

Sea Caves, Cherry Orchards & Goats on a Roof — A 3-Day Door County Road Trip

3-day self-drive itinerary along Wisconsin's Door Peninsula — real inns, outfitters, and 2026 prices for every stop.

DURATION

3 Days

BEST TIME TO GO

June – October

summer warmth into peak fall
color along Hwy 42

FROM

\$480 USD / person

DAY 2

Peninsula State Park to Sister Bay: Bluffs, Bikes & Goats on a Roof

The park at the heart of the peninsula and the harbor town at its shoulder — a lighthouse loop by bike, a paddle beneath the bluffs, and lunch under Al Johnson's grass roof.

Bike Rental — Nicolet Beach, Peninsula State Park

~2–3 hours · \$20 for 2 hours (+\$8/additional hour)

Nicolet Beach's rental shack rents adult bikes by the hour or day for the park's signature ride — a rolling loop past Eagle Bluff Lighthouse and the Sven's Bluff overlook, with Green Bay in view for most of it.

Nicolet Beach Rentals · +19208549220 · www.nicoletbeachrentals.com

Guided Kayak Tour — Door County Kayak

~2.5 hours · Est. \$75 USD / person

A guided paddle beneath the limestone cliffs of Eagle Bluff, launching from the park's shoreline with the lighthouse and Green Bay's Strawberry Islands as the backdrop — no experience needed, all gear included.

Door County Kayak — Egg Harbor · +19204714820 · doorcountykayak.com

Lunch — Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant, Sister Bay

~1 hour · Est. \$18–24 USD / person

Swedish pancakes with lingonberries under a roof of live grass grazed by a small herd of goats — Sister Bay's best-known restaurant since 1949, and still the peninsula's most photographed lunch stop.

Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant · +19208542626 · aljohnsons.com

Overnight — The Wilder Inn, Ephraim

From \$259–329 USD / night, for 2 people

Second night at the same inn.

The Wilder Inn · +19208542515 · wilderinn.com

DAY 3

Washington Island Ferry & the Drive Home

A short ferry crossing to Door County's outermost island before the drive back south, with a last stop for cherries and a farewell tasting flight.

Washington Island Ferry Line

~30 min crossing · \$16 USD / adult round trip, \$30 / vehicle round trip

Wisconsin's oldest continuously operating auto ferry crosses the open water of Death's Door passage from Northport to Washington Island — walk on for the island's shops and ice cream, or bring the car to loop past Schoolhouse Beach's smooth white stones.

Washington Island Ferry Line · +18002232094 · wisferry.com

Seaquist Orchards Farm Market

~30–45 minutes · cherry pie, jams & cider priced by item

A fifth-generation family orchard on Highway 42 in Sister Bay, selling tart Montmorency cherries, cherry pie, and jams from the same trees visible from the parking lot — the classic last stop before leaving the peninsula.

Seaquist Orchards Farm Market · +18007328850 · seaquistorchards.com

Farewell Tasting — Simon Creek Vineyard & Winery

~45 minutes · Est. \$12–15 USD tasting flight

A working vineyard just outside Sturgeon Bay on the way back to the highway, pouring dry reds and the cherry wines Door County is known for — a last tasting flight before the drive south.

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