



# Mission Point RESORT

*Mackinac Island*

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## WEDDING PLANNER GUIDE





# *Extraordinary*

**Mackinac Island experiences await  
at Mission Point Resort.**

Welcome! We are delighted that you are considering or have chosen Mission Point Resort for your upcoming wedding, named the **#1 Place for a Wedding and the #1 Spa Above the Bridge THREE years in a row in the MyNorth Red Hot Best Awards**. As a family-owned and operated business, our team understands what weddings mean to you, your family, friends, and even your dogs.

Mission Point is located on the sunrise side of Mackinac Island and is a destination that transcends time; from the moment you step off the ferry, there is an instant sense of nostalgia, where no cars or worries are allowed. Just outside from the hustle and bustle of downtown, you will find our 18 acres of unmatched tranquility invite you to reconnect with yourself, your passions and your surroundings.

Picturesquely framed by the natural beauty of Lake Huron, guests are transported to another time with an event on historic Mackinac Island and Mission Point hosts hundreds of weddings, meetings, corporate retreats, reunions, conferences and celebrations each year. Our dedicated team of sales & conference services professionals are here to guide you through your planning your dream wedding day.

Please use this Wedding Guide as your go-to resource for all things weddings at Mission Point Resort. We look forward to working with you and creating extraordinary Mackinac Island experiences for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Liz Ware  
Vice President of Sales & Marketing

Mark Ware  
C.E.O.



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## MEET THE TEAM

Our experienced and creative team of sales and conference services professionals are dedicated to delivering extraordinary Mackinac Island experiences with our hospitality from the heart. We cannot wait to get planning your event!



*Liz Ware*

Vice President of Sales & Marketing

**Liz Ware**, an industry veteran, began her hospitality career in Washington, DC at the American Society of Association Executives as its Chief Rainmaker. Liz has a passion for being on the water, gardens, and historic properties.

Through volunteering on the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac, Liz fell in love with Mackinac and planted deep roots in the community through her involvement in the renovation of Silver Birches on the north end of the island and again with her family's purchase and renovation of Mission Point. Liz's passion for Mission Point and Mackinac is contagious.

In November 2021, Liz and her brother Mark, Mission Point's CEO, were honored with the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association's Hospitality Stars of the Year. This award recognizes visionary hospitality leaders who maintain the highest standards of hospitality in their organizations.

Liz was incredibly proud to work alongside two of her three children, Grace and Jack, at Mission Point in 2023, continuing the tradition of family involvement in the resort. She and her team are dedicated to exceeding expectations for your wedding.



*Julie Lipnitz Suddon*

Wedding Sales Manager

**Julie Lipnitz Suddon** has lived and worked in St. Ignace and on the island most of her life. She began her career as a wedding sales manager and transitioned to nursing. Always attentive, understanding, and caring, Julie decided the magic of creating Mackinac Weddings at Mission Point was calling her back.

We are thrilled Julie is our wedding sales manager and you will be too. Weddings are critically important to us and the couples that entrust us to create extraordinary experiences. Julie is a beloved pillar in our community. She knows everyone and brings such attention to detail. She is ready to help you create your unique Mackinac Wedding.



*Robert Manttari*  
Senior Conference Services Manager

**Robert Manttari** brings more than 30 years of hospitality experience and two decades in catering and convention services to Mission Point Resort. Now in his third season on Mackinac Island, he loves the island's unique charm and enjoys creating memorable experiences for guests and groups alike. Throughout his career, he has managed conferences, meetings, and events for more than 2,000 attendees while building lasting client relationships through his detail-oriented approach and touch of southern hospitality. Robert attended Culinary School at SUNY Cobleskill and studied Hotel & Restaurant Management at University of Houston. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending time with his two dogs, Toby and Bentley.



*Charlotte Mills*  
Conference Services Manager

**Charlotte Mills** brings a warm, bubbly personality and a thoughtful approach to every conference, meeting, and special event. Entering her second season with Mission Point Resort, she draws on more than six years of experience planning weddings and events throughout Northern Michigan. Known for her attention to detail, positive energy, and collaborative style, Charlotte enjoys building genuine connections with clients and bringing their vision to life..



*Angel Meeks*  
Banquet Manager

**Angel Meeks** has spent most her life in northern Michigan, raising her four children and finding joy in the great outdoors and the beauty of the water. With 30 years of experience in the Food & Beverage industry, she's passionate about helping guests create memories that last a lifetime. After two winters in Florida, she returned to the unique charm of northern Michigan and was thrilled to join the Mission Point team. Angel is enchanted by the magical atmosphere of Mackinac Island and knows you will feel the same way. She and her banquet team are committed to turning your wedding into a dream, being there from the very beginning to the very end.



*Seasonal Conference Services Staff & Banquets Team*

Each season, Mission Point hires two seasonal Conference Services professionals to assist in the planning, detailing and execution of the year's events. All of our seasonal staff members are from some of the state and country's top hospitality programs and are passionate about creating extraordinary experiences for our guests. These individuals bring fresh ideas and some of the latest industry knowledge to our team. They work side-by-side with our Conference Services team to ensure all events are executed perfectly.

The MPR Banquets team is also instrumental to the success of every event hosted at Mission Point. There are approximately 10 people on the banquets team which consists of our event setup and tear down team, servers and bartenders. These individuals have great experience, energetic personalities and will ensure that no dish is left uncleared and no glass remains empty throughout your program. The team is fantastic!





## WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

Stay on track with this planning timeline.  
Your Wedding Sales Manager and Conference Services Manager  
are always available to answer any questions as well.

### 12+ months out:

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- Determine your budget and wedding priorities
- Find inspiration for colors, themes, aesthetic
- Create a wedding website—make sure to add your room block details to your wedding website!
- Start your guest list
- Research your vendors

### 9-12 months out:

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- Finalize your guest list
- Send your save the dates
- Confirm and book your vendors

### 6-9 months out:

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- Meet your Conference Services Manager and have your first planning call
- Review your personalized wedding checklist—this has all of the important dates you need to know!
- Review menus and choose your menu selections; these should be included on your invitations if you're having a plated meal
- Consider options for a rehearsal dinner & farewell brunch
- Reserve your desired décor items from our rental collection

### 4-6 months out:

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- Send your invitations
- Order your wedding favors—did you know that our team can help you create something custom?
- Arrange a rehearsal time with your Conference Services Manager

### 60 days out:

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- Room block reservation cut-off date—please encourage your guests to book in your block before your cutoff date
- Finalize the timeline for your reception and review with your Conference Services Manager
- Plan your seating chart

### 45 days out:

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- RSVPs are due for your guests' dinner selections

### 21 days out:

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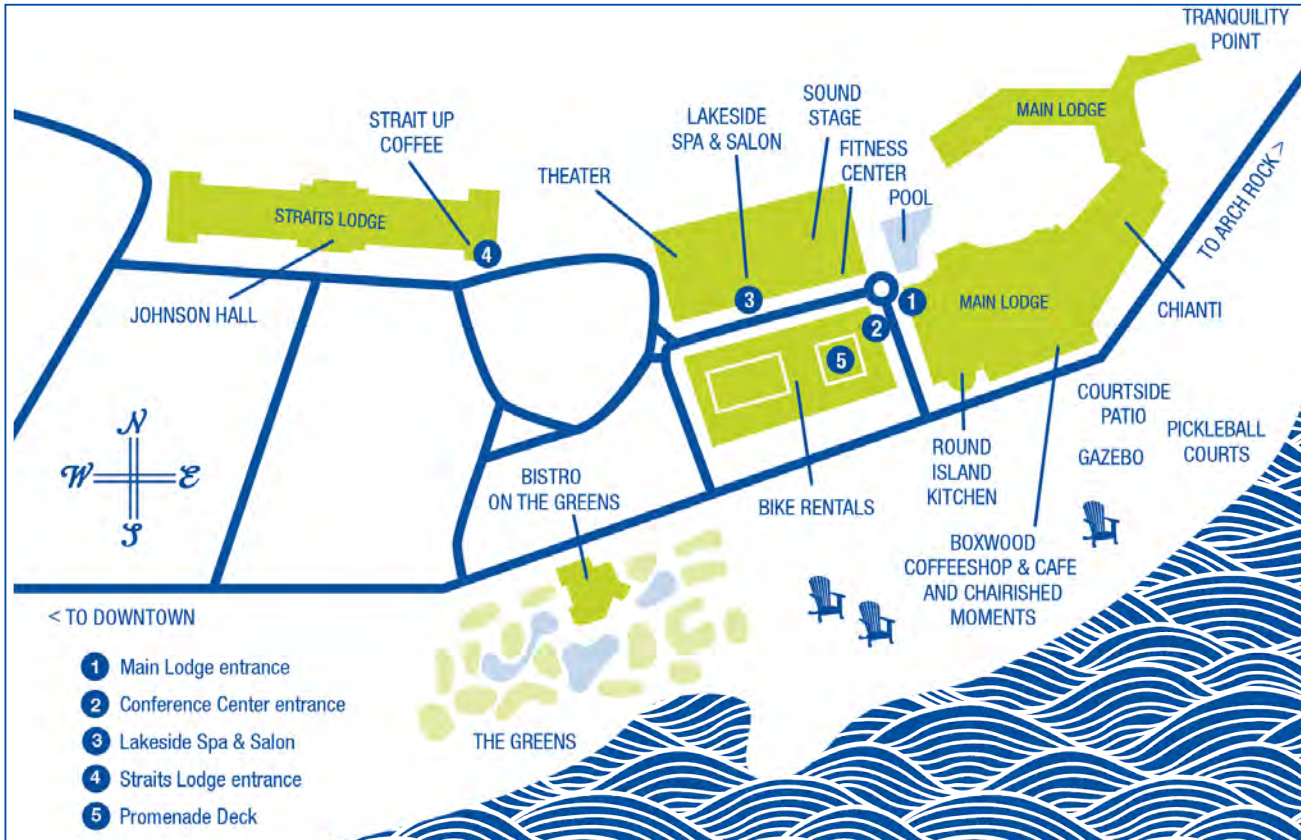
- Final guest counts are due to your Conference Services Manager
- All details finalized and signed Banquet Event Orders are due to your Conference Services Manager

### 14 days out:

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- Final payments due

# PROPERTY MAP



“ We had the most incredible wedding weekend at Mission Point Resort and are so thankful for the opportunity to work with the exceptional staff. From the very beginning, they were a dream to work with: exceptionally responsive, incredibly organized, and genuinely committed to making our vision a reality. They answered all our questions thoroughly and were always willing to help with anything we needed to make the day exactly how we envisioned it. If you’re planning a wedding on Mackinac Island, we can’t recommend Mission Point Resort and their incredible team highly enough!”

— Kaitlyn., married July 2025





## CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUES

**M**ission Point Resort is home to indoor and outdoor venues for both your ceremony and reception, all of which reflect Mackinac Island's stunning natural beauty. Whether you are looking for an intimate elopement or a 300+ person bash, we have the space to fit your needs and budget.

Our Wedding Sales Manager will work with you to select which venue space would be ideal for your event and after the space has been contracted, your Conference Services Manager will detail and tailor your wedding exactly to how you've envisioned.

### CEREMONY LOCATIONS

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Gazebo

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Great Lawn

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Tranquility Point

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### RECEPTION LOCATIONS

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Promenade Deck Pavilion

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Cypress Room

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Summit Room

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Colonial Room

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Sound Stage

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## VENUES | CEREMONY

*All ceremony locations will have a contracted rain backup location as well.*



### Gazebo

 UP TO 250 GUESTS



Overlooking Lake Huron, our charming Gazebo is the most popular wedding ceremony location at Mission Point Resort. Exchange your vows in one of our most picturesque settings.



### Great Lawn

 UP TO 300 GUESTS



Follow in the footsteps of couples who've tied the knot overlooking shimmering Lake Huron for generations. Our Great Lawn accommodates larger wedding ceremonies in a comfortable waterfront setting.



### Tranquility Point

 UP TO 15 GUESTS



Ideal for the most intimate ceremony, this scenic overlook features two benches for your guests and stunning views of Lake Huron. Start the next chapter of your life surrounded by the natural beauty of Mackinac Island.

## VENUES | RECEPTION



### Promenade Deck Pavilion

 UP TO 120 GUESTS  
2,043 SQUARE FEET | 45' X 45'

As Mission Point's most requested reception venue, the Promenade Deck pavilion features a tented rooftop terrace overlooking our Great Lawn along with breathtaking views of Lake Huron. This space offers a 360-degree look at the Mission Point grounds and gardens and is unlike any other venue on Mackinac Island.



### Cypress Room

 UP TO 200 GUESTS  
4,925 SQUARE FEET

Celebrate your nuptials in the romantic and rustic elegance of the Cypress Room. This reception space features exposed wooden beams, floor-to-ceiling windows, a private outdoor patio, and views overlooking Lake Huron, the Great Lawn, and Mission Point's grounds and gardens.



### Summit Room

 UP TO 120 GUESTS  
3,050 SQUARE FEET | 25' X 122'

Located above the Lobby, the Summit Room is wedding-ready with panoramic views of Lake Huron and the Straits of Mackinac. This open and airy space accommodates medium to large weddings and features an elevated dance floor.

## VENUES | RECEPTION



### Colonial Room

**UP TO 40 GUESTS**  
1,156 SQUARE FEET | 34' X 34'



A lovely private venue for a smaller wedding reception, the Colonial Room features a faux fireplace, ornate furniture pieces and a private patio with waterfront views.



### Sound Stage

**UP TO 350 GUESTS**  
7,370 SQUARE FEET | 67' X 110'



Imagine the romance of getting married in a room once used to film "Somewhere in Time." The Sound Stage is a blank slate that can be transformed into a perfect backdrop for large wedding events.





## WHAT YOUR VENUE RENTAL INCLUDES

### Tables:

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- 72” Rounds
- 60” Rounds
- 30” Tall Cocktail Tables
- 6’ x 30” Rectangular Tables
- 8’ x 30” Rectangular Tables
- 8’ x 18” Rectangular Tables
- 6’ x 30” Food Display Tables
- 8’ x 30” Food Display Tables
- Cake Table Diameters | 23.5”, 28”, 30”
- 42” Sweetheart Table

### Chairs:

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- Chiavari Chairs
  - Cypress Room & Colonial Room | Dark Brown
  - Summit Room | Gold
  - Promenade Dec | White

### Table Linens:

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- White, floor length

### Napkins:

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- White

### Tablewear:

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- White china dinner plates
- White china bread and butter plates
- Silverwear: Salad fork, dinner fork, knife, spoon, dessert fork, coffee spoon
- Water goblet

### Drinkware:

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- Rocks glass
- Wine glass
- Champagne flute

### Dancefloor:

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- Wooden Parquet (available in Colonial & Sound Stage only)

### Miscellaneous:

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- Moveable Bar

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Transparency is important to us throughout every stage of your wedding planning process. Below you'll find billing and payment information for weddings at Mission Point. Should you have any questions, please let your Wedding Sales Manager and Conference Services Manager know as they would be happy to discuss.*

### **PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WEDDINGS AT MISSION POINT.**

Payment of your projected master account is required 14 days prior to your arrival. Working with your Conference Services Manager, the couple will provide final food & beverage guarantees 21 days in advance of arrival. Within 1 business day of final guarantees, your Conference Services Manager will provide the couple with a breakdown of the estimated charges to include the balance that is due 14 days prior to arrival. Credit card payments may be submitted via the event payment link provided by your Conference Services Manager or via phone to the accounting department directly.

Should payment not be received 14 days prior to arrival, Mission Point does retain the option to terminate the contract and the couple will remain liable for amounts outlined in the projected Master Bill.

We understand that in some cases during post-event reconciliation, there may be additions or credits to the final account for the event. Any credits will be provided back to the couple and any outstanding balances will be charged to the credit card on file. Should the account not be satisfied within 30 days, it will accrue interest at 1.5% per month (18% per annum). If needed to secure payment, the couple has agreed to pay Mission Point all expenses incurred in attempting to collect the balance owed including, but not limited to, all legal expenses and attorney's fees.

## **WEDDING MANAGER ROLE & STAFFING**

Your Wedding Sales Manager will assist you throughout the initial planning phase, including selecting your ceremony and reception venues, reviewing availability, and finalizing your contract. From the time of signing until you are introduced to your Conference Services Manager, your Wedding Sales Manager will continue to serve as your primary point of contact.

Once introduced, your Conference Services Manager will become your main point of contact for all event details and planning related to Mission Point, while your Wedding Sales Manager remains available as needed. Your Conference Services Manager will assist with menu planning, room diagrams, room blocks, and other planning details specific to the resort. Please note, the Conference Services Manager does not serve as a wedding planner. Their primary focus is ensuring event spaces are properly set and that all food and beverage service is executed seamlessly.

Your Conference Services Manager will be on site through the arrival of guests for the reception. A Banquet Manager or Supervisor will then be present throughout the reception to assist you and your guests and will remain on duty until the conclusion of the event.

Banquet staffing is scheduled based on your guaranteed guest count. Additional staffing may be requested at least 21 days in advance and is subject to an additional fee.



## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

### EVENT SETUP & TEARDOWN

- Check with your Conference Services Manager on the time at which the reception venue is available to decorate. Please note that it is possible that the venue will be used by other groups or events on the same day as your wedding.
- Please have your vendors contact your Conference Services Manager at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding date if there are any questions regarding setup or teardown.
- Any décor that you wish to keep must be torn down, packed up, and loaded onto carts at the bell stand no later than 8:00 am the following morning. Please note that this time is subject to change.
- Any décor that you wish to dispose of (flowers, trash, etc.) can be left in the reception venue and our staff will take care of it.
- For all outdoor functions, once a weather decision has been made, that decision is rendered final, and the function cannot be moved. All weather decisions must be made at least 6 hours prior to the reception.

### DÉCOR POLICIES

- Pillar and taper candles must have a vessel that is higher than the flame and be placed on a candle plate.
- Décor items and decals are not to be fixed or adhered to walls or bars.
- Requests to use pyrotechnic displays, smoke or hazing must be submitted to your Conference Services Manager.
- Sparklers are not permitted on property.
- The usage of confetti is prohibited, and any use will result in a charge of \$250.
- Drones are permitted but must be approved by Mission Point Resort and cannot fly outside of Mission Point property.
- In the event that any décor causes damage to walls, bars or other Mission Point property, a fee of \$250 will be charged.

### NOISE POLICIES

#### Hospitality Suites

Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm - 6:00 am nightly. Management may request for noise to be kept to a minimum prior to this time if disrupting other guests. If not compliant, a fee will be charged at management's discretion.

#### Promenade Deck Pavilion, Courtside Patio & Colonial Room

Due to the outdoor location of the Promenade Deck Pavilion, the Courtside Patio and the Colonial Room patio, any entertainment must cease by 10:00 pm to comply with the City of Mackinac Island Noise Ordinance.



## SHIPPING & LOGISTICAL DETAILS

Mission Point is honored to be the host venue for your wedding and related events. We aim to make the logistics of bringing your items to the island as simple as possible. Please find this information helpful in planning your special day.

We respectfully request that all wedding-related materials be shipped to Mission Point by way of UPS. This includes, but is not limited to: decor, welcome bags, favors, signage, large boxes of supplies, and vendor-provided materials.

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### SHIPPING OF ITEMS

- **ADDRESS: Mission Point Resort, 6633 Main Street, PO Box 430, Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757**
- Preferred carrier is UPS. While we can receive items via FedEx, we are not able to ship out any packages via FedEx.
- Please specify the Couple's Names (e.g., Smith-Jones Wedding), the Wedding Date, and the Name of your Wedding Planner.
- Indicate each box as 1 of 5, 2 of 5, etc. so all boxes can be accounted for and stored together.
- Specify on the box the Conference Services Manager name for ease of locating packages.
- Please ship items not more than one week (7 days) prior to your wedding set-up day.
- There are no charges for storage if items are received within (7) days of set-up.
- A **\$100/week fee** will be applied to items that arrive earlier. This fee must be paid prior to the delivery/pick-up of stored items.
- We do accept shipments from outside freight companies. To complete this process, we recommend reaching out to Arnold Freight. They can be reached at 906.643.8288 or email [veronica@arnoldfreight.com](mailto:veronica@arnoldfreight.com). Please note that all freight charges are the responsibility of the exhibitor/sender.
- The Mission Point Resort staff will deliver your items to the designated event space on your set-up day.
- Please allow an additional 1 to 3 days for packages to arrive at Mission Point past the stated arrival date.
- All items must have pre-paid return shipping labels attached at the conclusion of the event.
- Packed boxes can be left in event area; the Mission Point staff will ensure boxes are shipped back to the recipient.

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### TRANSPORTATION OF ITEMS

- When you arrive to the Island, Mission Point dock porters will be waiting to assist you, please inform them of the items that need to be delivered to the resort.
- If you transport items via passenger ferry, make sure you receive a Mission Point claim ticket for your items from the ferry staff.
- A dray may be required for large items (boxes larger than 4'x 6').
- The cost of the dray will be determined by [www.mict.com](http://www.mict.com) and will need to be paid for by you or your vendor.
- Due to the demands of the Bell Stand, please note delivery of large items may be delayed.
- Any items being taken back on the ferry, must be taken to the Bell Stand for proper tagging and transfer. Please allow up to (2) hours for items to arrive to the mainland.
- Note: Special instructions will be provided for live entertainment

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### DISCLAIMER

We're happy to assist in receiving parcels, however, please note *Mission Point Resort cannot be held responsible for any lost, delayed, or damaged items* shipped to our location. All deliveries must travel by boat to the island, followed by transport via horse-drawn carriage, which can lead to additional delays or handling issues outside of our control. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work within the unique logistics of island life!



MISSION POINT  
MACKINAC ISLAND



## LAKESIDE SPA & SALON



Lakeside Spa & Salon is Mackinac Island's largest and most modern full service Aveda spa, with a wide range of services and treatments available leading up to your big day.

Please reach out to Lakeside Spa & Salon directly for pricing and questions.  
906.847.3043 | [lakesidespasalon@missionpoint.com](mailto:lakesidespasalon@missionpoint.com)

### WEDDING SERVICES | HAIR

#### **Bridal trial run**

A one-hour session to review styles and try different looks to help you decide on a look for your wedding day. This is not a finished look, rather a great opportunity to meet your stylist, try varied looks, and allow your stylist to learn what works and doesn't work with your hair texture as well as for instructions on how to prepare your hair for your big day.

#### **Bridal style**

An hour and a half session of any style that uses irons, including a veil or headpiece fitting.

#### **Updo**

Any style up with curl or flatiron work.

#### **Half up**

Any style half up with curl or flatiron work.

#### **Curls only**

#### **Blow dry with curls**

#### **Flower girl up do**

Including half-up, available for ages 12 and under.

### WEDDING SERVICES | MAKEUP

#### **Eyelash enhancements**

Glued on individual fan eyelashes placed where needed.

#### **Makeup application**

Traditional application using Aveda mineral-based makeup and includes lash enhancements and a lipstick of your choice to refresh.

### BEFORE THE BIG DAY

#### **Spa Manicure**

#### **Two Week Gel Manicure**

#### **Express Pedicure**

#### **Signature Spa Pedicure**

#### **Customized Aveda Massage**

30 minutes

60 minutes

90 minutes



### AFTER THE BIG DAY

#### **Couple's Massage**

60 minutes

90 minutes

#### **Couple's Great Lake Stone Massage**

### CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL DAY IN OUR SALON SUITE!

Located adjacent to Lakeside Salon & Spa, the Salon Suite offers a private space for you, your wedding party and your family to enjoy time together before the exciting day ahead.

This room serves as your personal haven to relax before the ceremony and reception, securely stash your bags and belongings or just to savor a quiet moment during the busyness of the day. This space has full catering capabilities and is equipped with a small wet bar area. Please note that you must have salon services contracted with Lakeside Spa & Salon in order to reserve the Salon Suite.

For details and pricing, please contact your Conference Services Manager.

*Please come to your appointment with dry hair or a blow dry fee will be applied.*

## BUILD A GIFT BAG AT CHAIRISHED MOMENTS

**A**dd to your wedding by creating a custom gift bag from Chairished Moments! Our Conference Services and Retail teams are happy to assist in ordering and coordination of a gift bag that is perfect for your guests. Please contact your Conference Services Manager for pricing and details on crafting a gift bag.



## MISSION POINT DÉCOR RENTAL ITEMS

**M**ission Point has a limited inventory of décor items available to rent for your event including charger plates, wedding arch, vases, a hedge wall, etc. Please contact your Conference Services Manager for pricing and additional details.



## OUR PREFERRED VENDORS

The following vendors are our preferred partners and are businesses who are familiar with events on Mackinac Island.

### PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Aaron Harris | Videographer ..aaronthefilmmaker2@gmail.com  
 Andrejka Photography & Planning ... andrejkaphotography.com  
 Island Photo | Christi Dupre..... 305.304.4176  
 It's Wonderful Photography ..... itswonderfulphotography.com  
 Katherine Rose Witt .... katharinerosphotography.com/contact  
 Myers Flyers Photography | Rodney Myers  
 ..... info@myersflyers.com  
 Paul Retherford..... 231.445.1793  
 Rachel Gabrielse  
 Photography ..... rachelgabrielsephotography.com

### SAIL BOAT RIDES & CRUISES

Sip N' Sail Cruises ..... info@sipnsailcruises.com

### SALONS

Lakeside Spa & Salon ..... lakesidespasalon@missionpoint.com

### WEDDING CAKES

Bella e Dolce ..... upnorth@bellaedolce.com

### WEDDING DÉCOR & LINEN RENTALS

Elsilu Planning & Design ..... elsilu.com  
 Event Theory..... 231.225.9261  
 Fabulous Events..... 877.200.2424  
 Julie Anne Design ..... julie@julieannedesign.com

### WEDDING LICENSE

Mackinac County Courthouse..... 906.643.7300 x5

### WEDDING COORDINATOR

Andrejka Photography & Planning ... andrejkaphotography.com  
 Conradie Event Design |  
 Melissa Conradie ..... melissa@conradieeventdesign.com  
 Elsilu Planning & Design ..... elsilu.com  
 For the Love of Mackinac |  
 Jazell Raycraft ..... fortheloveofmackinac@gmail.com  
 Fall in Love Events ..... info@fallinloveevents.com  
 Fox & Fern Events ..... hello@foxandfernevents.com  
 Julie Anne Design ..... julie@julieannedesign.com  
 LG Event Design | Lisa Gebhardt ..... lisa@lgeventdesign.net  
 Mitten Weddings  
 & Events ..... meagan@mittenweddingsandevents.com  
 Planning by Madi Pazik ..... planningbymadi@gmail.com  
 Tableau Events ..... karly@tableauevents.com  
 Up North Events ..... upnorthevents.biz

### LIVE PAINTING, ART & INVITATIONS

Kate Dupre | Art & Invitations ..... katejdupre@gmail.com  
 Patrick Wyse | Live Painting ..... patrickkellywise.com

### CARRIAGES

Gough Carriages ..... 906.440.9846  
 Mackinac Island Carriage Tours ..... info@mict.com

### CHURCHES

Historic Mission Church ..... 906.847.3328  
 Little Stone Church ..... weddings@littlestonechurch.com  
 Ste. Anne's Catholic Church ..... steannechurch.org/form

### CLERGY & OFFICIANTS

Carole Erbel ..... carolemackwed@hotmail.com  
 Judy St. Louis-Scott..... weddingsbyjudy.com  
 Marie Hulett..... mariehulett15@gmail.com  
 Minister Tom Marx ..... 239.821.4363

### DJS

A-List Event Group | Brevin Cawthorne..... alisteventgroup.com  
 Northern Entertainment Consultants  
 Michael Williford ..... michael@straitsdj.com

### FUDGE FAVORS

Joann's Fudge ..... 906.847.6357  
 Murdick's Fudge ..... laura@originalmurdicksfudge.com  
 Ryba's Fudge ..... 800-44-RYBAS

### FERRY TRANSPORTATION

Shepler's Ferry..... 231.436.5023

### FLORISTS

Bloom Floral Design ..... hello@bloomfloraldesign.com  
 St. Ignace in Bloom ..... weddings@stignaceinbloom.com  
 Sweetwater Floral ..... sweetwaterfloral.com  
 Weber's Mackinac Island Florist ..... 906.847.6070

### MUSICIANS

Bluewater Kings | Band ..... bluewaterkingsband.com  
 Gabi June ..... gabijunemusic@gmail.com  
 John Kissane | Piano ..... 906.430.7051  
 Mike Davis Trio ..... mikedavistrio.com  
 Taylor Ann Music | Violinist ..... taylor@taylorannmusic.com  
 Will Springsteen ..... willspringsteen@gmail.com



## FARM-TO-FERRY DINING

**M**ission Point Resort is home to designed culinary adventures across our 18 acre property with a robust banquet program and unique dining options for all aspects of your wedding. Dining at Mission Point is a farm-to-ferry experience as our culinary team sources a variety of ingredients from local farms and purveyors.

We are often asked, “How does Mission Point get fresh produce?” Our location on an island in the Straits of Mackinac does present some unique logistical challenges in securing regular deliveries of goods and resources to the resort, which must be delivered either by ferry or flight before

a horse-drawn dray delivery. But with a lot of planning and communication between mainland farms, transportation providers and our culinary team, fresh produce, dairy, and other products make their way from farm to ferry and onto guests’ plates within a matter of days from being picked.

We invite you to review our Wedding Menu and select the food & beverage options that will best suit your needs. You and your family have a variety of choices from buffet options and plated pairings to late night snacks and morning brunches. Please let your Conference Services Manager know if you have any questions regarding menu options.

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## MEET THE TEAM



*John Clements*

**Executive Chef John Clements** joined the Mission Point Resort culinary team in August of 2021, jumping directly into the line to lend any hand he could while diving headfirst into an already booming Mackinac Island tourist season. He’s worked a number of other prominent positions over the course of his career, primarily in a country club setting. He brings a plethora of knowledge and experience in managing, maintaining, and growing multiple restaurants.



*Michael Hart*

**Michael Hart** is a seasoned food and beverage leader with expertise in multi-unit operations, team development, and guest satisfaction. With decades of experience, they’ve driven growth, streamlined operations, and led successful teams in diverse hospitality settings, including restaurants, event venues, and country clubs.

## WEDDINGS AT MISSION POINT RESORT



Your Conference Services Manager and our Executive Chef will work with you to design a menu unique to your wedding. Menu selections are to be sent to your Conference Services Manager 45 days prior to your wedding date. We do require a guarantee of the number of persons attending all food and beverage functions at least 21 days prior to your function. If no guarantee is received, MPR will use the number of guests contracted as your guarantee and charges will either reflect the actual number served or the guarantee, whichever is greater. Please contact your Conference Services Manager with any questions on counts, guarantees and menu selections.

Mission Point does not allow any outside food and beverage. However, outside cakes are allowed for a \$2.50 per slice cutting fee. All delivery and set-up charges will be negotiated through your vendor by you. Mission Point does NOT assume responsibility for the delivery of outside cakes.

The hotel reserves the right to cease service of alcoholic beverages in the event that persons under the state mandated age limit are present at the function and attempt to receive service of alcoholic beverages. The Hotel further reserves the right to deny alcoholic beverage service to guests who appear to be intoxicated.



## WEDDING TASTINGS



**Y**our menu tasting will serve as a planning session between you and your Conference Services Manager and is the best opportunity to ask detailed questions of our culinary team. While you are sampling the menu, you will also be going through and making decisions on key aspects of your upcoming wedding!

Complimentary menu tastings for up to four (4) guests are available for wedding receptions expecting 100 guests or more. For wedding receptions with under 100 expected guests, a fee of \$25.00/person plus a 22% service charge and the current Michigan State sales tax will be charged. Your Conference Services Manager and a lead server from our excellent banquet staff will administer the private tasting.



The following guidelines will help you in preparation for the tasting:

- We do require at least 3 weeks' notice to prepare for your tasting.
- Tastings take place in May and October, Sunday-Thursday, pending availability. Tastings are unavailable on Fridays, Saturdays and over Memorial Day weekend.
- Your tasting is limited to four (4) attendees plus your Conference Services Manager. Additional attendees beyond the four specified will be charged \$25/per person plus 22% service charge and the current Michigan State sales tax.
- Please select the following items from our Wedding Menu to sample:
  - Two Salads
  - Two Entrées



## BEYOND YOUR WEDDING FUNCTION



For meals beyond banquet functions, Mission Point serves meals at multiple restaurant outlets from elevated culinary experiences to grab-and-go picnics.



**Chianti** is a destination for foodies and wine lovers. You won't find a culinary adventure like Chianti on Mackinac Island or Northern Michigan. Every detail on our farm-to-ferry menu matters—from the wine picked exclusively for Mission Point to our seasonal sampling of the region's bounty.

*Reservations suggested; serves dinner only.*



With our Michigan twist on classic comfort foods, **Round Island Kitchen** is where families, friends, and couples gather to round out their Mackinac Island experience. When families visit the heart of Mission Point, they leave feeling more connected to the island than before.

*Serves breakfast, lunch & dinner.*



**BISTRO**  
ON THE GREENS

**Bistro on the Greens** embodies the liveliness of island living. Best known for our craft cocktails and Mediterranean menu, we've exchanged the Mediterranean's crystal waters for the beautiful backdrop of the Straits of Mackinac. Bistro on the Greens is open seasonally from late May to early September.

*Serves lunch & dinner.*



**Adirondacks Pizza** - Pizza With a View - Handcrafted, delicious pizzas made fresh and served just steps from the sparkling shoreline of Lake Huron. Pick up your pie and enjoy it on Mission Point's iconic Great Lawn - the perfect place to kick back, take in the lake views, and savor every bite.

*Serves lunch & dinner.*

### Grab-and-Go Options



Enjoy the best picnic provisions on Mackinac Island at **Boxwood Coffeeshop & Cafe**. Just steps from M-185 and the Great Lawn, Boxwood Coffeeshop & Cafe offers a variety of to-go items including specialty coffees, teas, beer and wine, snacks, gelato, and hot and cold breakfast and lunch options.



**STRAIT UP**  
COFFEE

**Strait UP Coffee** is a small café located in the east lobby of the Straits Lodge. Similar to Boxwood Coffeeshop & Café, Strait UP Coffee is an ideal stop for our Straits Lodge guests offering a variety of items including specialty coffees, teas, pop, beer & wine, snacks, and to-go breakfast & lunch options.



Located just off M-185 on the Marketplace patio sits **Lily's Lemonade**—Mackinac's largest specialty lemonade stand. Stop by to try a variety of unique and traditional lemonade blends while you enjoy Mission Point's east side scenery. Lily's Lemonade is open seasonally from late May to late August.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

*Mission Point Resort is proud of our award-winning facility and team*



- The Knot Wedding Hall of Fame
- Red Hot Best: Best Place for a Wedding Above the Bridge
- Best and Brightest Companies to work for in the Nation Winner 2025

## “Unforgettable Mackinac Island Celebration

Ellie and Evan chose their favorite island - Mackinac - for an unforgettable celebration with 160 guests in September 2024. After getting engaged here in 2023, the island was the perfect place to start their life together. What began as a foggy morning quickly became a gorgeous sunny day for their ceremony at Ste. Anne's Church. The couple then hosted a cocktail hour and reception in the newly renovated Cypress Room. With breathtaking drapery, lighting, and bright florals, their dream vision came to life. The band kept the dance floor packed all night, and they can't wait to return to Mission Point to relive the memories! — *Ellie, married September 2024*



## Get married in the #1 Summer Travel Destination in the United States!

— *As voted in the USA TODAY 10 Best 2023 Reader's Choice Awards*



- Travel + Leisure 2024 World's Best Awards Top 10 Resort Hotels in the Midwest
- 2025 TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Awards
- Proven Winners' Signature Garden Certified Facility since 2019



## “We just got married at Mission Point on July 4, 2025 and had the best experience!!

The Mission Point staff, especially Julie Suddon and Charlotte Mills, made our wedding incredible. Julie was responsive and sweet, making the initial planning seamless. The transition to Charlotte for day-of coordination was smooth, and her communication was equally impressive. From the initial tour to the wedding day, the entire process was stress-free thanks to their professional communication. We highly recommend Mission Point for a Mackinac Island wedding. The food, bartender, and vendor list recommendations were all fantastic, making everything easy and enjoyable. Thank you for our perfect, stress-free wedding day!

— *Julia M., married July 2025*

## TWO LODGES. ONE RESORT.

**M**ission Point Resort is Mackinac Island’s largest family-owned resort hotel and is located ¼-mile from downtown Mackinac Island, a short carriage ride or leisurely walk from the ferry docks. Mission Point is home to 243 guest rooms and suites, all of which reflect the beauty and historic character of Mackinac Island and feature art and décor from local Michigan artists.

Our guest rooms exude comfortable and casual elegance and are available in a variety of room configurations from cozy queen rooms and two-bedroom family suites to apartment-style suites and rooms with a private hot tub patio.

Mission Point guest rooms are separated into two buildings: the Main Lodge and the Straits Lodge.

### MAIN LODGE GUEST ROOMS & SUITES

The Main Lodge hosts 108 guest rooms and is conveniently located near the Main Lobby, most on-property restaurants and the marketplace shops.



**Main Lodge Queen**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 200 SQUARE FEET



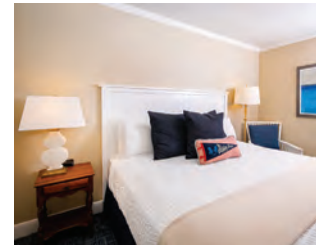
**Main Lodge Double**

SLEEPS UP TO 4  
 300 SQUARE FEET



**Lake View King**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 300 SQUARE FEET



**Family Suite King-King**

SLEEPS UP TO 4  
 500 SQUARE FEET



**Family Suite King Double-Double**

SLEEPS UP TO 6  
 500 SQUARE FEET



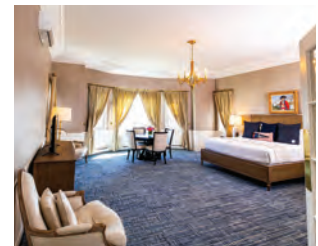
**Junior Suite King**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 375-450 SQUARE FEET



**Huron Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 550 SQUARE FEET



**Patrick Sinclair Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 800 SQUARE FEET



**Hunt Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 850 SQUARE FEET



**Maritime Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 450 SQUARE FEET



**Tranquility Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 800 SQUARE FEET



**Presidential Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 1,200 SQUARE FEET

## STRAITS LODGE GUEST ROOMS & SUITES

The Straits Lodge hosts 135 guest rooms and suites and is about a 5-minute walk from the Main Lodge, lobby/check-in and on-property restaurants. These rooms are closer to downtown and include our dog-friendly accommodations. The Straits Lodge is home to Strait UP Coffee, located in the east lobby of the building.



**Straits Lodge Double**

SLEEPS UP TO 4  
 300 SQUARE FEET



**Straits Lodge King**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 300 SQUARE FEET



**Straits Family Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 4  
 375-500 SQUARE FEET



**Hot Tub Junior Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 500 SQUARE FEET



**Mackinac Rock Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 500 SQUARE FEET



**Michigan Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 800 SQUARE FEET



**Round Island Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 450 SQUARE FEET



**Bois Blanc Suite**

SLEEPS UP TO 2  
 1,500 SQUARE FEET

## MISSION POINT LOGISTICS

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

**Check-in: 4:00 p.m. | Check-out: 11:00 a.m.**

### TAXI SHUTTLE SERVICE

Mission Point Resort is located approximately 15 minutes from the ferry docks and guests may walk, bike or take the horse-drawn taxi shuttle to the resort. **Run by Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, the shuttle is similar to a taxi service and will take you directly from the ferry dock to Mission Point for a small charge.** Please contact your Conference Services Manager for the shuttle schedule.

### LUGGAGE PROCESS

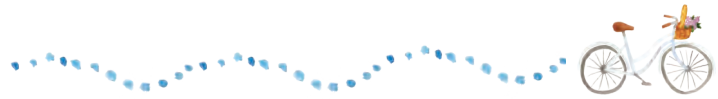
When you arrive to the Shepler's Dock on the mainland, your luggage will be tagged for Mission Point Resort and you will receive one luggage claim ticket for each piece of luggage you have. Once you reach the island, a Mission Point dockporter will send it to the resort and at check-in, you will give your luggage claim tickets to the bellstand for transportation right to your room.

Upon departure, you will need to call the bellstand for pickup and they will pick it up from your room. Again, you will receive one luggage claim ticket for each piece of luggage you have. We ask that you call at least 2 hours before your desired ferry departure time.

An important note: once you send your luggage, it can be inaccessible for a bit. Please keep anything you may need, such as medication, in your hand luggage, backpack or pockets.

## AMPLE ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE

*Mission Point Resort's 18 acres of property  
have something for everyone to enjoy.*



### ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY

#### **Bike Rentals**

The best and most iconic way to explore the beauty of Mackinac Island is by bicycle and Mission Point is home to a beautiful fleet of custom-built multi-speed bikes. Also available are kids' bikes, tandems, and trikes, with rental options by the hour or by the day. Please contact your Conference Services Manager for bike pricing.

#### **Putt Putt Golf at the Greens of Mackinac**

The Greens of Mackinac is an 18-hole putting course located right on the shores of Lake Huron, a truly unique putting experience with 18 real bentgrass greens. At dusk, the putting course transforms when the sun goes down with neon lights illuminating the flagpoles and golf balls and glow sticks for all golfers. Please contact your Conference Services Manager for pricing, private course rental and buy-out information.

#### **Guided Sunrise Hike**

Experience the beauty of Mackinac Island's sunrise side with a guided hike to Robinson's Folly. Start your day off on the right foot by joining a member of our team 15 minutes before sunrise to walk through the woods to one of the best sunrise viewing locations. Private tours are available, please contact your Conference Services Manager for more information.

#### **Garden Tours**

Led by our resident horticulturist, our complimentary Garden Tours are leisurely walking tours with an opportunity to explore the gardens of Mission Point, learn about our unique climate and the resort's green gardening practices. Private group tours are available, please contact your Conference Services Manager for more information.

#### **History Tours**

Want to know more about the history of Mission Point Resort, the Mission District, and the east side of Mackinac Island? We invite you to join a member of our staff on a complimentary guided walking tour of the property. Public tours are held throughout the week; private tours are available, please contact your Conference Services Manager for more information.

#### **Kids Club**

Kids Club is open to children ages 5-12 and includes a small snack and activities. Please contact your Conference Services Manager for more information.

#### **Morning Bird Walk**

Enjoy a guided bird walk around the grounds of Mission Point, observing and identifying birds in various habitats. Learn interesting facts about migration on the Island, start your 'bird list' or add to it, and leave with new tools and skills to begin your own birding journey.

#### **Lawn Games on the Great Lawn**

Reconnect with your loved ones over games out of the Great Lawn. Try your hand at a classic game of croquet or bocce ball or break into teams for a game of cornhole, volleyball, or badminton. Guests enjoy complimentary equipment and play is on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Shaken & Stirred: Signature Sips of Mission Point**

Shake, stir, and sip your way through Mission Point's most iconic cocktails in this interactive demo class. Led by our talented mixology team, guests will learn the stories behind our signature drinks, explore the ingredients that make them unique, and watch step-by-step demonstrations of how each cocktail is crafted. This engaging experience includes tastings of multiple cocktails, expert tips on technique and presentation, and recipe cards to take home.

*To learn more about  
our Experiences, including  
information about dates & times,  
scan the QR code!*





## RESORT AMENITIES

### **Pool & Hot Tub**

Open daily, our outdoor pool complex features a pool and hot tubs with plush lounge chairs. The pool complex is open seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day and is closed during inclement weather.

### **Fitness Center**

As preservationists and caretakers of our bodies, our workout facility is complimentary to all Mission Point guests. The fitness center is located adjacent to Lakeside Spa & Salon and available equipment includes free weights, weight machines, treadmills and ellipticals.

### **Mission Point Theater**

Experience a piece of Hollywood history at our historic movie theater, which was the setting for 'Somewhere in Time' starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. Movies are sponsored by the Mackinac Arts Council with showings twice per week of iconic Mackinac films.

*Mackinac: Our Famous Island* PBS Documentary | Times TBD, please check the MPR website

*This Time for Keeps* | Times TBD, please check the MPR website

*Somewhere in Time* | Times TBD, please check the MPR website



## SHOPPING LOCAL

*at Mission Point*

### **CHAIRISHED MOMENTS AT THE RESORT**

Pop into Mission Point's Marketplace Shops for some of Mackinac Island's best shopping. Chairished Moments is home to a wide selection of accessories, apparel, home decor, toys, books, and souvenirs - most of which are Michigan-made and locally sourced.

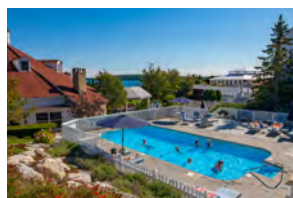
## SALON & SPA

*Your island respite*



### **LAKESIDE SPA & SALON**

Take time for relaxation at Lakeside Spa & Salon at Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island's largest and most modern full-service Aveda salon. Lakeside Spa & Salon offers everything you need for your restorative island respite. Book your schedule with a full day of pampering, enjoy a relaxing mani/pedi, or simply stop by for a quick refresh before your dinner. Their experienced team of licensed spa professionals will tailor your experience exactly to your liking. Highlights include massage therapy, facials, signature body treatments, full hair and nail services, saunas, steam rooms, and relaxation space.







## **THINGS TO DO ON MACKINAC ISLAND**

*Ample Activities to Explore and Enjoy.*

### **Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum**

**906.847.3328**

Admission is free to Mission Point guests who show their room key.  
Arts classes are offered throughout the season. Please call for availability and rates.

### **Butterfly House and Insect World**

**906.847.3972**

Located behind the historic St. Anne's Church. Individual and group rates are available.  
Opens daily at 10:00 am

### **Carriage Tours**

**906.847.3307**

Tour guides are available to take you all over the Island. Public tours are run daily  
and are about 1.5 hours long. Private tours are available for hire.

### **Fishing Charters**

Venture out on our Great Lakes for a half-day with your choice of either  
Chasin' Tail Charter Fishing or North Shore Fishing Charter.

### **Chasin' Tail Charter Fishing**

**877.501.3903**

### **North Shore Fishing Charter**

**906.430.2839**

### **Sip N' Sail Cruises**

**844.906.9006**

Board the Isle Royale Queen III for a unique Mackinac Island boating experience  
that takes you out under the Mackinac Bridge. There are 5 different cruise options  
and cruises are open to all ages. Advanced purchase tickets are required and cruises  
are weather permitting. Please contact Sip N' Sail for additional details.

### **Mackinac's Little Gallery**

**906.847.1159**

A variety of styles and mediums are featured at Mackinac's Little Gallery,  
including works in oil, acrylic, batik, watercolor, collage, pastel, graphite,  
block print, and ceramic sculpture.

### **Golf**

**906.847.3871**

There are two professional golf courses located on Mackinac Island, both with clubs  
available for rent. Mission Point guests are entitled to VIP tee times at Wawashkamo Golf Club.  
Taxis are available to take you to the courses and can be arranged through the concierge.

### **Great Turtle Kayak Rental**

**231.715.2925**

Guided kayak and paddleboard tours around Mackinac Island, Round Island and Bois Blanc Island.  
Tours are available for an hourly or daily rate.

### **Riding Stables**

**Cindy's 906.847.3572**

**Jack's 906.847.3391**

You can explore the wonders of Mackinac Island either on horseback with Cindy's  
Riding Stables or in your very own horse-drawn buggy with Jack's Livery Stable.  
Both stables have set rates and are open daily.

### **Historic Fort Mackinac**

**906.847.3328**

Built in 1780, the Fort hosts live programs, tours, exhibits, hourly cannon firings  
and a view that cannot be missed! Visit the Fort to step back in time and revel in  
the history of the Island. Open daily, please call the Fort directly for hours.

## TRAVEL TO MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

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### COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL

#### *Closest Airports*

**Pellston Regional Airport**, Pellston (PLN), 25 minutes / 15 miles

**Chippewa County Airport**, Kincheloe (CIU), 40 minutes / 30 miles

#### *Additional Airport Options*

**Cherry Capital Airport**, Traverse City (TVC), 2 hours / 115 miles

**Bishop International Airport**, Flint (FNT), 3 hours / 230 miles

**Detroit Metropolitan Airport**, Romulus (DTW), 4 hours / 300 miles

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### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Mackinaw Shuttle provides shuttle service to Mackinaw City from Pellston Airport. Transfer is approximately 25 minutes / 15 miles. Their fleet can transfer 40-50 people at one time. Please call the Mackinac Shuttle directly at 231.539.7005 or email [info@mackinawshuttle.com](mailto:info@mackinawshuttle.com) for arrangements and details.

Northern Transport & Shuttle is based in St. Ignace and services northern Michigan, the Straits area and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. To arrange reservations, please contact their team directly at 906.430.5337 or email [transportnorthern@gmail.com](mailto:transportnorthern@gmail.com).

**NOTE: Uber and Lyft services are not available in our area.**

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### FERRY SERVICE

Shepler's is the preferred ferry partner at Mission Point Resort and offers daily boats to and from Mackinac Island. Arnold Transit Ferry Company is also available with daily service as well. The boat ride across the Straits of Mackinac is approximately 16 minutes filled with photo opportunities of the Mackinac Bridge, Round Island Lighthouse and Mackinac Island.

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### ON-ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

Once on the island, you may take a taxi, ride on the Mackinac Island Carriage Tours shuttle servicing Mission Point, or enjoy the short 15-minute walk.

The Mission Point shuttle is a service offered by Mackinac Island Carriage tours and is a fixed-route shuttle taxi that goes between the ferry docks downtown and Mission Point. This is the easiest way to get to MPR and there is a small charge for riding the shuttle. Please note that the shuttle is not available from 12:30 pm—2:00 pm so the team can change horses.

Horse-drawn taxi service is provided by Mackinac Island Carriage Tours 24 hours per day during the peak summer season. Something unique about Mackinac Island is that taxis cannot be "hailed" and you must call the taxi dispatch office to schedule your pickup. For any questions about taxis on Mackinac Island, please call MICT directly at 906.847.3323.





## IMPORTANT ISLAND SERVICES

While Mackinac Island is a popular tourist destination, it also has a vibrant seasonal and year-round community with the same services that you would expect in any city.

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### **MACKINAC ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Since health issues never take a vacation, the Mackinac Island Medical Center offers 24-hour emergency care for both island residents and visitors. They offer a full range of medical services include emergency room, primary care, x-ray and laboratory.

While cars are banned on Mackinac Island, we do have ambulances, fire trucks and police vehicles. First responders are available 24/7 for any type of emergency and are highly trained. The Fire Station and Police Station are both located on Market Street.

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### **BANKS**

There are two banks located on Mackinac Island:

**First National Bank of St. Ignace** is located on Market Street and **Central Savings Bank** is located on Hoban Street. Both banks have ATMs. There is also an ATM located in the Mission Point Main Lobby.

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### **POST OFFICE**

Our post office offers the same services as larger ones although there is no mail delivery on the island - everyone must stop in and pick up the mail from their P.O. Box. The post office is located on Market Street.



Clockwise: Construction begins on the Assembly Hall | Floating logs in | Delivering supplies by horse and sled | The building crew | Women's Residence | Study Lounge | Assembly Hall

## OUR RESORT HISTORY

**T**he Mission district of Mackinac Island has deep roots in hospitality and the concept of bringing people together to learn and grow.

In the early 1820's, Reverend William Ferry, a Protestant missionary, used this area to house and teach Native American children. He also established Mission Church, which was one of the first protestant churches in the Midwest. The southeast end of Mackinac Island thus became known as Mission Point.

During the 1940's, an organization called the Moral Re-Armament (MRA) was looking for a world headquarters and became involved on the island upon the invitation of the Governor of Michigan at the time. The MRA was a multi-national group who promoted the philosophy of love, unselfishness, purity and honesty in a worldwide evangelistic campaign. They settled on Mackinac Island and groundbreaking ceremonies began in 1954.

Construction on what are now called the Main Lodge and Straits Lodge began in the fall of 1955 with fifty-foot trusses of Norway White Pine from nearby Bois Blanc Island supporting the roof and 45 tons of native stone forming the original building. The Main Lobby's rotunda-style architecture remains one of the most distinctive structures on the island to this day—nine majestic trusses converge at the height of 51 feet and resemble a 16-sided teepee. This structure fulfils the prophecy that says:

*Someday on the east side of the island a great teepee will be erected. All nations will come there and learn about peace.*

A movie production Sound Stage was constructed in 1958 and at the time was the second largest of its type in the world; the MRA used this space to produce movies and short films. In 1966, the MRA relocated their operation to Switzerland and deeded much of the property to an organization known as Mackinac College. This education institute operated for four years, graduated one class and then closed in 1970.

Throughout the 1970's and 80's, the Mission Point property changed hands a few times and during this era, was established as a hotel resort. One of the most notable events at Mission Point occurred in 1979, when Universal Studios leased the Sound Stage mentioned earlier to produce the movie "Somewhere in Time" starring Christopher Reeve and Jayne Seymour. Most of the sets were built and utilized in the Sound Stage and the production team used the Theater for filming. The entire cast and crew were hosted at Mission Point, which was at that time was called the Inn on Mackinac.



Behind the scenes of the movie, *Somewhere in Time*

In 1987, Detroit businessman John Shufelt purchased the property and gave it the official name of Mission Point Resort, paying homage to our historical location. Through the Shufeltes' ownership, Mission Point gained the reputation as the "friendly and casual" hotel and resort option on Mackinac Island.

The current chapter of Mission Point Resort's history book began in 2014, when Dennert and Suzanne Ware purchased the property; they had an immediate plan of multi-million-dollar upgrades while also preserving the important historical nature of the hotel. Since their ownership, Mission Point has added Lakeside Spa & Salon, renovated all 243 guest rooms & suites, refurbished the Conference Center, built the Promenade Deck outdoor pavilion event space and done many more behind-the-scenes improvements to infrastructure, fire safety and overall guest experience. The goal of Mission Point is to provide extraordinary Mackinac Island experiences and with the investments that the Ware family has made, the hotel has seen continued success. With three generations involved in the hotel's operation, the Ware family is celebrating 10 Years of ownership in 2024!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING  
YOUR EVENT AT MISSION POINT RESORT!**

*Please reach out to our team with questions.*

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