French River Visitor Center

Huronia Museum

**Dinner Midland** 

Performance at Kings Wharf Theatre

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