



Ludington's S.S. BADGER CARFERRY

Our town is known for great beaches and the #1 state park in the Midwest, but nothing says “Ludington” more than our beloved S.S. Badger carferry.

This 410' ship carries up to 600 passengers and 180 vehicles between Ludington and Manitowoc, Wisconsin during a relaxing four-hour cruise. Passengers can play Badger Bingo, soak up some sun on the deck, or enjoy food and beverage from two restaurants and a full service bar.

The S.S. Badger is the largest carferry to ever sail the Great Lakes, and the last coal-fired passenger steamship in operation in the United States. First entered into service in 1953, the Badger was originally designed to transport railroad cars. In 1992, she was transformed into a passenger ship which also ferries vehicles and commercial trucks.

In December of 2020, the S.S. Badger was purchased by Interlake Maritime Services, a company with over a century of experience in maritime transportation. This ensures that Ludington's beloved carferry will continue to cruise Lake Michigan for years to come. ⚓

BEST PLACES TO WATCH THE CARFERRY

Waterfront Park • North Breakwater Lighthouse Pier
Stearns Park Beach • the Channel Walkway

See our downtown map on pages 32-33 for location info.



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