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### ***North Woods Fall Adventure & Las Vegas (advance brochure)***

*September 23-October 7, 2020*

#### Sample Flight Itinerary:

- **9/23, Wed, HNL/SFO**, United Airlines, 1:20 p.m./9:19 p.m.
- **SFO/ORD**, United Airlines, 11:30 p.m./5:33 a.m. (arrival 9/24)
- **9/24, Thu, ORD/MSP**, United Airlines 6:25 a.m./7:50 a.m.
- **10/4, Sun, MSP/DEN**, UA #1683, 11:31 a.m./12:45 p.m.
- **DEN/LAS**, United Airlines, 1:45 p.m./2:42 p.m.
- **10/7, Wed, LAS/SFO**, United Airlines, 11:29 p.m./1:10 p.m.
- **SFO/HNL**, United Airlines, 4:35 p.m./6:54 p.m.

HNL=Honolulu; ORD=Chicago; MSP=Minneapolis-St. Paul;  
DEN=Denver; LAS=Las Vegas; SFO=San Francisco

*Flight itinerary is subject to quarterly rescheduling by United Airlines'*

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- Tour Escort: Ellen Matsumoto
  - Group round trip airfare via United Airlines: Honolulu/Minneapolis-St. Paul/Las Vegas/Honolulu. Independent airfare plus land package available.
  - Fifteen day tour—Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, and Nevada
  - Optional Group Deluxe Plan travel protection coverage available for tour travel dates. Schedule of Benefits include Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Baggage/Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, etc.
  - Pre-tour luncheon meeting AND a post-tour luncheon in Las Vegas
  - Tour cost:
    - \$4,269 per person, double occupancy
    - \$4,489 single occupancy

- \$4,017 per person, triple occupancy, existing beds
- **EARLY DEADLINE:** deposits received by June 8 will guarantee a group airfare. **Airfare may increase after this date.**

#### **Tour Highlights:**

- Minnesota overnights: **Brainerd Lakes**, two nights in **Ely**, one night in **Duluth** and **Bloomington** (Mall of America). Our travel will take us from the Metro, East Central and North East Regions of Minnesota.
- Northern Wisconsin: two nights in **Ashland**. Our hotel is located on the waterfront of **Chequamegon Bay** (Lake Superior) & one night in **Hayward**, a fishing destination for Muskie, Northern Pike, Walleye, and Smallmouth Bass.
- Michigan's Upper Peninsula: two nights at **Keweenaw Peninsula**, the Copper Country. If you did not join our first visit to Keweenaw Peninsula in October 2015, you have not traveled to this remote Upper Peninsula (UP) destination with EMHT. The Peninsula is the northernmost part of the UP and surrounded by the waters of Lake Superior.
- Nevada: 3 exciting and relaxing nights in Las Vegas

This period of travel is during the predicted autumn season in Northern Minnesota, N. Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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**Wed, Sept 23: HNL/SFO/MSP:** Meet at **Daniel K. Inouye International Airport** for our afternoon departure to San Francisco and our connecting flight to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport via United Airlines

**Thu, Sep 24 Chicago/Minneapolis-St. Paul / Little Falls / Brainerd, MN**

Upon arrival at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, we will board our motor coach and proceed for an early morning optional breakfast. The owner and guide of **MN Backyard Birds** will meet us in **Little Falls, MN** for a visit to **Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**. This refuge is a protected watershed and one of the largest nesting populations of the **Greater Sandhill Cranes** in Minnesota. The **Common Loon** is Minnesota's state bird and one of the most vocal water birds. We will be in search to see and/or hear the Common Loon's **yodel, Tremelo (crazy manic laugh), Wail** or **Hoot** during our tour of Brainerd and a few of Brainerd's crystal lakes. Our hotel is located on the shores of **Gull Lake**, a spring-fed lake with a mile-long sandy beach. Brainerd is centrally located within the state of Minnesota, surrounded by more than 500 lakes and one of two gateway communities to the Lakes area. Receive one complimentary round of FootGolf or Golf on the Legacy Par 3 course. *FootGolf: a combination of soccer and golf and played with players kicking a soccer ball into a 22 inch cup in as few shots as possible.*

Accommodations: Cragun's Resort & Hotel

**Fri, Sept 25: Brainerd/Ely, MN**

We will proceed to Ely (*EE-lee*), MN, a gateway to one of America's last pure outdoor area... **Welcome to Ely, Minnesota & the North Woods!** Enjoy a two-night stay at the **Grand Ely Lodge** with lake view rooms. Ely is located within the Minnesota Iron Range and began shipping iron ore to Two Harbors and Duluth in 1888. Downtown Ely has approximately 19 murals which honors their history and Ely's treasures. Enjoy a city tour of downtown Ely. This afternoon we will visit the **Ely-Winton History Museum**, located on the Vermilion Community College campus providing insight of the Ojibwa, fur trade, mining, logging and the voyageurs. Meal: Breakfast. Accommodations: TBA.

**Sat, Sept 26: Ely, MN**

After a leisurely breakfast, we will visit the **International Wolf Center** for a self-guided experience. Enjoy the opportunity to look a gray wolf in the eye, learn about the wolf's habitat, take photos of the Exhibit Pack in their natural habitat, and view a film presentation, *Wolves and Humans*. Note: the Black Bear and Timber Wolves are seen in the northern woodland areas as well as beavers, frogs & toads, loons, moose, red fox and whitetail deer. Ely is the gateway of the **Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness** with more than one million acres of ancient forest, waterways and virgin areas. Enjoy a visit to the **Dorothy Molter Museum** who was affectionately known as the **Root Beer Lady**. Dorothy lived most of her 56 years on the **Isle of Pines on Knife Lake** accessible by seaplanes and motorboats. Traveling by motorboats required carrying the boat and motor over land in order to arrive at Knife

Lake. Changes to this area occurred between 1948 and 1984 and acquired a designation as a wilderness area with only canoe travel. This area was then known as the largest U.S. wilderness east of the Mississippi that eliminated all motorized transportation, removed residences, buildings, businesses and the roads. In 1975, Dorothy was granted an exception to remain in this wilderness as a *service volunteer in service* and allowed to stay until she passed away in 1986 at 79 years of age. Dorothy's home was among the most isolated in the country and required a day and a half of travel from her home to the nearest road. The closest town from Dorothy's cabin was 36 miles away. After her death, the cabin was taken apart and moved to Ely, otherwise the Forest Service was directed to burn her cabin by a certain date. This was the only time an exception was granted to use motorized snowmobile transportation for this move. Relatives and friends helped brew her famous root beer and averaged over 10,000 bottles per summer. **Charles Kuralt**, CBS broadcaster, visited Ely often until he passed away in 1997. Our day is not over, we will visit the **North American Bear Center** and learn about their behavior, relations with humans and meet the ambassador bears. Meal: Breakfast-- Accommodations: TBA

**Sun, Sept 27: Ely/Two Harbors/Duluth, MN**

This morning enjoy a scenic back-roads drive from Ely's scenic highway through the **Superior National Forest** to Highway 61. We will pass through the Village of **Finland**, one of the last areas of Minnesota to be settled by the **Finns** and **Scandinavians** in the late 1890s. Electricity was brought into this area in 1939. We will travel **Lake Superior's scenic Highway 61**. A rest break is scheduled at **Split Rock Lighthouse** with excellent restrooms and a great gift shop with Minnesota products. We have an early afternoon boarding for our train ride. With Mother's Nature cooperation, enjoy a **fall foliage train ride** with river and lake views. The train travels alongside the **St. Louis River** and crosses the **Mud Lake Causeway**. Our hotel is located within walking distance of **Duluth's Canal Park**. There are many restaurants and shops in this old warehouse district. There is a 4.2-mile long lake walk fronting **Lake Superior**. You may also watch ships from around the world entering or leaving the **Port of Duluth**. In the evening enjoy complimentary **toasted marshmallow or smores** at the outdoor grill. Meal: Breakfast & Boxed Lunch--Accommodations: Inn on Lake Superior

**Mon, Sept 28: Duluth/Ashland, WI**

Enjoy a tour of **The Glensheen Estate** in Duluth. The **Congdon Estate** was built in 1908 at a cost of \$854,000 but is now valued at \$22 million dollars. This is a **Lake Superior waterfront property** and was landscaped with all utilities running underground for the mansion, carriage house, boathouse, and the gardener's cottage. A 60,000-gallon reservoir provided water for the grounds.

The pier was the largest private pier on Lake Superior. We will tour the lower level and first and second floor of this estate. We will proceed to **Ashland, WI**, (a two-night stay) known as the heart and soul of **Chequamegon Bay**. Our hotel is located on the shores of Chequamegon Bay, an inlet of Lake Superior. The Bay area is the best birding destination in the Mid-West with almost 300 bird species. Meal: breakfast. Accommodations: Best Western The Hotel Chequamegon, a premier Victorian-style resort

**Tue, Sept 29: Ashland/Bayfield/Ashland, WI**

We will travel to the City of **Bayfield**. Many of the structures were built in the 1800s and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a **grand catamaran cruise of the Apostle Islands** which will include views of **Raspberry Island Lighthouse, Devils Island, Manitou Fish Camp, Wildlife, Sea Stacks (rock formations) and the sea caves**. Centuries of wave action within the Apostle Islands have created sea caves with delicate arches, vaulted chambers and honey-combed passageways into cliffs on the north shores of **Devils Island**. The lake's wave action will depend how close the catamaran will be able to approach the sea cave. Each winter **Ice Cave** enthusiasts eagerly await notice if the ice caves open for tours. I believe the last ice cave tour was offered in 2014; ice cave tours are becoming a rare situation. During extreme winter situations, an ice bridge may connect **Sand Island** to the mainland. Ice extends to the cliff tops and the waterfall hardens. During optimum winter conditions, needlelike icicles and scenery changes from day to day. The National Park service authorizes ice cave tours. Enjoy a **three-course lunch** at an impressive bed & breakfast inn, a **guided tour of Bayfield** and a **stop at a farm with flowers, berries, apples and a gift shop**. We will visit **Bayfield's Heritage Museum**. The Museum features exhibits of commercial fishing, the flood of 1942, agriculture, and maple syrup. Bayfield will celebrate its annual **Apple Festival** during the upcoming weekend so the farm will be well stocked (October 4-6). As many as 60,000 visitors will descend upon Bayfield during the Apple Festival. Bayfield's population is approximately 550 residents. Meals: Breakfast & Lunch. Accommodations: Best Western The Hotel Chequamegon

**Wed, Sept 30: Ashland/Porcupine Mountain/Hancock/Houghton, MI (Keweenaw Peninsula)**

This morning we will visit **Porcupine Mountain State Park (Porkies)**, an area with the largest old-growth hardwood-hemlock forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We will visit the **Lake of the Clouds** overlook for a scenic view of the **Big Carp River Valley**. Lake of the Clouds is one of the most photographed areas in the Porkies. This afternoon we will visit a historic underground copper mine and museum in the original **1894 #2 Hoist Building**. Our

visit to **Keweenaw Peninsula** is the northernmost part of **Michigan's Upper Peninsula**. The City of **Houghton** is the **Gateway to Keweenaw (key-wah-nah) Peninsula** and **Birthplace of Organized Professional Ice Hockey**. This evening we will visit the **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum** with an excellent gift shop, located at the **University of Michigan Technological University**. Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express  
**Thu, Oct 1: Houghton/Copper Harbor/Brockway Mountain/Eagle River/Houghton, MI**

This morning we will tour the Keweenaw Peninsula—Copper Harbor, Eagle Harbor and Brockway Mountain Drive. The Copper Harbor Lighthouse is no longer accessible. The **Brockway Mountain Drive** takes us 1,320 feet above the sea level and 720 feet above the surface of Lake Superior for a panoramic view of Copper Harbor and Lake Superior. On a clear day, you will be able to view **Isle Royale**, 50 miles from the top of Brockway Mountain. This afternoon we will visit a bakery operated by the **Catholic Monastery of the Byzantine Rite**. This bakery is known for their rare **Thimbleberry Jam** and other bakery products such as their famous fruitcake, pound cakes, muffins, cookies, etc. Thimbleberry Jam is a rare jam made in the Keweenaw Counties. It is believed the minerals in the soil make the thimbleberries from Copper Country taste better. Meal: Breakfast. Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express

**Fri, Oct 2: Houghton/Hayward, WI**

We will proceed to **Hayward**, located in the northwest corner of Wisconsin and named after a lumberman, Anthony Judson Hayward. We will visit **The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum**. The highlight of the museum is **The Great Muskie**, one-half city block long and four and one-half stories tall made of concrete, steel and fiberglass and hand sculpted into a leaping fish with its gaping, open jaw that's able to accommodate 20 people for a panoramic view of **Lake Hayward**. The Great Muskie sits atop an 88,000-gallon pond. Hayward has crystal clear lakes and known for water sports, fishing, winter activities, hiking, road or off-road bicycling and their fall colors—reds, oranges, yellows. Not all of the species change their color at the same time and the foliage process may begin from late August. Our hotel is located on the southernmost shoreline of **Lake Namakagon**, a natural lake in WI. Lake Namakagon is a trophy musky lake but there's also walleye, bass, northern pike, crappies and panfish. Meal: Breakfast. Accommodations: Lakewoods Resort

**Sat, Oct 3: Hayward/Stone Lake/Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington, MN**

We will visit **Stone Lake's Cranberry Festival** in a small town atmosphere. Enjoy the arts and craft booths, food vendors and a flea & farmer's market. Thousands of pounds of cranberries and craisins are bagged and

sold. The Cranberry Festival is annually held on the first Saturday in October. **Stone Lake** is known for clean, deep glacial lakes, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, biking and cross-country skiing. We will proceed to **Minneapolis** and stop for an optional lunch at a grocery store/Asian Kitchen that was featured on the **Food Network, *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives!*** Bloomington is home of **Mall of America (MOA)**. The MOA is the largest retail shopping mall in the U.S. and has 520 stores, 50 restaurants, Nickelodeon Universe (theme park), and an aquarium. Shuttle service is available to MOA or within walking distance from our hotel. Meal: Breakfast. Accommodations: Country Inn & Suites

**Sun, Oct 4: Bloomington/Las Vegas, NV**

EMHT tour members 21+ years of age and included on our rooming list will receive a meal package that includes three meals per day but are limited to daily specials and specials noted on the menu. Meal: Breakfast (Bloomington). Accommodations: California Hotel & Casino

**Mon-Tue, Oct 5-6: Las Vegas, NV**

Mon, October 7: Enjoy a luncheon buffet with a variety of sushi and buffet selections. We will shop at **Trader Joe's** and visit **Bellagio's Conservatory**. The Bellagio Conservatory flora will feature orange and yellow, brown and gold to highlight the fall foliage season.

October 8: free day to leisurely enjoy a relaxing time in Las Vegas. Meal: Luncheon Buffet. Accommodations: California Hotel & Casino

**Wed, Oct 7: Las Vegas/Honolulu, HI**

Your escort will assist you with your return flights to Hawaii via San Francisco.

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