

winter events

december

DECEMBER 3-5, 2011

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Selected as one of HGTV's Top Ten Christmas Towns, come kick off the Holiday season and pick up unique crafts at the town's Christmas Bazaar.

DECEMBER 31, 2011

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Join us for some great parties and outdoor splendor as everyone rings in the New Year. There are great meals, great music and no one has to worry about driving.

Mission Point Resort also opens up their Straits Lodge for winter revelers, call (906) 847-3312 for reservations or click on www.missionpoint.com

january

JANUARY 1, 2011

BABY NEW YEAR

Father Time hands the year off to Baby New Year on January 1st and we celebrate on Mackinac Island with football parties at the downtown pubs.

JANUARY 13-16, 2011

MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND

After King's death, United States Representative John Conyers and United States Senator Edward Brooke introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill and made his birthday a National Holiday. Take a peaceful weekend on the Island & reflect on his life as we all pay tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

february

FEBRUARY 4-6, 2011

WINTER FESTIVAL

Join us at Great Turtle Park with a bonfire cook out, sledding, snow golf, archery, snow volleyball, broom hockey and help select the images at the school for the 2013 Mackinac Island Calendar.

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2011

GREAT TURTLE CHILI COOK OFF

Hit the cross-country ski trails surrounded by snow falling on cedars then make your way to the event of the winter. The annual chili cook off takes place at the Village Inn Restaurant, where chefs and average Joe's duke it out for the first, second and third place honors.

FEBRUARY 17-20, 2011

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BASH

President's Day Weekend is a great time to hit the snowy trails for this extended weekend across America.

march

MARCH 16-18, 2011

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND

Snow, Fog, Ice, Water...makes for a typical March on Mackinac Island. Revelers are invited to play Snow Volleyball and the Annual Jamie Bynoe Street Hockey Tournament downtown. Oh...and there will be plenty of Irish Cheer!

the details

GETTING HERE

Arnold Line Ferry (906) 847-3351
www.arnoldline.com

from St. Ignace only until the Ice freezes in January

Great Lakes Air (906) 643-7165

www.greatlakesair.net

from Mackinac County Airport, St. Ignace

SLEEPING HERE

Bogan Lane Inn (906) 847-3439

www.boganlaneinn.com

Cottage Inn (906) 847-4000

www.cottageinnofmackinac.com *Call for select dates*

Harbor Place Studio Suites (906) 847-3347

www.harborplacestudiosuites.com *Downtown*

Mission Point Resort (800) 833.7711

www.missionpoint.com *Call for select dates*

Park Place Suites (906) 847-8194

www.mackinacislandparkplacesuites.com *Downtown*

Pontiac Lodge (906) 847-3364

www.pontiaclodge.com *Downtown*

Sunset Condos (906) 847-3407

www.sunsetcondos.com

EATING HERE

Mustang Lounge (906) 847-9916

www.mustangonmackinac.com

Village Inn (906) 847-3542

www.viofmackinac.com

SHOPPING HERE

Doud's Market (906) 847-3444

www.doudsmarket.com

Harrisonville General Store (906) 847-3553

GETTING AROUND HERE

Mackinac Island Taxi Service (906) 847-3323

All reservations for evening or early morning must be made by 3pm daily.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI & SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Village Inn (906) 847-3542

www.viofmackinac.com

a winter island escape

There are beautifully groomed trails for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing throughout Mackinac Island State Park. Ski and snow shoe rentals are readily available at the Village Inn.

With a handful of places to stay, a few good pubs, groceries and sundries, there are plenty of small town amenities for a winter getaway.

The ferry boats run out of St. Ignace until the ice freezes - but not to worry, Great Lakes Air offers scheduled flights daily from the Mackinac County Airport, also in St. Ignace.

Horses? Yep, there are about a dozen and we do have horse-drawn taxi service to get you around.

Tours or Sleighs? Nope, after a long summer, Mackinac's equine fleet take a well-deserved break.

Please note:

There are no open restaurants on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day.

a mackinac winter

Mackinac Island is indeed open year 'round. But, the hearty few that visit find a completely different Mackinac Island to experience, which is unlike the spring, summer or fall travel season.

This makes it the perfect getaway for those who want a much slower pace-so that it is easier to get quiet, hang out and enjoy the company of friends, family and the great outdoors.

wintertime on mackinac island



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