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Cancel everything on your calendar, pack your bags and throw away those car keys because Mackinac Island is calling you. Just north of Michigan, this island, pronounced as “Mack-in-aw”, is the perfect escape where one can enjoy the simple things in life. Because there are no cars here, hence no car keys, you can walk, ride a bike, or saddle up on a horse and sightsee the Victorian streets and experience Mackinac’s simple pleasures. For instance, have you ever tried fresh homemade fudge that melts in your mouth immediately? Don’t worry if you miss one shop, just travel another ten feet and there are five more stores to try! Once finished, soak up the sun on the beach with friends and family until your heart is content with day one. Now go and explore the rest of Mackinac Island and all of its treasures in the fun folk art puzzle!

1. The Grand Hotel was built in 1888 and is known for having the world’s largest porch making it an iconic spot.
2. Fort Mackinac was built in 1782 and is Michigan’s oldest building featuring military training during the 18th century.
3. Statue of Pierre Jacques Marquette was made in 1909 and honors the man who was a 17th-century Jesuit missionary and explorer of New France.
4. The Governor’s Summer Home is also called Lawrence A. Young Cottage and was built in 1901. It’s shaped like an “L” and three stories tall.
5. The Chippewa Hotel Waterfront was built in 1902 and is home to the famous Pink Pony Bar & Grill.
6. The Murray Hotel has been family owned and managed since 1882. Due to its central location in town it has made exploring Mackinac Island easier.
7. Benjamin Morley loves traveling in style as a carriage tour guide. Most of the carriages he rides around in are over 100 years old.
8. Windermere Hotel was originally a summer cottage built in 1887. Eventually it was purchased in 1904, adding a third floor and becoming a hotel.
9. Mackinac Island Fudge is so famous that it is considered the fudge capital of the world!
10. Over four generations, or 136 years, Teanne family has been making homemade fudge at May’s fudge.
11. Richard Collier and Elise McKenna from the movie “Somewhere in Time.”
12. Alex Arnold and Peter Mousseau represent soldiers from the 1880’s who protected the town and its huge fur trade economy of beaver coats.
13. Bob Tagatz is the historian for the Grand Hotel and has been there for 22 years.
14. Ira Green is the owner of Mackinac Island Bike Shop.
15. Melanie Libby is the owner of Bicycle Street Inn & Suites.
16. Dan, Kyle, and Jessie are competitive lumberjacks, or a Jack-of-all-Trades, and world champions at Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows. Their secret is it all has to do with the legs, not the arms.
17. Katie Mallory is the Curator of Education at Mackinac State Historic Park.
18. Lake View Hotel was built in 1858 and is still the oldest operated hotel on Mackinac Island.
19. Lew Stempki is the Captain of Dive Boat Great Lakes/Diver at Mackinac Straits Island & Diving Charters.