TRAVEL

Board the S.S. Badger for a Great Lake adventure

If you want to add some scafaring adventure between a Michigan-Wisconsin color tour, you may consider giving up some highway miles aboard the Lake Michigan Carfery.

Many Michiganders use the ship, named "S.S. Badger," to cut automobile travel time or to enjoy a Great Lakes cruise adventure without the ocean cruise price.

Crossing time between the two ports is just four hours. Boats

leave 8:30 a.m. from Ludington and 2 p.m. from Manitowoc, Wisconsin until October 9. The saling schedule begins May 19 and reaches a peak in the summer, with two crossings offered daily from June 23 to August 27.

The Badger first set sail in 1952 as one of seven carferries that transported railmed cars between the port of Ludington and the Wisconsin ports of Manitowac, Kowaunce and Milwaukec. Today, the SS. Badger sails on by popular demand, as a passenger-

vehicle ship. And although the Badger still maintains its industrial steamship look, its size and amonities are impressive.

Over 400 feet long, the Badger carries up to 620 passengers per cruise along with 130 automobiles harbored on the first level. The second floor has a cafeteria, movie theater and childran's area where kids can be entertained with storytime, gennes and a video arcade. There is also a gift shop featuring souvenirs, clothing and personal items. Evening cruises feature

folk singers, comedy or bands playing popular tunes. The upper deck of the Badger is where you'll find the true sea worshipters.

You can board the ship in Ludington or Manitowle. Ludington is a short trip away from other popular destinations including Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island.

As for the port at Manitowic, it's like stepping back in time. Visit the town's 1940s submarine at the Wisconsin Martima muse-

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um, visit the vintage ice cream parior down the street with hand-carved cherry wood booths and pewter ice cream dishes. The port is a short trip away from Door County's seenic shoreline, Green Bey, and the Wisconsin Dells— the Midwest's number one family

the Midwest's numer can destination.

Round-trip adult fore is \$115, including vehicle. Fares for those under 15 are \$25. Children under five travel free. Call 1-800-841-4243 for more information.

For more information on things to do near the ports in Michigan or Wisconsin, call the Ludington Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau 1-(800)-522-4600 or the Manitowic Area Visitor and Con-vention bureau 1-(800)-262-7892

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Farm hosts Sheep and Wool Festival

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The fifth annual Sheep and
Wool Festival takes place 10 a.m.
to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,
Sept. 23-24 at Mt. Bruce Station,
a sheep farm, (6440 Bordman
Road, six miles north of Romeo,
Mich., two miles west of M-53).
Gate admission is 34, children
under 5, free. Call (810) 798-2569
(7810) 798-2566 for information.
Yvonne Uhlianuk, perhapa best
known as the former owner of
Tweeney's Cafe in Birmingham,
runs the two-day educational
happening at her farm.
Uhlianuk raises her flock of
Corridale and Romney sheep
mainly for their wool, but also
uses many of the ram (male)
lambs for meat, which is available

year-round along with the yarn and knitted goods at her on-site store, The Farm Wool Shop. The sheep are fed a natural grass and grain diet and produce yarn in colors ranging from black, to brown, taupe, silvery gray and

to brown, taupe, silvery gray and cream.

Uhlianuk explains the process of ahearing and carding wool at the festival with the help of fellow darmers and craftspeople who set up demonstration booths on the farm.

Children can enjoy hayrides, play farm games, or learn to make simple crafts such as felt balls. Adults can participate in various on the grounds. There will diso be a ceremony blessing the new harvest, performed in the style of Old

English "Morris" dancers by a professional troupe.

B Autumn Days — Colonial Michilmackinae in Mackinaw City. Village residenta prepare for winter, the 18th century French fur redling village and military outpost will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. hrough Oct. 15. Fort Mackinae Tea Room on Mackinae Island will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22 and Oct. 22-29. Call (906) 847-3328 or (616) 436-5563.

■ Fall color tour, casino, Mackinac Island, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 14-15. Cost \$115 per person, offored by Omega Travel, Farmington. Call (810) 471-0535 or 1-(800)-441-6401



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Fares - Color Tours: Adult \$10; Seniors \$8; Youth \$6 Fares - Ghost Train: Adult \$7; Seniors \$6; Youth \$4



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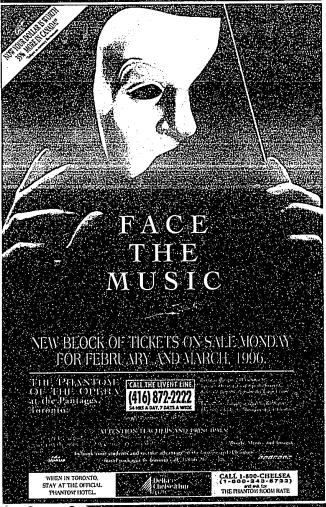
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