

Lake Michigan – by Mai-Vy Nguyen

Lake Michigan offers an incredible view. The lake is one of the Great Lakes in North America, a series of large interconnected lakes. It is the second largest lake in North America after Lake Superior. The lake itself has a volume of 4,918 cubic kilometers. In comparison: Lake Constance, also known as Bodensee, has only 48 cubic kilometers. Meaning it fits around 102 times into Lake Michigan. It is so huge that when we saw it, it was almost ocean-like since we could not see the opposite shore of it. The lake is shared by the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and of course Michigan.

Do you think the name of the state came first or the name of the lake?

Actually, the name of the state of Michigan is a reference to the name of the lake, not the other way around.

And where do you guys believe the name comes from?

Well, one theory I found said that it probably derived from the word Mishigami, a word in the language of the Anishinaabe. They were a group of culturally related indigenous people present in the areas near the great lakes. Mishigami means great lake. So the name fits perfectly.

But did you know that there are the straits of Mackinac?

It connects Lake Michigan and Lake Huron which is also one of the great lakes of North America. So, technically it is not two but one humongous lake. Lake Michigan-Huron. Lake Michigan-Huron is the second largest lake on earth after the Caspian Sea, but it is the largest area of freshwater worldwide.

As I already mentioned, Lake Michigan offers an incredible view, so it is a perfect spot to take pictures. Here are some of our photos:

