



Great Lakes Trips

DON'T BE FOOLED BY ALL THE CORN.

The Midwest is more than a flat, endless field. Intrepid road-trippers will find that out as soon as they set wheels on red-cliffed, forest-cloaked Hwy 61 in northern Minnesota; on the dunebacked, lighthouse-dotted thoroughfares of western Michigan; or on the River Road rising and twisting along the Big Muddy.

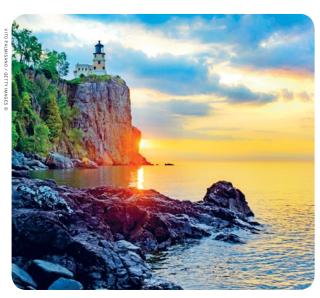
The Great Lakes themselves are huge, like inland seas. Dairy farms and orchards blanket the region, meaning fresh pie and ice cream await trip-takers. Big cities such as Chicago and Minneapolis rise up and provide awesome doses of culture and entertainment.

And when the Midwest does flatten out? There's always a goofball roadside attraction to revive imaginations.

Lake Michigan A stretch of beach on Michigan's Gold Coast (Trip 21)

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= 100 miles **Great Lakes Trips** Thunder Bay • Boundary Waters Canoe Isle Royale Grand National Park Chippewa Area Wilderness Bemidji National Portage Forest Grand Tofte Rapids Leech Lake **MINNESOTA** Indian Apostle Hancock • Reservation Superior Fond du MICHIGAN Lac Indian Ironwood Marquette Reservation Ashland Ottawa National Mille Forest Hiawatha Chequamegon National National Lac du Flambeau Indian Forest. Mackinaw Lake Forest Reservation Chippewa Saint Croix Escanaba St Cloud National Scenic National Petoskey Riverway WISCONSIN Forest Menominee Minneapolis 0 Sleeping Bear Boyne Menominee Wausau • Eau Indian Dunes National Lakeshore Claire Reservation (35) Green Mankato O Bay Appleton Manistee Rochester Manitowoc Winona Oshkosh o Manistee 43 Lake Winnebago La Crosse National Albert Lea Sheboygan Forest Indian Fond Du Lac Reservation Port Mason City Praire Washington Muskegon Du Chien Grand Madison Rapids Milwaukee Fort IOWA Dodge Janesville Holland Lansing Kenosha Waterloo Dubuque Kalamazoo Jewell Benton Rockford / Harbor Freeport Cedar o New Chicago Rapids Buffalo 0 Rock Rive Iowa City Des Gary Three Moines Davenport Oaks Wilmington Fort Wayne O 35 Galesburg Kankakee Fort Madison Burlington River Peoria INDIANA Bloomington Lafayette MISSOURI Muncie Danville Quincy Champaign 00 Chillicothe Springfield Indianapolis ® Decatur Moberly ILLINOIS Terre Litchfield Haute Columbus Columbia 264 St Louis



Split Rock Lighthouse (Trip 23)



America's 'Mother Road' offers a time-warped journey from Chicago to LA. (p267)

Michigan's Gold Coast 4 Days
A spin along Lake Michigan's shore features
beaches, wineries and island-hopping. (p281)

Along the Great River Road 6–7 Days
Trace the Mississippi River through bluff-strewn scenery and retro small towns. (p291)

Highway 61 2–3 Days
The Minnesota byway hugs Lake Superior's rugged edge, passing waterfalls and moose. (p301)



Pie

The region's prolific orchards result in flaky, scrumptious desserts at hot spots such as Crane's Pie Pantry and Betty's Pies. Try them out on Trips 21 23

Hemingway Haunts

Literary buffs can find the places Papa wrote about and the bars where he tossed back drinks. Retrace the writer's steps on Trip

Harbor View Cafe

It's in the middle of nowhere, but foodies have been trekking to check out the riverside cafe's chalkboard menu for 30-plus years. Make a visit on Trip

Judge CR Magney State Park

You've never seen a waterfall like Devil's Kettle, where half the flow disappears down a hole. See it for yourself on Trip 23

Cozy Dog Drive In

Not only is the eatery crammed with Route 66 relics, it's the mythic birthplace of the corn dog. Make the stop on Trip 20