



Tall Ship Manitou Multi-Day Windjammer 2008 Specialty Cruise Descriptions

ASTRONOMY CRUISE: September 5-8, 2008 (\$675 per person)

Hillsdale College professor and avid amateur astronomer Mark Nussbaum returns as our guide to the moon and stars as we study the brilliant northern Michigan heavens. Charting a course just like sailors centuries before, this is a weekend for those who are awed by the vast wonders of the sky. Passengers will see how the stars rise and set, just like the sun, and appear to circle around Polaris (the North Star) as the earth rotates. Mark brings a telescope and passengers are encouraged to also bring their own small telescope or binoculars. A half-dozen pairs of binoculars will be aboard the ship for the group to share. Nussbaum will provide star charts and discuss the distances and sizes of the stars and how it is that we are actually looking back in time as we view deeper into space.

A professor of analytical chemistry and chemistry for non-science majors, Mark has taken courses in astronomy and astrophysics and has taught astronomy at the college level. He's also led or assisted at outdoor viewing sessions on several occasions.

"I love astronomy and look forward to once again enjoying the beauty of the stars and planets with my fellow passengers aboard the Manitou." – Mark Nussbaum.

MUSIC CRUISE: September 12-15, 2008 (\$675 per person)

It's always a treat to have Great Lakes folk singer Lee Murdock join us aboard *Manitou* as he brings the history, legends, and characters of the Great Lakes to life through song and story. This one usually brings back old friends who have sailed with us in years past.....an added bonus!

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in the Great Lakes. There is an amazing timelessness in this music. Great Lakes songs are made of hard word, hard living, ships that go down and ships that come in. The music is grounded in the work song tradition, from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sailing schooners. Murdock comes alongside with ballads of contemporary commerce and revelry in the grand folk style. Lee's fans have discovered a sweetwater treasure in his songs about the Great Lakes, finding drama and inspiration in the lives of sailors and fishermen, lighthouse keepers, ghosts, shipwrecks, outlaws and everyday heroes.

"I'm interested in trying to find the life in these songs; in making music that's exciting to people today. I am looking for the songs and the interesting stories, not only for the people who already enjoy folk music, but for those who think they don't like folk music." – Lee Murdock

For more on Lee Murdock go to www.leemurdock.com

WINE TASTING CRUISE: September 19-22, 2008 (\$675 per person)

Introduced last year and sure to be a hit again this year as we bring back this culinary themed cruise. Explore the great wine regions of the world with sommelier and restaurant proprietor Amanda Danielson. Each evening aboard the *Manitou* we will discuss the winemaking histories and taste the varietals of different countries. Dinners will feature paired wines chosen by Amanda as a perfect complement to our meals.

Amanda and her husband Paul moved to Traverse City in 2000 with the intention of opening a restaurant. Their dream came true in July 2004 when Trattoria Stella in the Village at Grand Traverse Commons welcomed its first guest. Amanda was raised in restaurants and driven toward hospitality education early in her career. Her passion for training took her around the world to open new restaurants and upon arrival in Northern Michigan, worked for Grand Traverse Resort and Spa first as its training manager and then as fine-dining operations at the Trillium Restaurant and management of the Resort's wine program. Amanda strongly believes in educating the community through a series of wine and service classes. She continues to pursue her own education and more certifications in the vast field of wine. Paul and Amanda recently co-founded the Grand Traverse Convivium of the Slow Food Movement.

“The best thing about wine is that the more you learn, the more you realize that you’re never going to know. It’s always new; it’s always fresh; and you can rest assured that you will never get bored of learning, teaching and drinking wine.” – Amanda Danielson

For more about Stella's, visit www.stellastc.com

GOURMET CHOCOLATE & STORYTELLING CRUISE: September 26-29, 2008 (\$675 per person)

If you love world-class chocolate and a great story, not to mention good company, this is the trip for you. Chocolatier Mimi Wheeler, owner of “The Grocer’s Daughter,” will guide us through daily tastings of her mouthwatering chocolates, along with enlightening discussions of the many dimensions of chocolate; its history, health benefits, production and her trip to Ecuador to study the journey of the cacao bean from rain forest to market. Mimi is passionate about sustainable agriculture and organic practices and she brings this to her artful chocolate creations.

“My love for rich, dark chocolate and a deep connection to my garden inspired my truffles and other chocolate creations. I use fruits, edible flowers and herbs from my summer garden and from the soils and the natural beauty of northern Michigan. Travels and studies of chocolate in France and Scandinavia also helped give birth to this production. I hope you will enjoy these handcrafted, artisan chocolates for their quality and their uniqueness.” – Mimi Wheeler

For more The Grocer’s Daughter, visit: www.grocersdaughter.com

Norm Wheeler, well-known member of the local storytelling and poetry troupe “The Beach Bards” (and also Mimi’s husband) will regale us with a host of enchanting myths, legends and poems under the stars. What better way to spend a peaceful evening on the deck of a magnificent tall ship?

THREE DAY FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE: October 3-5, 2008 (\$500 per person)

Join us on our final sail of the season. The wind is your guide during this three day autumn excursion, as you travel to the islands, bays and coastal villages of Northern Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay. The majestic blues of the bay take on a new look as the trees that line the coastline show off their spectacular colors. Be sure to bring your camera for some great photo opportunities!

★ **MANITOU – 2008 SAILING SCHEDULE** ★

MULTI-DAY CRUISES

**Step back in time, relax, make new friends
and enjoy outstanding food aboard Manitou!**

BOARD SHIP 7-9 PM THE NIGHT *PRIOR* TO SAILING DATE.

Sept. 5-8 (4 days, Friday to Monday)	ASTRONOMY	\$675 pp
Sept. 12-15 (4 days, Friday to Monday)	MUSIC	\$675 pp
Sept. 19-22 (4 days, Friday to Monday)	WINE TASTING	\$675 pp
Sept. 26-29 (4 days, Friday to Monday)	GOURMET CHOCOLATE & STORYTELLING	\$675 pp
Oct. 3-5 (3 days, Friday to Sunday)	FALL FOLIAGE	\$500 pp

10% DISCOUNT FOR RETURNING WINDJAMMER AND B & B PASSENGERS
Prices are per person, double occupancy; please add 6% Michigan sales tax