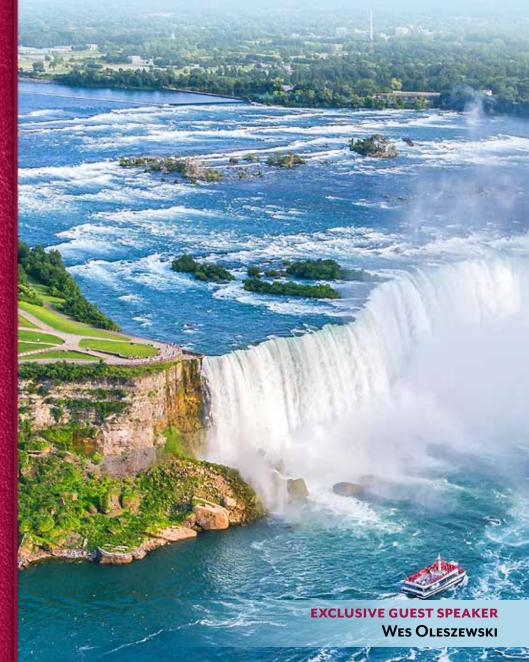


# Cruising the Great Lakes

October 2 to 9, 2023



#### Highlights include:

- Visit all five Great Lakes—Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Superior, and Lake Ontario.
- Dive into Great Lakes lore with renowned Great Lakes author Wes Oleszewski, who has a large YouTube following.
- Full-day excursion to Niagara Falls with a cruise to Horseshoe Falls and a visit to the Floral Clock with lunch overlooking the falls.
- Horse-drawn carriage tour of Victorian Mackinac Island and clifftop Fort Mackinac, with a specially arranged lunch at the elegant, 19<sup>th</sup> century
   GRAND HOTEL.





#### Wes Oleszewski

Wes Oleszewski is a prolific author who has written 27 books since 1991. A native of Saginaw, Michigan, he is known for his ability to extract important details from obscure events, which he weaves into historically accurate narratives. His books cover such topics as

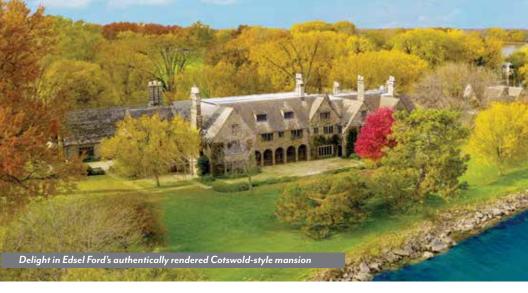
Great Lakes maritime history, World War II and the Great Lakes, and aviation spy tales. Oleszewski also operates YouTube channel with over 150 videos and two million views—sharing extensive extensive insight into the worlds of aviation and maritime history, providing a wealth of information for anyone who shares his love of these topics.



#### 8 Day Itinerary

- Depart home city/ Toronto, Canada/Embark ship/ Lake Ontario/Welland Canal
- 2 Niagara Falls/Lake Erie
- 3 Detroit, Michigan, U.S.
- 4 Detroit/Lake Huron
- 5 Tobermory, Canada/Lake Huron
- 6 Soo Locks/Lake Superior/ Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S.
- 7 Mackinac Island/Lake Michigan
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin/ Return to home city

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#### Dear Alumni & Friends:

As the largest surface of fresh water on Earth and the gateway between the Eastern Seaboard and the Midwest, the Great Lakes are ideal for exploring North America's rich maritime history, passion for invention, and sublime natural wonders. This expertly created program cruises all five of the Great Lakes—Ontario, Erie, Superior, Huron, and Michigan—and features lectures on board by renowned Great Lakes author Wes Oleszewski.

Journey from cosmopolitan Toronto to Milwaukee during early autumn, when the region's foliage begins to put on its breathtaking, vibrant show. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star LE BELLOT, featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. Call at smaller ports and discover some of North America's most alluring towns, visionary cities, and magnificent coastal scenery. Enjoy a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage ride along the picturesque streets of quaint Mackinac Island—unchanged for over 100 years—to the iconic GRAND HOTEL. Cruise the protected waters near Tobermory, Ontario, Canada, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Transit the historic Soo Locks at Sault Sainte Marie and the Welland Canal near Niagara Falls, two of the world's most celebrated 19th-century engineering feats and major catalysts for industrial growth and innovation.

An archetype for 20<sup>th</sup>-century urban growth and the birthplace of Motown, Detroit is currently undergoing a renaissance. Experience the Motor City's fascinating cultural legacy at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion, and the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. This journey through the Great Lakes' history and natural splendor culminates with a visit to awe-inspiring Niagara Falls, where a thunderous cascade of crashing water summons one of life's most mesmerizing spectacles.

This refined itinerary aboard the five-star LE BELLOT, with all meals and excursions included, triumphs the vitality, dynamism, and natural beauty of North America's five Great Lakes. We encourage you to make your reservations while space and extended booking savings are still available!

Cordially,

Marquente Copella Jones

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88 Travel Program Director Office of Alumni Relations The Johns Hopkins University

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of you trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

#### Program Highlights



## Maritime Marvels



In the heart of North America lies the world's largest reservoir of fresh water, carved by glaciers 10,000 years ago. Surrounded by 11,000 miles of spectacularly sculpted shoreline, the five Great Lakes boast powerful natural wonders, historical maritime landmarks, and some of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. Our tour offers a glimpse of life on the Great Lakes over the last two centuries as we visit the nearly 200-year-old Welland Canal that connects Lake Erie with Lake Ontario and the mighty Soo Locks—one located in Sault Ste, Marie in Ontario, Canada, and the other in a city by the same name in Michigan. Learn more about this fascinating maritime history at the SS VALLEY CAMP Museum, housed in a 1917 lake freighter, where two lifeboats from the famous EDMUND FITZGERALD shipwreck are on display.



Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie





#### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

#### Depart home city/ Toronto, Canada/ Embark the ship/ Lake Ontario/ Welland Canal Day 1

Arrive in Toronto and cruise through eight locks of the Welland Canal, one of North America's most important economic lifelines. Constructed in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the canal links Lake Ontario to Lake Erie and was instrumental in opening the Great Lakes to commerce and prosperity; the canal carries nearly 40 million tons of cargo per year.

Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

#### Niagara Falls/Lake Erie Day 2

Drive to Niagara Falls and ride the Hornblower Cruise Funicular down the 19-story rock walls of the Great Gorge and back up. Cruise toward the base of Horseshoe Falls and experience the sheer force of this geological wonder. After a specially-arranged lunch, see the 410 million-year-old layers of the Niagara Gorge and the Whirlpool Rapids, among the world's most extreme. Discover the Sir Adam Beck Power Station, the world's first large-scale hydroelectric generation project, and Niagara's famous Floral Clock, intricately filled with 20,000 plants and flowers. This evening, cruise Lake Erie.

## Detroit, Michigan, US Day 3

Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the most

significant collections of art in the nation, housed in a magnificent Beaux Arts building. See Diego Rivera's monumental Detroit Industry mural, which captures the city's blue-collar history, as well as master works by Auguste Rodin, Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Edgar Degas, and Paul Cézanne. Continue to Grosse Point to visit the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Mansion.

## Detroit/Lake Huron Day 4

Visit the acclaimed Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, which spotlights the creative genius of American inventor and innovators that represent defining moments in U.S. history. See Kennedy's presidential limo, the chair where Lincoln was assassinated in Ford's Theater, and the bus where Rosa Parks refused to vacate her seat. This evening, cruise Lake Huron.

#### Tobermory, Canada/ Lake Huron Day 5

In Tobermory, embark on a glass-bottom boat cruise from Little Tub Harbor to Big Tub Harbor. See the remains of the schooner SWEEPSTAKES, Big Tub Lighthouse, and the Flowerpot Island. Enjoy time at leisure. Prepare for more stunning views this evening as you cruise across Lake Huron.

#### Soo Locks/ Lake Superior/ Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S. Day 6

This morning, transit the Soo Locks from Lake Huron to Lake Superior and back. Arrive in Sault Ste.

Marie and explore the SS VALLEY

CAMP, a retired lake freighter that is now a museum featuring exhibits of faithfully restored





living quarters and the tragic loss of the EDMUND FITZGERALD. Continue to the Soo Locks Interpretation Center and watch colossal freighters lower 21 feet from Lake Superior to enter Lake Huron. This evening, cruise Lake Huron.

#### Mackinac Island/ Lake Michigan Day 7

Set off on a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage ride around the island with a photo stop at the famed Arch Rock. Continue to
Fort Mackinac for a guided visit.
Enjoy lunch at the National
Historic Landmark, GRAND
HOTEL MACKINAC in the hotel's
elegant Main Dining Room
overlooking the world's longest
porch displaying the hotel's many
American flags, as well as the
glistening Straits of Mackinac.

Cruise Lake Michigan and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

#### Milwaukee, Wisconsin/ Return to home city Day 8

Disembark continue on to the Milwaukee Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



#### ALWAYS INCLUDED WITH GOHAGAN & COMPANY

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.

- Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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No cancellation fees for new bookings until 95 days prior to trip departure.\*





#### Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design

LE BELLOT represents a new generation of five-star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships, where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and internet access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included.

#### Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies

Each of the 92 five-star staterooms and suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, a private bathroom with shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities.





#### 2023 DEPARTURE DATE: October 2 to 9 (Embarkation: October 2 at 4:00 p.m.)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES excluding taxes	Extended Booking Discount through Sep. 4, 2023	Rate after Sep. 4, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony.  Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$4,995	\$5,745
7	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 4, midship.	\$5,695	\$6,545
6	$Prestige \ stateroom \ with \ expansive \ sliding \ glass \ door, \ \textbf{private balcony}. \ \textit{Deck 5, midship and aft}.$	\$6,395	\$7,355
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 6, midship and aft.	\$6,995	\$8,045
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$7,995	\$9,195
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,695	\$9,995
2	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 5, midship.	\$9,295	\$10,685
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>private balcony</b> . Deck 6, midship.	\$9,995	\$11,495
Prestige Suite II	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability)	\$10,995	\$12,645
Prestige Suite I	Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability)	\$11,495	\$13,215
Privilege Suite	Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, sitting area with sofa. $Decks 5 \ and 6$ , $aft$ . (limited availability)	\$11,995	\$13,795
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, $spacious\ private\ terrace$ , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. $Deck\ 6$ , $aft$ . (limited availability)	\$12,995	\$14,945
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. $Deck 5$ , $aft$ . (limited availability)	\$13,995	\$16,095
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Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Port taxes are an additional \$450 per person. Additional fuel surcharge fees may apply. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard.

LE BELLOT has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request. Gohagan & Company reserves the right to correct errors or omissions and to change any and all fares, fees, promotions, and surcharges at any time.



### Pre-Program Option

#### Toronto September 30 to October 2, 2023

Start your Great Lakes voyage early in cosmopolitan Toronto, one of North America's most celebrated cultural melting pots. Enjoy a walking tour of the Distillery District, Canada's premier arts, culture, and entertainment destination, and visit Fort York, built in 1793 on the shores of Lake Ontario. Enjoy a specially arranged lunch in the CN Tower's 360-degree revolving restaurant. Visit Casa Loma, a Gothic Revival mansion and garden built in the style of a European castle by Sir Henry Mill Pellatt. Tour the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto's crowning jewel with a collection of over 80,000 works, including the world's largest collection of Henry Moore sculptures. Accommodations for two nights are in the historical FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,195 Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,395



#### Post-Program Option

## Milwaukee October 9 to 11, 2023

Rich in architectural treasures and world-class institutions that reflect its storied history, vibrant Milwaukee is the perfect extension to your Great Lakes cruise. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historical North Point neighborhood—home to one of the finest collections of Victorian mansions in the Midwest—and tour the expansive Milwaukee Art Museum, an impressive addition to Milwaukee's revitalized waterfront, with more than 25,000 pieces of art. Visit the striking Pabst Mansion, built in Flemish style by Pabst Brewing Company president Frederick Pabst. Accommodations for two nights are in the historical, centrally located PFISTER HOTEL.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$895 Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,195

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

#### RESERVATION FORM

Send to:

2023 Cruising the Great Lakes The Johns Hopkins University c/o Gohagan & Company 209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60604-1446 (800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140

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