Charlevoix County is your place for a unique vacation experience!

If you wish to visit "America's Emerald Isle" (Beaver Island), buckle up to take to the skies in one of our charter plane services, leaving daily from Charlevoix's municipal airport. Or, if plane travel isn't for you, board the ferry for a couple hours of Lake Michigan enjoyment. We also have our own "quick trip" Ironton Ferry, carrying passengers across the channel of Lake Charlevoix.

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Relax, Shop and Dine...

Let Charlevoix County be your vacation getaway FULL of rest and relaxation as you get ready to explore all the wonderful fun and finds we have to offer! From unique boutiques, art galleries and book stores, to classic gift shops where you'll find the most beautiful handmade pieces of jewelry, pottery or glasswork, you will be SURE to find something for everyone! Each of our towns and their surrounding areas offer a unique range of goods and services. After a full day of filling your bags, you'll be ready to let our incredible Up-North cuisine fill your hunger as well. Charlevoix County is home to such a wide variety of places to dine, you won't know where to start. To begin your vacation days, we have delis, cafes and bistros creating gourmet soups and sandwiches, or family restaurants for downtown favorites. As evening sets in, your dinner selections range from simple pizza and subs, to gourmet 5 star creations.

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East Jordan is home to the beautiful Jordan Valley, which can be seen from high atop "Deadman's Hill", a location rich with our history and lore of the logging era. The Jordan River Arts Council brings the area's more artistic side to light, with various exhibits and shows at its downtown location, while the Raven Hill Discovery Center lets the entire family interact with science, nature, art and history alike.

Boyne City is our mix of refined arts and nature's enjoyment rolled into one. There are great opportunities to see it all, either strolling sidewalks, farmers market and shops, or soaring through the canopy with one of the area's ziplining adventures. Be sure to check Boyne City's websites for more links and other details.

If you want the more rustic experience of staying “Up North”, Charlevoix County offers many options with township, county, state, and privately owned camping facilities. East Jordan is home to the East Jordan Tourist Park, Boyne City offers Whiting Park and Young State Park, Charlevoix features Fishermand's Island State Park, and Beaver Island invites you to enjoy either of their two campgrounds.

Beaches are abundant and open to the public in nearly every area of our lake and river filled county. We have several parks/trails dedicated to hiking, biking, picnicing, and day-use as well as swimming, fishing, and other enjoyments. Be sure to visit the county owned Thumb Lake Park for a quiet beach getaway, or Porter Creek Natural Area for a peaceful hike or jog.

The Little Traverse Wheelway connects Charlevoix to Petoskey via an asphalt trail along US31, and as construction begins in 2016, Charlevoix County will begin connecting Boyne City and Charlevoix via another new asphalt non-motorized trail. View our website, www.charlevoixcounty.org, for updates on the construction of the project.

Check with any chamber of commerce, or contact Charlevoix County via info@charlevoixcounty.org for more details and suggestions!

Charlevoix County MICHIGAN

Boyne City... beyond your expectations!

Boyne Falls... a mountain of adventure!

East Jordan... art, architecture and atmosphere alike!

Walloon Lake... a wonderful way to relax!

Beaver Island... the Emerald Isle!

Many the Reasons, to Come for All Seasons!
BOYNE CITY

If you enjoy a good festival, a street-side stroll, or a reason to sample new foods and more, then Boyne City is the city for you. Summer weekends kick off on Friday evenings with our own Stroll the Streets. The feel of a hometown gathering that welcomes folks with street musicians, foods, and more. Then, our Farmers Market takes place every Saturday morning. Truly all seasons center for enjoyment! Whether you wish to shop, sip, ski, boat, golf, dine, camp, swim, zip, or simply kick back and relax, Boyne City will have just the activity you are in search of.

Please visit: cityofboynecity.org visitboynecity.com

CHARLEVOIX

If you have been looking for that quaint, waterfront town seen in magazines, then Charlevoix is the place for you! If you enjoy a more reserved getaway, then you should find the choices abundant in Charlevoix the Beautiful. Take a leisurely look through the local art galleries, drive by some of our historic architecture, shop the small kiosks for treasure, you will find that Walloon is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy. And these are only a couple of thoughts for Summer! Winter brings lights and skating, and skiing as well. Book a lakefront rental or traditional style inn or resort, then relax & enjoy! If enjoying the lake itself is not for you, you are still in the right spot for a little R & R. Located barely off of US-131 on the shore of Walloon Lake, you are within minutes of all the dining, golf, spa, recreation and relaxation of Boyne Mountain Resort and Boyne Falls. Of course, you are not far from Petoskey and the Odawa Casino. No matter which activity or area you are in search of your perfect home base is always “Wonderfully Walloon”!

Please visit: cityofcharlevoix.org charlevoix.org eastjordanfreedomfestival.org

BOYNE FALLS

To many, the crown jewel of this village is the Boyne Mountain Resort. Through its website: www.boynemountains.com, you will find all the choices you need for dining and enjoyment. To others, the beauty of Boyne Falls is its location, small-town atmosphere, and laid back presence. Located directly on US-131, you are close to the resort, Boyne City, Gaylord, and Petoskey alike. Surrounded by thousands of acres of state land, rivers, lakes and streams, you can enjoy the great outdoors, and minutes later enjoy a spa, a round of golf, shops, or a wonderful meal.

Boyne Falls is a favorite area for festivals as well. Two of its main features are the Boyne Falls Polish Festival and the Antique Fly Wheels yearly antique tractor, steam engine, and craft show. Both events are a breath away. And if being in the great outdoors all day is not enough, we have campgrounds, cabins and rentals to fit everyone’s budget and needs. Hunting, fishing, birding, biking and boating are only the tip of the iceberg! Charlevoix County adventure visit us at: eastjordancounty.org eastjordanfreedomfestival.org

WALLOON

You’re sure to love our quaint hamlet on the shore that is so “wonderfully Walloon”!

Whether you long to take a morning beach stroll with a coffee and fresh pastries behind the baker’s glass, loan back on the dining deck to enjoy the sunset over a gourmet dinner, enjoy the lake or shop the small kiosks for treasure, you will find that Walloon is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy. And these are only a couple of thoughts for Summer! Winter brings lights and skating, and skiing as well. Book a lakefront rental or traditional style inn or resort, then relax & enjoy! If enjoying the lake itself is not for you, you are still in the right spot for a little R & R. Located barely off of US-131 on the shore of Walloon Lake, you are within minutes of all the dining, golf, spa, recreation and relaxation of Boyne Mountain Resort and Boyne Falls. Of course, you are not far from Petoskey and the Odawa Casino. No matter which activity or area you are in search of, your perfect home base is always “Wonderfully Walloon”!

Please visit: bibco.com (ferry service) freshairaviation.net and islandairways.com

BEAVER ISLAND

Rich in history and Irish heritage, Beaver Island is a “must see” for anyone visiting Charlevoix County. The welcome and relaxing atmosphere of this small town greets one and all, as the ferries and boats enter her Lake Michigan harbor. If traveling by air, you will receive a warm island welcome at either of the island’s two airports. With Beaver Island’s historic sites, natural beauty and hometown feel, you will be sure to fill your day with more activities and sights than you ever expected. And when your busy day is done, don’t quit yet: what Irish small town excursion can be complete without great food and drink! You will find it all right here.

Beaver Island is host to many festivals and great island events that are truly all its own. Come and stay for a marathon, or try a return visit for one of the music, food, or art festivals. If gatherings aren’t for you, then perhaps you would love to explore the thousands of acres encompassed by the Beaver Island Birding Trail, where many species nest and migrate. Or, for the adventurous at heart, explore by boat or plane the smaller islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago. Fishing, swimming, birding, or enjoying the events, the island has it all. With so much to see and do, the challenge is deciding where to start!

Please visit: beaverisland.org or beaverislandbirdingtrail.org bibco.com (ferry service) freshairaviation.net and islandairways.com

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FESTIVALS and EVENTS

Charlevoix County LOVES to celebrate all the best our life has to offer! If you are a foodie, try one of our numerous festivals celebrating everything from mushrooms to apples and everything in between. If you prefer more of an artistic flair, then you will not want to miss our SOBO Arts Festival in Boyne City, the Waterfront Art Fair in Charlevoix, and maybe even hit a few more as well! Looking to kick up your heels with an all around good party instead? Check out the historic, weeklong Venetian Festival in Charlevoix or the Freedom Festival in East Jordan. We even celebrate our heritage with dancin’ good times at the Polish Festival in Boyne Falls and the Irish heritage events in Boyne City or on Beaver Island. We celebrate the year round beauty of our county with the Fall Harvest Festival in Boyne City, East Jordan Sino Blast, and the Charlevoix Summer Solstice.

"many reasons to come, for all seasons!"