

The Creation of Mackinac

"Many, many moon ago, long before the memory of the oldest warrior's father, a great flood covered the earth. All the land of our people was submerged and every living thing was drowned except the beaver and the Great Spirit.

The Great Spirit called the beaver to him to dive and bring up some earth from the bottom of the flood. This the beaver did. From the earth Manibosho created Mackinac Island and finally the remainder of the world. He was so pleased with his work, however, that he returned to make his home at Mackinac. Here he dwelt for many years with his wife the West Wind. From them descended all of our people."

Explorers were lured to the shores of Mackinac by the fabled short passage to Cathay. In 1634, just 14 years after the Pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock, Jean Nicolet, French explorer and adventurer, paddled his bark covered canoe through the Straits of Mackinac. Other voyageurs soon followed. Michilimackinac, a French translation for the Indian name for the Island, means "Great Turtle." The English, who eventually ousted the French from the Island, dropped the prefix Michili to simplify the spelling.

The conclusion of the War of 1812 brought Fort Mackinac finally under control of the United States. The growing fishing and tourist industries after the Civil War brought economic vitality to Mackinac Island. However, physically the town was not able to expand much beyond its original borders. As a result, Mackinac Island retains much of its nineteenth century flavor.

"As a place of resort during the summer months, there can be none more desirable - none possessing more attractive features and health-restoring influences, than this Island of Mackinac."

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CARRIAGE HOUSE
at Hotel Iroquois



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Dinner 5:00pm - Close

Appetizers

- Panamanian White Shrimp with Traditional Cocktail Sauce 15
- Jumbo Lump Crab Tower with Fresh Salsa and Avocado 17
- Michigan Smoked Whitefish Cakes with Mustard Vinaigrette 14
- Escargot with French Bread Toast Points 15

Soups

- French Onion Soup au Gratin 10
- Chilled Garden Vegetable Gazpacho 9

Salads

- Garden Salad of Presque Isle Farm Organic Mixed Greens 11
- Beet Salad with Oranges, Watermelon and Crumbled Blue Cheese 13
- Goat Cheese Salad with Baby Spinach, Pecans, Sun-dried Cherries and Bacon Vinaigrette 13

Entrées

- Carrriage House Lake Superior Whitefish 32
- Pan Seared Diver Scallops with Lemongrass, Ginger, Vermouth, Frizzled Leeks and Wild Mushroom Risotto 39
- Cesse Fiocchi Pasta with Sauteed Zucchini, Summer Squash and a Creamed Fresh Basil Pesto Sauce 28
- Add Morel Mushrooms 14 Grilled Shrimp 12
- Veal Piccata with Basil Pesto Fettuccine Alfredo 39
- Berkshire Tomahawk Pork Chop with Wild Rice 38
- Carrriage House Creekstone Farms 8oz. Filet Mignon with Sauce Bearnaise 49

Compliment any steak with

Lobster Tail 18

Sauteed Morel Mushrooms 14