

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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Tower Tours Conditions and Rules

The Mackinac Bridge Authority has provided the opportunity for individuals to ascend to the top of the north or south tower to view and photograph the beautiful straits of Mackinac and the Mackinac Bridge. Requests for "tower tours" have been increasing as more people become aware of this unique experience. It is impossible to fulfill all requests for tower tours. The following conditions and rules have been developed to provide a basis for granting or denying future tour requests:

A person requesting a tower tour:

1. Must be capable of tolerating extreme heights. Both towers stand 552 feet above the water.
2. Must be physically capable of maneuvering through small openings or confined spaces. There are several small hatches/openings to climb through.
3. Must be physically capable of climbing a ladder approximately 40 feet in length.
4. Must be 56" or taller and must weigh 80 lbs. or more.
5. Must sign a liability waiver form before the tower tour. If under 18 years of age, the requestor must obtain the signature of a parent/guardian on the liability waiver form.
6. Must provide the following prior to the scheduled tower access: First name, last name; driver's license number and state that the driver's license is issued. In addition, individuals may be subjected to additional security screening on the day of the tower access. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.
7. Must call Melissa DeKeyser to schedule a date and time for the tour at 906-643-1336.

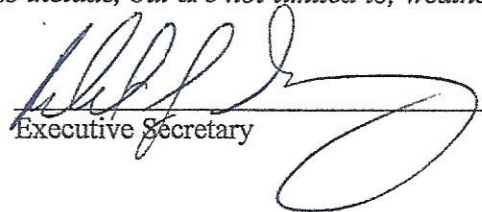
In addition, the following rules will apply to tower tours:

1. Tours will be scheduled between May 1 and October 15.
2. Tours will be scheduled during weekdays prior 1:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.
3. Tours will be limited to a maximum of two persons and an approved Mackinac Bridge Authority tour guide.
4. Tours will generally take 1½ hours with a maximum stay of 10 minutes on the tower.
5. Tours may be canceled at any time due to weather, traffic conditions, unforeseen maintenance activity, or at the discretion of the Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.
6. Tours will be canceled if average wind speed is greater than 20 miles per hour, if temperatures are less than 35 degrees, or pavement conditions are wet.
7. All tours will be pre-approved by the Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority reserves the right to deny access to the bridge to any individual or group at any time prior to or during an event. Reasons to deny access include, but are not limited to, weather conditions and personal behavior.

8-1-18

Effective Date



Executive Secretary

Tower tours normally take place in the south tower, however, our two-year south tower painting project starting this fall will require that the tower tours to be moved to the north tower for the next two years. There is one opening in the north tower that is quite small. Please let those interested in your auction/raffle know that they will have to be able to climb this ladder and fit through the hole shown below in order to take the tower tour. We will not be able to make any exceptions; the south tower will be inaccessible. If you have any questions please call Melissa DeKeyser at the Mackinac Bridge Authority at 906-643-1336.

Thank you!

