The Spirit of the Lake Erie Islands: The Drama, the Beauty, the Science

An Exclusive Learning Adventure for Members of the ILR at Miami University and OLLI at UC

PROGRAM #1804 | SEPTEMBER 15-20, 2019
Experience the Lake Erie Islands

Overview
Make your way to the islands in the western basin of Lake Erie to learn about their fascinating human and natural history. Narrated walks and on-site presentations teach you about the wildflowers, cliffs, snakes, grape harvests and bird and butterfly migrations that make the islands unique.
Note: You will receive an information packet with your accommodations prior to the program start date. You will stay in one of three charming Bed & Breakfasts.

Walking up to one mile, some uneven terrain. Stairways to reach caves and the elevator platform for Perry’s Memorial. Ferry boat to South Bass, day trips by boat to outer islands.

Activity Level Outdoor:
No Sweat

Highlights
• On a boat excursion to Kelleys Island, study geology at gigantic glacial grooves and fossil-filled quarries.
• A scientific voyage with staff from the Ohio State University’s Stone Laboratory introduces you to lake ecology.
• Learn about the Battle of Lake Erie, Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial and visit other sites relevant to island history.

About Our Lodging
Ashley’s Island House Bed & Breakfast
The Island’s oldest and largest bed and breakfast, housed in a historic Victorian home.

English Pines Bed & Breakfast
Lodged in a circa mid-1800’s original settlers home, this lovely bed and breakfast is located in two quiet acres near the downtown district.

Arbor Inn Bed & Breakfast
Cape Cod-style bed and breakfast, nestled on a quiet, secluded three-acre wooded lot overlooking vineyards.

This 6-Day Adventure in the Lake Erie Islands Includes:
• 5 Nights of accommodations
• 15 Meals (5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners)
• 6 Expert-led lectures
• 17 Field trips
• 4 Hands-on experiences
• Group travel and transfers throughout the program
• A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
• Customary gratuities, taxes and destination fees
• The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Road Scholar
This experience is offered through Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world’s peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Road Scholar’s meaningful — often transformational — educational adventures engage people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.
Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, Sept. 15
Check-in, Orientation, Welcome Dinner

After checking into the accommodations, there will be a Program Orientation and a Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Monday, Sept. 16
Lighthouse, Lake Erie Islands Center, Perry's Victory & IPM

This morning, discover South Bass Island culture and history. Enjoy a train trek across the island. Later, visit the South Bass Island Lighthouse and the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. After lunch at a waterfront restaurant, explore the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, Perry’s Victory and the International Peace Memorial with expert-led commentary. After dinner, enjoy a lecture at the historic South Bass Island Town Hall on natural and cultural history topics.

Day 3: Tuesday, Sept. 17
Gibraltar Island, Stone Laboratory, Lake Erie Ecology

Transfer by boat this morning from Put-in-Bay to Gibraltar Island, home of the Ohio State University’s Stone Laboratory. At Stone Laboratory, visit the Plankton Lab. Explore Gibraltar Island and its extraordinary buildings with Ohio State University staff. View the iconic home of Jay Cooke, financier of the Civil War. Enjoy a limnology science cruise on Lake Erie. After a lake front lunch at Stone Lab’s dining hall, return by boat back to Put-in-Bay. Next, journey to the Aquatic Resources Visitor Center. Learn about Lake Erie Islands’ bat program with an expert. Following dinner, hear a lecture at Town Hall on natural and cultural history topics.

Day 4: Wednesday, Sept. 18
South Bass Island, Lake Erie Islands Center, Caves

Start the day with an exploration of Perry's Cave and its Butterfly House. Enjoy a tasty waterfront lunch before journeying to the local churches on South Bass Island. Next, visit Heineman's Winery and its underground Crystal Cave — the world's largest geode! After dinner, we will be joined by a local expert for a lecture at Town Hall.

Day 5: Thursday, Sept. 19
Ferry to Kelleys Island, Bird Banding, Glacial Grooves

Today begins with a ferry trip to Kelleys Island. Enjoy a bird banding demonstration with a Master Bird Bander from the US Geologic Survey and American Banding Council. Discover the unique geological formations at Kelleys Island’s Glacial Grooves. Hunt for fossils on the islands’ East Quarry before breaking for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the Ohio Historical Society Petroglyphs for an expert-led field trip on geology and natural history. Later, return to Put-in-Bay by ferry. Dinner this evening is on the waterfront, followed by some free time to explore what the region has to offer.

Day 6: Friday, Sept. 20
Butterfly Walk & Tagging, Program Concludes

Enjoy a monarch butterfly walk this morning. Take in a lecture on butterfly migration and tagging. The program concludes after lunch at local restaurant.
How to Enroll

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #1804, "The Spirit of the Lake Erie Islands: The Drama, the Beauty, the Science," from Sept. 15-20, 2019 and note that you’re a member of the ILR at Miami University or the OLLI at UC.

Program Prices Per Person

Double-occupancy price: $969
Single-occupancy price: $1,269

Registration & Cancellation Information

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Cancel Schedule:
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