Developing Itinerary Mackinac Island, MI, Tues., June 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri., June 21st, 2019

Day 1 – Tuesday – Say Yes! To Pure Michigan! Arrive at St. Christopher parking lot (147<sup>th</sup> and Karlov, Midlothian) at 6:30am, prepare for a **7:00am departure** time. This morning we'll travel through Indiana & lower Michigan with a continental breakfast on the bus and enjoy some of our famous fun bus games. (goodies and snack sharing always welcome!) We'll continue traveling north through the beautiful greenery of lower Michigan. Our lunch stop is near the Cadillac area. We continue traveling after lunch toward the 5 mile long Mackinac Bridge. The "Mighty Mac" bridge is one of the world's longest suspension bridges. As we cross over to the upper peninsula our evening stay is in St. Ignace. We'll check in at the beautiful Harbour Pointe Inn. Our hotel sits on 11 acres along the shores of Lake Huron looking out at Mackinac Island. This evening we'll enjoy a great dinner and get better acquainted. We'll also have an optional stop at the Kewadin Casino before returning to our hotel for the evening. (There is also shuttle bus service back to the hotel if you want more time or are on a winning streak!) (B,D)

**Day 2 – Wednesday** – Remember, adjust your clocks, we're now observing Michigan time! Continental breakfast at the Harbour Pointe. We'll load our luggage and prepare for a 20 minute ferry ride across the waters of the Straits of Mackinac. We'll enjoy a brief reception and introduction to our Bicycle Street Inn Hotel for the next 2 nights. After our welcome we'll board a horse drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island. Then get ready for the fabulous Luncheon Buffet at the Grand Hotel. Afterwards you are encouraged to tour the Grand Hotel and the largest hotel porch in the world. The rest of our day is free time on the Island...shop, tour, ride bikes, horses, carriages....enjoy the sites (B, Grand Hotel Lunch Buffet)

**Day 3 – Thursday** – Today we have an entire day of leisure to explore Mackinac Island. After our deluxe continental hotel breakfast browse the many Main Street shops, visit historic Fort Mackinac, rent bikes at your leisure or join with our group for an (optional) organized leisurely 8 mile group bike ride around the island. We pedal along the coast of Lake Huron circling around the Island. Or, just enjoy a stroll of the beautifully landscaped cottages of the Island and take in the beautiful sight and aroma of the Lilacs. Don't forget to sample the world famous Mackinac Island fudge. Mackinac Island is where the charm of a bye gone era is preserved. No automobiles and nothing to intrude on the serenity and natural beauty of the Island. Enjoy your day of leisure. We gather back together at the hotel and then enjoy a group dinner party. Enjoy the evening! (B,D)

**Day 4– Friday** – This morning, we'll gather again for a hotel breakfast and prepare to leave the Island. After the ferry boat ride we'll again board our bus and prepare for another Michigan excursion. There'll be time for snacking and a light lunch and then we'll begin our journey home heading again through scenic Michigan with fond memories of our time at Mackinac Island. We'll have dinner in lower Michigan en route to our St. Christopher home. (B,D)