

# The Search for the Colors of October



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## October 5th, 6th, 7th...

This year's Fall Drive will take us back to Michigan hooking up with the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan. Driving on the scenic roads along the West edge of the state, continuing on Michigan's M-22 thru Leelanau County to Traverse City.



We will leave 9am (Eastern Time!) Saturday morning from Benton Harbor, Michigan. It's about a 2-hour drive from Chicago to Benton Harbor, with a 1 hour time change. You could leave before 6 am Saturday morning and make it for the 9am departure or to make it easier, leave Friday and get around the lake ahead of time.

Leave Friday morning after the rush and explore St Joseph or afternoon before the rush hour or wait until after the evening rush hour, putting you at the hotel ready for the weekend journey.

Practical tip: If you're not in a hurry, get off the interstate or the Skyway after Gary, Indiana and head to the Red Arrow Highway for a much nicer drive.

We will be staying and meeting at the

Days Inn right off I-94 and Pipestone Rd, I will be there Friday night. We already have quite a few members signed up for Friday night so

maybe we can get a group together for dinner and a movie in Benton Harbor Friday night.

We will stay off interstates as much as possible using the Blue Star Highway as our first route to Saugatuck.

Stopping in Saugatuck for a 40 minute Dune Ride and then onto Holland, where we will meet up with the Michigan club for lunch at The Curragh, a traditional Irish Pub. After lunch, there will be time to explore the shops downtown, head over to the Dutch Village, Vedder Tulip Farms or continue on (2 hr drive) to Manistee for the night.

Dinner in Manistee at North Channel Brewing Company and afterward for those up to it we will head over to the SS City of Milwaukee "Ghost Ship".



Our Saturday hotel is the nearby Days Inn that the Michigan club will be staying at.

Sunday we will get on Michigan M-22, one of the most beautiful scenic drives in the state of Michigan. Hugging the Lake Michigan shoreline on the way to Traverse City. Stopping at the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive that takes you thru the wooded area, thru a covered bridge with stopping points to gaze out over Lake Michigan and the Michigan Dunes. Onward to Leland, better know as "Fishtown" for lunch and more sightseeing.

After "Fishtown" we will continue on around Lake Leelanau on M22 to Traverse City or, my favorite, getting on some "really off the beaten path" roads and stopping off at many local wineries, distilleries or shops.

For those that can't stay over Sunday night, it's about 5.5 hours back to Chicago, so you can still be home for the evening news



For those that stay in Traverse City Sunday night we are looking into a nice drive up the west coast of Old Mission Peninsula to a dinner location (maybe a nice sunset will be available), spend the night at the Bayshore Re-



sort, right on the bay in Traverse City. Monday is up to you, head back, find



some other places to stop at. Stay in Traverse City and check out the local attractions, head up to Charlevoix, Harbor Springs or Petoskey. Keep going to the Tunnel of Trees, Mackinac Bridge, Mackinaw Island and around the lake.

It's up to you,

**The Search is on.**

PS. I plan on making up a tour packet with attendees/maps/directions/things to do... and sending it out ahead of time so everyone knows the routine or incase someone runs late and has to catch up to the group.

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**Things to do:**

**#1: Sign up at [www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com)**

**#2: Call to Make your hotel reservations, by Sept 1st**

Friday October 5th Benton Harbor Hotel:

**Days Inn, 269-925-1880 \$101 -\$129**

Or [www.wyndhamhotels.com](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com)

1598 Mall Drive, Benton Harbor

Saturday October 6th Manistee Hotels:

**Days Inn 231-723-8385**

(block of rooms under Jaguar Club)

1462 Manistee Highway, Manistee

Sunday October 7th Traverse City Hotel:

**The Bayshore Resort, 231-935-4400 \$115 - \$159**

833 East Front Street, Traverse City

(block of rooms under Jaguar Club, they could run out so sign up now or be ready to stay at another nearby hotel)

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