



Lake Erie Shores & Islands, Ohio

- **Don't Give Up the Ship!** The shores and islands of western Lake Erie will be a historic family travel destination in 2013 as the region celebrates the Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial. Considered by historians as the turning point in the War of 1812, the Battle of Lake Erie saw Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial at Put-in-Bay, OH) and his crew defeat the British Royal Navy to secure U.S. control of the Great Lakes. His victory message to the general inspired our young nation: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." The Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial celebration-- beginning Labor Day weekend, 2013-- will include a large fleet of Tall Ships in a historic reenactment of the battle, and a two-week series of historical, educational and festival events that will conclude with a solemn commemoration of the Battle on Sept. 10, 2013. Visitors will be able to tour Tall Ships, enlist as Crew Members in the reenactment, or be part of the Bicentennial Fleet or Militia. For more information, visit www.BattleofLakeErie-Bicentennial.com.
- **The Goose is Loose!** Currently under construction at the Erie-Ottawa Regional Airport in Port Clinton, the Tri-Motor Heritage Museum, set to open in summer 2012, is dedicated to the history of Ford Tri-Motor aircraft. Affectionately known as the "Tin Goose", Ford Tri-Motors played a significant role in the birth of commercial passenger aviation and locally, served as a lifeline to the Lake Erie islands, flying school children, passengers and freight during the winter months when the lake was frozen over. In addition to numerous historic displays, the museum will showcase the on-going restoration of Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT #40 which once completed will offer sightseeing flights over the Lake Erie islands region. The museum will also be home to a fully restored, vintage 1950's diner... the Tin Goose Diner! www.trimotorheritagefoundation.org
- **Dinosaurs Alive!** Cedar Point Amusement Park has announced plans for a \$1 million prehistoric themed attraction in 2012. *Dinosaurs Alive!* on *Adventure Island* will include approximately 50 life-size animatronic dinos, each handcrafted and interactive. The educational attraction will also feature an excavation site and paleontological dig, fossil displays, and a half-mile long path with more than a dozen themed exhibits. Cedar Point's Soak City waterpark, adjacent to the amusement park, will also add a new mat-racer slide complex for the 2012 season. www.cedarpoint.com
- **Ohio's largest goes larger!** Kalahari Resort, Ohio's largest convention center resort, is getting even bigger in 2012. A \$22 million convention center expansion more than doubles the size of the resort's meeting facilities. The 120,000-square-foot addition features a 38,000-square-foot ballroom/expo center, a 12,000-square-foot junior ballroom, 14 new meeting rooms, 30,000-square-feet of pre-function space, and state-of-the-art audio visual capabilities. The total square footage of Kalahari's convention center now weighs in at 215,000-square-feet! www.kalahariresorts.com.

- **Nyumba Entertainment Villas** are coming to Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. These 4,100-square-foot stand-alone units are set to debut in late November of 2011. The Entertainment Villas will be two level stand alone buildings with five bedrooms including one with a king bed and four with two queen beds and four bathrooms. There will be nine flat screen televisions including a 55" TV above a fireplace in the living room and a 55" TV with theatre sound system in the recreation room, which also features a full bar with mini-fridge and pool table. Other amenities include a fully equipped kitchen with all the comforts of home, a patio/balcony with furniture and an indoor six-person hot tub. Admission to America's largest indoor waterpark and Kalahari's outdoor waterpark (seasonal, weather permitting) is included for each registered Villa guest. www.kalahariresorts.com.

Experience Lake Erie Shores & Islands

Need recharged? Visit Ohio's Lake Erie Shores & Islands! Whether you prefer relaxing naps in a lakeside hammock or adrenalin-pumping excitement to regain your vim and vigor, this lakefront destination has it all. Scream with delight on Cedar Point's thrilling rides or build fairytale sandcastles at the beach. Laugh with abandon careening down exhilarating waterslides or relax and surrender to the carefree island lifestyle. The choice is yours; the hospitality is ours. Nearly seven million people travel to Ohio's Lake Erie Shores & Islands each year, solidifying its position as one of the most appealing vacation destinations in the Midwest.

If you're looking for a peaceful and appealing escape consider Lake Erie's Islands; if excitement and adventure are what you're after, be sure to visit one of our massive indoor waterparks. Want travel deals and discounts at Ohio's Lake Erie Shores and Islands? Go to our website (www.shoresandislands.com) and print your [Shore Savings card](#) then present it at many local attractions, shops, restaurants, and even lodging accommodations to take advantage of great discounts and offers!

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