



APOSTLE ISLANDS VOYAGEUR CANOE TRIP ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Traveling along the Apostle Islands on the world's largest freshwater lake is truly an unequalled experience! The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, located in Wisconsin, is celebrated for the pristine beauty and natural history of its twenty-two islands. Lake Superior itself is approximately the size of the state of Indiana and contains one-tenth of the world's fresh water. Superior is known for its awesome beauty and diverse moods.

Together your group will paddle a 34-foot Montreal canoe from island to island exploring shipwrecks, secluded beaches, sandstone cliffs and sea caves along the way. Typically, there is plenty of time for hiking and getting to know the islands. However, the exact amount of time for these activities can vary considerably based on factors such as weather and group dynamics. A visit to a working lighthouse or an interpretive program led by a National Parks Service ranger is available on several islands. The Apostles provide habitat for a wide variety of birds and mammals, hence, frequent wildlife sightings are a part of this experience. Because these are islands, unique wildlife research has been conducted on a number of species, most notably black bear. Come join us and feel your spirit be renewed as your entire being comes alive.

THE MONTREAL CANOE

Our 34-foot Montreal canoes are modeled after the canoes used in the fur trade era. Over 200 years ago groups of French Canadian fur traders called Voyageurs paddled these beautiful craft from Montreal to the Apostle Islands, trading with Native Americans. The canoes can carry up to sixteen people and their gear. Paddling together in a Montreal canoe is an ideal way to get to know one another and develop teamwork— just as the Voyageurs did – as you sing your way to new and exciting destinations.

WEATHER AND BUGS

Summer weather on Lake Superior is highly variable. Temperatures can range from 45 degrees to 105 degrees and rain can come quickly. Often the days are hot and sunny with cool nights. The water can get fairly warm in many shallow bays for pleasant swimming. Remember your sunscreen and warm clothes! Mosquitoes and biting flies may be present on the Islands so plan to bring insect repellent as well.

SAFETY

We take every precaution to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. Two mature guide/counselors lead each trip. They are certified in Lifeguarding, Wilderness First Aid and CPR, and are given extensive training in emergency situations and Lake Superior weather and travel. The canoes are stable and are equipped with marine band radios for emergency communication. The National Park Service and coast guard are available for emergency assistance and can normally be reached 24 hours a day. Emergency response time is usually within 2 to 3 hours, but may be a little longer in a few locations. Amnicon has over 40 years of experience of safe travel on Lake Superior and meets the high standards of the American Camping Association for accreditation.

As with any wilderness trip, weather may prohibit safe travel back to the mainland on the planned return date. Although quite rare, there is a possibility that your group may spend an extra night on the Islands.

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TYPICAL SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

Arrive at Amnicon between 2-4 pm
Meet your guides!
Volleyball, games or initiative activities
Dinner
Health and Safety orientation
Go over the specifics of your trip with your guide
Campfire, singing, devotions on the Lake Superior beach

DAY TWO

Breakfast and First Word
Pack your Duluth packs and load up the trailer
Depart for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
Paddle to one of the Apostle Islands
Set up camp, cook over the open fire
Swimming, theme study, devotions

DAYS TWO-FIVE (*traveling days*)

Breakfast and First Word
Break camp
Canoeing through clear lake waters, viewing spectacular scenery and spotting wildlife!
Set up camp, swim, explore, games, theme study, environmental-activities
Cook dinner over an open fire
Campfire and discussions, singing, stargazing, stories, Last Word
Fall asleep to the lullaby of the wilderness

DAY SIX

Breakfast and First Word
Break camp and paddle to take-out point
Travel back to Amnicon
Unpack and clean up
Evaluation and farewells
Depart from Amnicon around 4 pm