



# TOPPLANE TRAVEL

3 - Day Motorcoach "Fun Trip"

## Thumb Octagon Barn

Agricultural Museum

"Fall Family Days"

Gagetown, Michigan

Topplane Travel & Niagara Antique Power Association would like to invite you to take a step back in time at the **Thumb Octagon Barn Agriculture Museum** in **Gagetown, MI.** ( [www.thumboctagonbarn.org](http://www.thumboctagonbarn.org) ) Built in 1923 by a local businessman, James L. Purdy, the **Thumb Octagon Barn** is a true epitome of agricultural life. Registered as a *Michigan Historical Site*, the Thumb Octagon Barn provides visitors with a glimpse into the livelihood of a Michigan Thumb farmer in the early 1900's. Restoration of the barn and its history started taking shape in 1994 when the "*Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn*" - a nonprofit, volunteer group - came together to preserve the area's agricultural heritage and the **Purdy 'Mud Lake Estate'** complex, and also to educate visitors about rural life in the early 1900's. The barn is located just north of Gagetown in the heart of Michigan's Thumb area. This unique landmark features an octagon-shaped barn, a two-story craftsman style home and garage, and the surrounding grounds and buildings. The "*Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn*" host "**Fall Family Days**" every September. Funds from special events, memberships and visitor donations help to ensure the Friends' goal of preserving the agricultural heritage and barn complex, and the development of the Thumb Octagon Barn as the Thumb Agricultural Museum with a replica 1900's village on site. This year's theme is **Soy Beans and Related Products**. There will be demonstrations and displays relating to soy beans. See the list below for other things that will be going on at "**Fall Family Days**". We will also be visiting **Frankenmuth, Michigan's Little Bavaria**. During this weekend, Auto Fest is taking place. Over 2000 classic cars, street rods and muscle cars will be on display in Heritage Park. You will be able to visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland - the world's largest Christmas store. Maybe do a little shopping on main street. And you can't go to Frankenmuth without having a world famous family-style chicken dinner at one of Frankenmuth's Bavarian themed restaurants. So please, join **Niagara Antique Power Association** on this exciting, historic and educational **Topplane Travel "Fun Trip"** to the "**Thumb**" area of Michigan and **Frankenmuth, Michigan's Little Bavaria!**

Escorted by **Melanie & Ed Steeves**  
**Karl & Lorna Fretz**

### Included:

- Return deluxe motorcoach **Ontario - Gagetown, MI**
- 2 nights hotel - *Bay City MI*
- 4 meals - 2 breakfasts - 1 lunch - 1 dinner
- **Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum**  
*"Fall Family Days" - Gagetown MI*
  - Fish Fry & Country Style Breakfast
  - Field demonstrations & farm machinery in operation
  - Tractor Parade
  - Antique tractors, gas & steam engines
  - Blacksmith & threshing demonstrations
  - Horse drawn wagon rides
  - Saw mill, planer, edger, buzz saw & new museum
  - School house & Sugar shack
  - Shingle mill, forge & stationary hay press
  - Tours of barn & house
  - Ladies craft demonstrations
  - Arts, crafts, antique & flea market vendors
  - Old Time Music & Dance in the Barn (night)
- **Frankenmuth MI**
  - Auto Fest
  - Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
  - Optional Shopping
  - Famous Bavarian Chicken Lunch

### Not Included:

- Any unscheduled attractions, tours & meals you do on own
- Medical & Cancellation Insurance - (Ask for a quote)

\*Prices & itinerary are correct at time of printing & may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Any increase over 7% (due to fuel surcharge or exchange rate) will give you the option to cancel without penalty

## September 6 - 8, 2013

Double **\$449.00** pp    Triple **\$429.00**    Quad **\$419.00**  
Single **\$559.00**                      Taxes included (Canadian Dollars)

Deposit: **\$100.00** pp due at time of booking  
Final payment due **July 19, 2013**  
Deposit & Final Payment by **cash or cheque only**

### Cancellation Policy

Cancel **July 18, 2013** or before - **full refund**  
Cancel **July 19, 2013** or after - **no refund**  
Cancellation Insurance must be purchased before final payment.  
**Ask us for a Quote!**

**Valid PASSPORT required!**

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