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Grand Hotel Offers Special Packages for 2012 Season

For the 2012 season, Grand Hotel will offer many special packages designed to highlight the many attributes that make a stay at Grand Hotel truly a “one of a kind” experience. Special packages include:

Available on select dates throughout the season - Tea for Two Package. Enjoy unlimited golf on Grand Hotel’s 18-hole course, The Jewel, and enjoy traditional Afternoon Tea in Grand Hotel’s Parlor.

May 4 - 6, 2012 - Titanic at the Grand. Celebrate the history, majesty and intrigue of the RMS Titanic when Grand Hotel is transformed into the doomed passenger steamship for a weekend, with hotel guests taking on the roles of actual Titanic passengers.

May 4 - 9, 2012 - Annual Needlework Seminar. Join nationally acclaimed quilting artists, designers, instructors and authors David Taylor, Kim Diehl, and Sue Spargo. The package includes workshops. Lecture/trunk show presentations and vendors are open to the public.

May 11 - 13, 2012 - Mother's Day Weekend. Treat mom to a weekend she will never forget. Nightly receptions and a special Grand Luncheon Buffet on Sunday.

May 26 - 28, 2012 - AAA Memorial Day Weekend. Memorial Day weekend offers the first opportunity for a long weekend on the Island. The package includes a reception on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

June 8 - 17, 2012 - Mackinac Island Lilac Festival. Mackinac Island is known for its lilac trees, some of them more than 200 years old. The festival coincides with the blooming of the lilacs on the Island. This Grand Hotel package includes tours of its own lilacs and its extensive gardens.

June 24 - 26, 2012 - Michigan Golf Live Package. Join Michigan Golf Live host Bill Hobson for unlimited golf on The Jewel with friendly contests – prizes awarded, cocktail receptions each night, and a box lunch on the course on Monday.

June 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, July 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2012 - Grand Hotel's 125th Birthday. Enjoy special tours of Grand Hotel's gardens, antiques, and kitchen. Guests can design their own package, staying one night or many.

June 29 - July 1, 2012 - Grand Hotel Arts Weekend. This unique weekend provides entertainment and instruction conducted by the faculty from the Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters. The weekend includes performances, presentations, lectures, and discussions about theater, art and music.

June 29 - July 1, 2012 - Wine Appreciation Weekend. This is the weekend at Grand Hotel to enjoy dining and wines. Learn more about wine and selecting vintages during a special wine tasting on Saturday afternoon. The setting is very casual and laid back and is designed for anyone having an appreciation or interest in wine. A special dinner is included on Saturday evening as well as receptions on both Friday and Saturday.

July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2012 (Choose three nights) - Old Fashioned Mackinac Fourth of July Celebration. A three-night family celebration including lawn games, an ice cream social, fireworks, cookout luncheon, and special children's programs with a children's carnival on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

July 13 - 15, 2012 - 125th Anniversary Celebration Package. Celebrate our 125th anniversary in Grand style. Enjoy presentations by hotel interior designer Carleton Varney, historian Bob Tagatz, and a question and answer session with the Musser family. Wonderful receptions and a special Saturday evening dinner designed by executive chef Hans Burtscher along with fireworks on Friday evening and a performance by Labor Day Jazz Festival favorite John Pizzarelli Saturday evening highlight the event. The package includes a signed copy of Grand Hotel's 125th anniversary coffee table book and a 20-year calendar commemorating the landmark event.

July 15 - 19; July 29 - August 1; and August 12 - 25, 2012 - Family Added Value Days. Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island are always ideal for families. During Family Added Value Days, enjoy the added benefits of a daily ice cream social, complimentary children's programs, nightly children-friendly movie, free golf green fees for ages 17 and under, and no charge for children 17 and under in the same room with parents. Regular social rates apply. Buy two nights, get the third night free.

August 26 - 30, 2012 - Games & Gardens Week. The week includes tours of Grand Hotel's impressive gardens and Mackinac Island's most magnificent private gardens, as well as games of croquet and bocci ball, unlimited free tennis on Grand Hotel's courts, and free golf on both the Grand nine and the Woods nine portions of The Jewel.

August 31 - September 3, 2012 - Labor Day Jazz Weekend. The sounds of jazz fill Grand Hotel during our most popular package weekend. Enjoy nationally known headliners performing in our Tea Garden during the day and in our Theatre at night. Past headliners include Ramsey Lewis, Herbie Hancock, Pete Fountain, Lou Rawls, John Pizzarelli, Diane Schuur, and Trombone Shorty.

September 7 - 9, 2012 - Michigan Golf Live Package. Join Michigan Golf Live host Bill Hobson for unlimited golf on The Jewel with friendly contests – prizes awarded, cocktail receptions each night, and a box lunch on the course on Saturday.

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October 5 - 7, 2012 - Girlfriends Getaway Weekend. Escape for a weekend that includes a wine and champagne welcome reception, morning workout session, shops discounts, and free golf green fees.

October 5 - 7, 2012 - Grand Hotel History Weekend. Enjoy Resort Historian Bob Tagatz as he presents an interesting and entertaining look at the story behind Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island.

October 12 - 14, 2012 - Ballroom Dancing Weekend. The weekend features live music by The Grand Hotel Orchestra as well as nationally known Big Bands brought in to play in our Theatre, equipped with a special dance floor. Dance instructors will also be available to tune up individual dance steps.

October 19 - 21, 2012 - Murder Mystery Weekend. Piece together clues and unravel the mystery with the help of special theatrical guests. The setting for this year's weekend is 1937. Attend and help solve "The Gloved Hand of Murder".

October 26 - 28, 2012 - Somewhere in Time Weekend. This Grand Hotel tradition has become one of the most popular of the weekends on the schedule. It celebrates the romantic classic film *Somewhere in Time*, which was filmed at Grand Hotel in 1979 and starred Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer. Members of the cast and crew of the movie participate in panel discussions and informative lectures, and they tour sites where scenes were filmed.

October 28 - 29, 2012 - Close the Grand for the Season. Witness the traditions that take place each year as Grand Hotel's staff prepares the hotel for the winter. Dress casually for a buffet dinner on Sunday evening in the Main Dining Room.