

Lake Erie Lighthouse Tours



DAY 1: NORTH COAST HARBOR

Morning

Witness the recorded history of some of the best known and most influential people in the history of rock and roll during your visit to the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum**. Pay homage to your favorite artists, hear their music and see one-of-a-kind memorabilia. 216.781.7625, www.rockhall.com

Enjoy a fun-filled brain building experience at the **Great Lakes Science Center**. Get hands on with more than 400 exhibits, shop the science store or kick back and enjoy a film at The Cleveland Clinic OMNIMAX® Theater. 216.694.2000, www.greatscience.com

A breakwall protects Cleveland's harbor with lighthouses at both ends. Don't miss the excellent view of **Cleveland East Pierhead Lighthouse** from the plaza behind the Great Lakes Science Center. The 63-year-old lighthouse is the first ever built in Cleveland. This is also a great location to view **Cleveland West Breakwater Lighthouse**.

Lunch

You can grab a bite to eat at **House of Blues** located in the heart of downtown Cleveland. Chef Aaron Sanchez has created a new menu that is bold and classy, yet contemporary. Stop by Crossroads at House of Blues and feed your soul. 216.523.BLUE (2583), www.HouseofBlues.com/cleveland

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Afternoon

Travel back in history with a tour of a World War II - GATO class fleet submarine. The **U.S.S. Cod** is now docked in Lake Erie and is maintained and operated as a naval memorial. You won't find any stairways or doors in this submarine's pressure hall. Visitors to this ship use the same vertical ladders and hatches that were used by her crew! 216.556.8770, www.usscod.org

Tour the former flagship of the Cleveland Cliffs Steamship Company at the **Steamship William G. Mather Museum**. Explore the crew's quarters, brass-appointed Pilot House, four-story engine room and ship's cargo hold (now an interactive museum). Take time to see the elegant dining area and staterooms that housed the owners and wealthy passengers. 216.694.2000, www.greatscience.com

Evening

For a beacon of good times and great surf & turf, stop in at **Don's Lighthouse Grille**, located within sight of Lake Erie. 216.961.6700, www.donslighthouse.com

DAY 2: WESTERN LAKE ERIE

Morning

Explore Cleveland's diverse and vibrant West 25th St. with a visit to the beloved landmark, **The West Side Market**. Celebrating its centennial in 2012, expect to get lost in the aisles of Northeast Ohio's best produce, baked goods, and meats. 216.664.3386, www.westsidemarket.org

Heading west, you have ample opportunity to view several lighthouses and browse through the following marine attractions along Lake Erie:

- **Lorain Breakwater Lighthouse**, located at the mouth of the Black River in downtown Lorain. From Route 2, take Route 58 North and follow the shoreline. 800.334.1673
- **Historic Lakeview Park Rose Garden**, check out the spectacular views of the Lorain Lighthouses while taking in this beloved landmark dedicated in 1932 and featuring approximately 2,500 beautiful roses. 440.984.5282, www.visitloraincounty.com
- **Inland Seas Maritime Museum**, located at the mouth of the Vermillion River at 480 Main Street in Vermillion. From Route 2, take Route 60 North. At intersection with Route 6 (Liberty Avenue), go straight to the lake. Open til 2011. 800.893.1485, www.inlandseas.org



- **Vermilion Lighthouse**, located in front of the Inland Seas Maritime Museum. 800.893.1485
- **Huron Harbor Lighthouse**, located along the mile-long pier at the mouth of the Huron River in downtown Huron. From Route 2, take Route 13 (Huron Exit). Turn north and drive approximately two miles to the intersection of Route 6. Turn left on Route 6 and then take a right on Williams Street. Follow Williams Street a half mile to Wall Street and turn right. Travel about a block to Main Street and turn left. 419.433.8487

Lunch

For lunch, head over to **Sawmill Creek Resort. Salmon Run Restaurant** offers daily lunch and dinner specials featuring salmon specialties, steak, poultry and seafood entrees to delight every palate. Or, for something a little more casual, choose from Mulligan's Pub or Trappers Outpost for soups, salads and sandwiches. 800.729.6455, www.sawmillcreek.com; 419.433.3800 x740

After lunch, take a stroll through the treasure of gifts, apparel, jewelry, toys and more found at the Sawmill Creek Shops. The Resort's 235-acre site also provides for an 18-hole Tom Fazio-designed golf course and a lakefront marina. The well-manicured rolling greens, magnificent fairways, and outstanding water hazards make for a challenging round.

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Afternoon

Make a stop at **Marblehead Lighthouse** overlooking Sandusky Bay. The Marblehead Lighthouse has been around since 1882, which makes it the oldest continuously operating lighthouse in the Great Lakes. 419.734.4424

Tours of the lighthouse are available. Scale the lighthouse's spiral stairway or pay a visit to the Keeper's House next door. There, you will find displays related to lighthouse history and the original Fresnel lens that was added to this lighthouse in 1858.

Ready for more maritime adventure? Board the **Miller Boat Line** (800.500.2421, www.millerferry.com) or the **Jet Express-Put-in-Bay Boat Line Co.** to get to downtown Put-In-Bay, Lake Erie's most popular island destination and family fun spot! You'll see the **South Bass Island Lighthouse** on the way. 419.732.2800, www.jetexpress.com; 614.292.8949

Once you dock in Put-in-Bay, you can roam the tiny two by four-mile island that is dotted with historic homes, the nation's third tallest monument, quaint restaurants and local pubs. Strolling barbershop singers, bagpipers, steel drummers and Ohio's best entertainers frequently perform on the island.

Visit the **Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum** where you can explore the heritage of the Lake Erie Islands, from the evolution of the shipping and pleasure craft to stories of early island wineries and resort hotels. Also located on Put-In-Bay is Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial (419.285.2184) a memorial to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. 419.285.2804, www.leihs.org

Evening

Return to the mainland and end your day at the African-themed **Kalahari Resort**, where you can splash away your cares or float down a lazy river. Kalahari offers a wide variety of dining options. 877.525.2427, www.kalahariresorts.com

DAY 3: BOATING, FISHING & BEACHES

Morning

Charter a fishing boat from **Fishin Boat Charters** or **North Coast Charter Boat Association** and reel in some delicious Lake Erie walleye, perch or bass. Or, head to **Wildwood Marina** where you can charter a sightseeing tour, do some fishing or scuba dive. You can pick up any supplies or rentals from their Bait and Tackle Shop and the Marina Restaurant offers everything from fast foods to full-course meals. 800.777.9304; www.northcoastcharter.com; 216.481.5771

Lunch

Take in a view of Lake Erie while enjoying indoor or patio dining at **The Harp**. Old World charm meets city life. Menu includes traditional Irish favorites boxty & shepherds pie. 216.939.0200, www.the-harp.com

Afternoon

Spend the afternoon exploring the shores of Lake Erie. Sandy beaches, tree-lined picnic areas, sports fields and outdoor sculptures are found at Edgewater Park. Organized fitness workouts, festivals and decorative-kite flying take place almost year-round.

Dinner

For a fabulous dinner with equally fabulous views of Lake Erie and the downtown Cleveland skyline, **Pier W** is the place to be. The contemporary seafood restaurant and bar resembles a sophisticated luxury cruise liner, cantilevered over Lake Erie. 216.228.2250

Or, enjoy a night on the **Nautica Queen**, a luxury cruise/dining ship featuring daily lunch and dinner cruises; cruising April through New Year's Eve. Elaborate buffet dining and on-board entertainment during a river/lakefront cruise. 216.696.8888

Evening

Board Cleveland's largest sightseeing vessel, **The Goodtime III**, offering spectacular views of Cleveland's skyline as well as insights and little known historical facts about Cleveland. Catering and snacks are available from the ship's galley. Soft drinks and spirits are available at the lounge and upper captain's pub. 216.861.5110

Or, indulge your group with a private charter on the **Holiday**, which holds groups up to 75 for your own tour of the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie. 216.771.2628

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