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Get to know your
Home Away from Home

BAYSHORE COTTAGE

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ABOUT THE HOUSE

Welcome to Bayshore Cottage!

We're so happy to host you and hope you feel right at home during your stay. Situated inthe little town of Elk Rapids, Bayshore Cottage is a hidden gem of Northern Michigan.

Whether you're here to explore the stunning landscapes, enjoy all that Elk Rapids has to offer, or simply unwind at the beach, we want this to be your home away from home. We hope it is a peaceful landing pad for all your adventures.

You'll find everything you need in this guidebook, from helpful house details to local recommendations, to make your stay seamless and enjoyable.

Thank you for choosing Bayshore Cottage. We hope your visit is as special as the space itself and that you'll want to return again and again.

Welcome home!

Ashley and Andrew - Bayshore Cottage

Super Hosts since 2021 |"Guest Favorite" on Airbnb

OUR GUEST REVIEWS

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We visited during the fall and absolutely loved it! The changing colors around Elk Rapids were stunning, and the cottage was the perfect place to come back to after a day of exploring. Quiet, peaceful, and so comfortable. We would love to experience it during the summer, too!

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Beautiful location, gorgeous water views, and such a cozy home! Everything was clean and comfortable, and the Catered Stays team was wonderful to work with. Highly recommend!

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Such a charming cottage! We came for a relaxing weekend and couldn't have asked for a better spot. The waterfront views were beautiful, the home was comfortable, and the wraparound deck was the perfect place to unwind. We are already talking about coming back next summer.





MEET YOUR HOSTS

We both grew up in Traverse City - it's also where we've chosen to return and raise our own family. We've got three kids (all born within 4 years of each other!) and two rescue dogs (an old, people-loving Bassett/Black Lab mix named Onyx and a little Sausage Dog named Geo). As a family, we cherish this city and all the exciting experiences that Northern Michigan has to offer, which is why we love sharing our local insights with guests to ensure they enjoy everything to the fullest.

Our greatest joy comes from making each guest feel at home, and nothing is more rewarding than welcoming back repeat visitors. Whether it's for relaxing, remote work, family events, or just for fun, thank you for trusting us with your valuable time away from home.

Ashley and Andrew



HOUSE GUIDE

- Close to Downtown Elk Rapids
- Private Beach Frontage
- Cozy Cabin Vibes

HEATING / COOLING

The cottage has central air conditioning and heat. The thermostat is located in the living area to the left of the bricks.

TAP WATER

The house has well water so it is completely safe to drink, though minerals are present - if filtered tastes are preferred, we recommend bringing bottled water. The refirgertor also has a filter water water dispenser.

INCLUDED SUPPLIES

We provide three rolls of toilet paper per bathroom, as well as starter supplies for coffee, paper towels, spices, cooking spray, beach/shower towels, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and more! If there is anything missing that you think should be there, please don't hesitate to reach out.







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PASSWORD cloudytrumpet415

HOUSE RULES



01

PET FRIENDLY

We love our pets and know you do, too! We have a pet station with treats and food bowls. Please use the included towel to dry off pets on wet days and the doggie bags to pick up after them when they go outside.

02

NO SMOKING

There is absolutely no smoking inside the house and if you do smoke outside, we ask that you dispose of butts properly and do not leave them behind.

03

NO PARTIES

This home is made to bring family and friends together but please ensure that you adhere to the guest count entered into your reservation and respect the township quiet hours between 10pm and 8am.

04

REPORT ANY DAMAGES

We know accidents happen. We would rather hear it from you before checkout so we can be prepared to fix or replace items during turnovers.

THE KITCHEN



THINGS TO KNOW

We do our best to make sure that the house is stocked with all the basic cooking essentials. Whether you are needing some java to start your day of adventuring at the Dunes or staying in on a cozy winter night to make a feast for your family, we want to help make your experience as convenient as possible. If you notice there are any basic supplies that are missing, please let us know! We want this to be a place you can return over and over and over again so we are happy to keep it stocked the way you like it!

COOKWARE ESSENTIALS

Pots and pans
Microwave
Toaster and oven
Coffee machine
Electric Tea Kettle
Coffee Grinder
Dishwasher
Bowls and plates
Cups and mugs
Basic utensils
Kid-Friendly Dishware
Grilling Supplies
Knives and cutting board
Mixing Bowl
Measuring Cups



OTHER AREAS



PRIVATE BEACH & WATERFRONT

Enjoy 100 feet of private beachfront along the beautiful shores of Grand Traverse Bay! Spend your mornings sipping coffee by the water, afternoons soaking up the sunshine, and evenings taking in the peaceful waterfront scenery. With the beach just steps from the cottage, it's easy to enjoy everything Northern Michigan lake life has to offer.



WRAPAROUND DECK

The spacious wraparound deck offers the perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Whether you're starting your morning with a cup of coffee, enjoying a meal outdoors, or unwinding after a day exploring Elk Rapids, this inviting space is ideal for making memories and embracing the slower pace of lakeside living.



LIVING & GATHERING SPACES

After a day of exploring Northern Michigan, come home to the comfort of Bayshore Cottage. The inviting living spaces provide a relaxing place to gather, share stories from the day's adventures, or settle in for a cozy evening. Whether you're enjoying quality time with family or simply taking a moment to recharge, we hope you'll feel right at home.



CHECK IN
CHECK OUT

CHECK IN: AFTER 4PM

You'll receive your unique entrance code on the morning of your arrival. Since it's self-check-in, you're welcome to arrive any time after 4pm at your convenience (whether it's 4pm on the dot, 11pm, or 2am the next morning). We don't require a specific time or walk through with us!

CHECK OUT: BEFORE 10AM

To keep your departure simple and stress-free, we don't have a long checkout list.
When you're ready to head out, please:
- Use the designated trash cans inside the house. If desired, you may take full bags to the outdoor trash
- Gather any used towels into one pile
- All beds, linens, and comforters can be left as they are
- Place any used dishes in the dishwasher - you are welcome to start it. Clean dishes do not have to be put away
- Make sure door is locked

Lastly, be sure to travel safely, leave a five star review, and book a future stay!



TIPS FOR YOUR STAY

01

IMPORTANT: The cottage connects to the municipal sewer system through a grinder pump. Flush ONLY human waste and toilet paper. Please do not flush wipes (even those labeled “flushable”), feminine hygiene products, paper towels, tissues, diapers or other items. These can damage the pump. Thank you for helping us protect the plumbing!

02

The coffee table in the living room is on casters, making it wasy to move when using the pull-out sofa. It’s top also raises to become a writing, working, or puzzle table. Please adjust and move with care.

03

Quiet hours begin at 10pm. Please keep music, outdoor conversations, and other activities at a respectful volume so our neighbors can enjoy the peaceful surroundings, too.

04

For those who love wildlife, nature, and learning about the environment around you, please be sure to check out the Field Guide! It was thoughtfully put together by the first summer guests at Bayshore Cottage as a gift to the owners. It’s incredible and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Enjoy your stay!

TELEVISION

Initial Start Up with TV off:

- Turn TV on with red button in the upper right-hand corner of the large silver Spectrum remote.
- Make sure cable box is on. If it is off: On Silver Charter remote, push cable button then power button. This turns on the Cable Box and a blue light.

When TV is on:

- To change channels, use the grey keypad on the silver charter remote.
- To adjust volume; use Samsung black remote using + and - volume button.
- If the TV is not being displayed on the screen; Go to large black Samsung remote and toggle source button at the top of the remote until it shows “HDMI 1” at the top of the TVV screen.

COFFEE MACHINE

We have a drip coffee pot at the cottage.
We provide:

- coffee grounds
- filters
- sugar
- creamer

WASHER AND DRYER

These are located within the kitchen area. You are welcome to use the detergent and dryer sheets provided. These items are stored in the top pantry cupboard located right outside the bathroom.

DISHWASHER

The dishwasher in the kitchen is available for guest use. Please place used dishes in here prior to departure. There are pods located underneath the kitchen sink.



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

TRASH

Please use the designated trash cans inside the house. If needed, you may take full bags to the outdoor bin. Pick up occurs Friday mornings around 8am. If you are staying Thursday evening, you are welcome to roll the bin out to the road, but that is not required.



RECYCLING

Unfortunately, recycling is not available at Bayshore Cottage at this time. We will continue to advocate for this service in the area.





YOUR NEAREST



GROCERIES

-Village Market: 250 Ames St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-Meijer: 4900 M-72, Williamsburg, MI 49690



COFFEE SHOPS

-Happy Camper Coffee: 212 River St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-Michigander Bakery & Coffee Co. :108 River St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629



BAR AND RESTAURANTS

-Short's Brewing: 211 Industrial Park Drive, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-Cellar 152: 211 Industrial Park Drive, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-Pearl's: 617 Ames St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629



GAS STATIONS

-True North: 111 Ames St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-Mobil: 100 1st St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629
-EZ Mart: US-31, Elk Rapids, MI 49629



DOG AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRAIL

Wilcox-Palmer-Shah Preserve: N Bayshore Dr, Elk Rapids, MI 49629





EMERGENCY *Information*

In case of any sort of emergency during your stay, please contact the local officials immediately. *Emergency phone number: 911*

EMERGENCY CONTACT	231-714-6584 231-735-4421
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	Nearest Hospital is Munson Medical Center 1105 6th St, Traverse City, MI 49684
FIRE STATION STATION	Milton Township Fire Station: #1: 7015 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin, MI 49648

FIRST AID KIT

Located in the top cabinet in the bathroom.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Located under the kitchen sink

GETTING AROUND



PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR & WINE TOURS

Movie Stars Wine Tours: 231-360-1267
moviestarswinetours.com

Larger Groups:
Lakeshore Shuttle & Tours: 231-399-0231
lakeshoresshuttle.com

BOAT & WATERSPORTS RENTALS

Elk Rapids Marina
118 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids
231-264-9500
elkrapidsmarina.com

Torch Lake Water Rentals
8095 Cairn Highway, Elk Rapids
231-883-6009
torchlakewaterrentals.com

KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD & BICYCLE RENTALS

Bayfront Beach & Bike
130 River Street, Elk Rapids
231-498-2295
bayfrontbeachandbike.com

SKI & SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Brick Wheels
736 E. Eighth Street, Traverse City
231-947-4274
brickwheels.com



Places TO SEE



There are a few specific areas that really have our hearts. If you need some inspiration for where to go and what to do, look no further! We are also more than happy to help you customize these trips or brand new ones based on specific requests as well!



Whether it's summer, winter, family time, or a couple's retreat, there's a little bit of everything for everyone!

LOCAL DAY TRIP

DOWNTOWN ELK RAPIDS

Just a short distance from Bayshore Cottage, downtown Elk Rapids is one of Northern Michigan's most charming waterfront villages. Nestled between Grand Traverse Bay and Elk Lake, this picturesque community is filled with boutique shops, local restaurants, art galleries, and beautiful waterfront views. Spend the afternoon strolling along River Street, grab a delicious meal, explore the marina, or relax on one of the sandy beaches. Whether you're looking for shopping, dining, or a little adventure, there's plenty to enjoy right here in Elk Rapids!





SOME OF OUR FAVORITE LOCAL SPOTS:

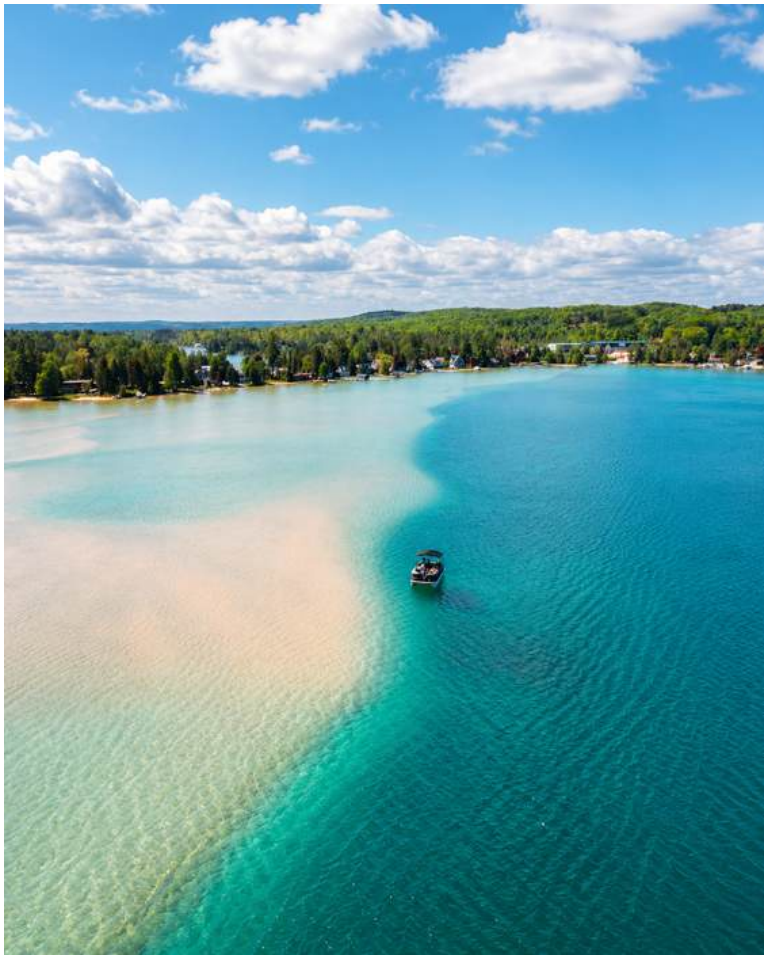
— Michigander Bakery & Coffee Co.
(Coffee & Pastries)
— Cellar 152
(Dining & Wine)
— Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen
(Cajun & Creole Cuisine)
— Short's Brewing Co. Pull Barn
(Craft Beer & Cider)
— Chef Chuck's
(Pizza & Casual Dining)

Activities:
— Shopping & Boutiques on River Street
— Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor
— Veterans Memorial Park & Beach
— Walk of Art at Elk Rapids Day Park
— Seasonal Farmers Markets & Community Events

Explore more at: discoverelkrapids.com

LOCAL DAY TRIP

TORCH LAKE & ALDEN



Known for its crystal-clear turquoise waters, Torch Lake is one of Northern Michigan's most breathtaking destinations! Just a scenic drive from Bayshore Cottage, this beautiful inland lake is perfect for swimming, boating, kayaking, and soaking up the summer sunshine.
While exploring the area, be sure to visit the charming village of Alden. With its quaint shops, waterfront views, and relaxed small-town atmosphere, it's the perfect place to spend an afternoon enjoying everything Northern Michigan has to offer.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS:

*WATER ACTIVITIES
— Torch Lake (Swimming & Boating)
— Alden Harbor (Beautiful Lake Views)
— Depot Park (Public Waterfront Access)
— Kayaking & Paddleboarding (Rentals Available Nearby)

*SIGHTSEEING & EXPLORING
— Downtown Alden (Boutiques & Gift Shops)
— Alden Depot Park & Museum
— Grass River Natural Area (Nature Trails & Boardwalks)
— Scenic Drives Along Torch Lake

LOCAL TIP: Pack a pinic and spend the day enjoying the lake! Please be respectful of private shorelines and use designated public access ares.



LOCAL DAY TRIP

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE



No trip to Northern Michigan is complete without experiencing the breathtaking beauty of Sleeping Bear Dunes! With towering sand dunes, crystal-clear Lake Michigan waters, scenic overlooks, and miles of hiking trails, this is a destination you won't want to miss.
Whether you're looking for a family-friendly adventure, a peaceful beach day, or unforgettable views, there's something for everyone!

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS AROUND THE DUNES:

HIKING
— Empire Bluff Trail (Stunning Lake Michigan Views)
— Pyramid Point (Scenic Overlook)
— Dune Climb (Great for Families)
— Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail (Walking & Biking)

BEACHES
— Empire Beach (Swimming & Picnicking)
— North Bar Lake (Shallow Lake & Nearby Lake Michigan Access)
— Glen Haven Beach (Beautiful Lake Michigan Shoreline)

SIGHTSEEING
— Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive (Seasonal Scenic Overlooks)
— Glen Haven Historic Village
— Scenic Drive Through Glen Arbor

NEARBY FOOD & SHOPPING
— Cherry Republic, Glen Arbor (Cherry Treats & Gifts)
— Art's Tavern (Casual Local Favorite)
— Downtown Glen Arbor (Boutiques & Restaurants)

LOCAL DAY TRIP

DOWNTOWN TRAVERSE CITY



A visit to Northern Michigan wouldn't be complete without spending some time in downtown Traverse City! Located along beautiful Grand Traverse Bay, this vibrant waterfront city offers an incredible mix of shopping, dining, entertainment, and local charm.

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES:

— The Towne Plaza (Breakfast & Brunch)
— Red Ginger (Asian Fusion & Sushi)
— Poppycocks (Creative American Cuisine)
— Slabtown Burgers (Casual Burgers)
— The Little Fleet (Food Trucks & Drinks)
— The Parlor (Craft Cocktails)
— Cook's House (Fine Dining — Reservations Recommended)



THINGS TO DO:

— Shopping Along Front Street
— Clinch Park & West Grand Traverse Bay
— State Theatre (Movies & Entertainment)
— Downtown Galleries & Specialty Shops
— Seasonal Festivals & Events
Explore more at: downtowntc.com

LOCAL DAY TRIP

NORTHERN MICHIGAN WINE COUNTRY

Northern Michigan is known for its beautiful vineyards, award-winning wineries, and breathtaking views of Grand Traverse Bay. oring the area's wine country is a must! Two of the region's most popular wine destinations are Old Mission Peninsula and Leelanau Peninsula, both offering scenic countryside, charming tasting rooms, and memorable experiences.



OLD MISSION PENINSULA WINE TRAIL:

Some of our favorite stops:
— Mari Vineyards (Wine Caves & Tastings)
— Bonobo Winery (Wine & Scenic Views)
— Chateau Chantal (Beautiful Bay Views)
— Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery (Wine & Lavender)
— 2 Lads Winery (Modern Tasting Room & Views)



LEELANAU PENINSULA WINE TRIAL:

For another beautiful wine-country adventure, explore the rolling hills and charming villages of Leelanau County.
Some of our favorite stops:
— Shady Lane Cellars
— Black Star Farms
— L. Mawby (Sparkling Wines)
— Brengman Brothers

LOCAL TIP:
Consider booking a private wine tour so everyone can relax and enjoy the experience without worrying about driving!

Things TO DO WITH KIDS

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK & BEACH

One of our favorite family-friendly spots in Elk Rapids! With a beautiful sandy beach, playground, picnic areas, and gorgeous views of Grand Traverse Bay, it's the perfect place to spend a summer afternoon. The kids can splash in the water, build sandcastles, or enjoy the playground while everyone takes in the beautiful Northern Michigan scenery. Best of all, it's just minutes from Bayshore Cottage!

ICE CREAM PEDDLERS

What's a family vacation without ice cream? Located right on River Street in downtown Elk Rapids, Ice Cream Peddlers is a local favorite serving delicious homemade ice cream, fresh waffle cones, and a variety of fun flavors. It's the perfect stop after a day at the beach or exploring downtown. Be sure to check seasonal hours before heading over!

ELK RAPIDS DAY PARK & WALK OF ART

This beautiful waterfront park combines nature, art, and outdoor adventure! Wander along the wooded trails and discover unique sculptures scattered throughout the park. Kids will love searching for the different artwork along the way. There's also a sandy beach, picnic areas, and plenty of space to explore. A wonderful way to spend an afternoon outdoors, and admission is free!

ELK RAPIDS CINEMA

Looking for something fun to do on a rainy day? Head downtown to the historic Elk Rapids Cinema! This charming, single-screen movie theater offers a nostalgic moviegoing experience with comfortable seating, popcorn, and a truly unique blacklight ceiling mural. Check the current movie schedule for family-friendly showings. It's a great option when you need a little break from the sunshine!







BEST RESTAURANTS

CELLAR 152

For a wonderful dining experience in downtown Elk Rapids, Cellar 152 is a must-visit! Housed in a beautifully restored historic building, this charming restaurant offers delicious, elevated comfort food, an impressive wine selection, and handcrafted cocktails. It's a great choice for date night or a relaxing dinner after exploring downtown.



PEARL'S NEW ORLEANS KITCHEN

Bringing a little taste of Louisiana to Northern Michigan, Pearl's is a local favorite known for its bold Cajun and Creole flavors! From jambalaya and gumbo to delicious seafood and Southern specialties, there's something for everyone. The lively atmosphere and fun cocktails make this a great spot for a memorable meal.



CHEF CHUCK'S

If you're craving a great pizza night, Chef Chuck's is the place to go! This longtime Elk Rapids favorite serves delicious specialty pizzas, sandwiches, and salads in a casual, family-friendly setting. Perfect for a quick bite while exploring downtown or grabbing takeout to enjoy back at Bayshore Cottage!



THE DAM SHOP

Located along the waterfront at Elk Rapids Marina, The DAM Shop is a fun, laid-back spot for coffee, cocktails, and casual bites. With beautiful water views and seasonal outdoor seating, it's a great place to grab breakfast, enjoy lunch, or unwind after a day on the lake. The relaxed atmosphere makes it a favorite stop for visitors exploring Elk Rapids!



BEST WINERIES



BOS WINE GARDEN

Located right in Elk Rapids, BOS Wine Garden is a must-visit for wine lovers! Set inside a beautifully restored farmhouse with a charming outdoor garden, this intimate tasting room offers an impressive selection of Michigan and California wines. Enjoy a glass of wine, a guided tasting, or a delicious charcuterie board in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

TORCH LAKE CELLARS

Located in the rolling hills near Bellaire, Torch Lake Cellars offers beautiful countryside views and a fun, laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy a wine or hard cider tasting, relax on the outdoor patio, or explore the grounds. With outdoor games and a scenic setting, it's a wonderful stop while spending the day exploring the Torch Lake area.

WATERFIRE VINEYARDS

Tucked away in nearby Kewadin, WaterFire Vineyards is a hidden gem near Torch Lake! This boutique, sustainably focused winery offers small-batch wines, beautiful vineyard views, and a cozy tasting room. Relax on the outdoor deck with a glass of wine while taking in the peaceful Northern Michigan countryside.

CHATEAU CHANTAL

Perched high above Old Mission Peninsula, Chateau Chantal offers some of the most breathtaking views in Northern Michigan, overlooking both East and West Grand Traverse Bays. Enjoy a wine flight or a glass of your favorite wine on one of the beautiful patios while soaking in the spectacular vineyard and waterfront scenery. A perfect destination for a romantic afternoon!

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What a wonderful little getaway! The location was perfect, and having private beach access right outside was incredible. Our kids spent hours playing by the water while we relaxed on the deck. The house had everything we needed, and downtown Elk Rapids was just a short drive away. We would absolutely stay again.

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Bayshore Cottage was exactly what we needed! Morning coffee overlooking the bay quickly became our favorite part of the day. The home was cozy, clean, and thoughtfully stocked. Such a peaceful setting, but still close to great restaurants and shops. We didn't want to leave!



GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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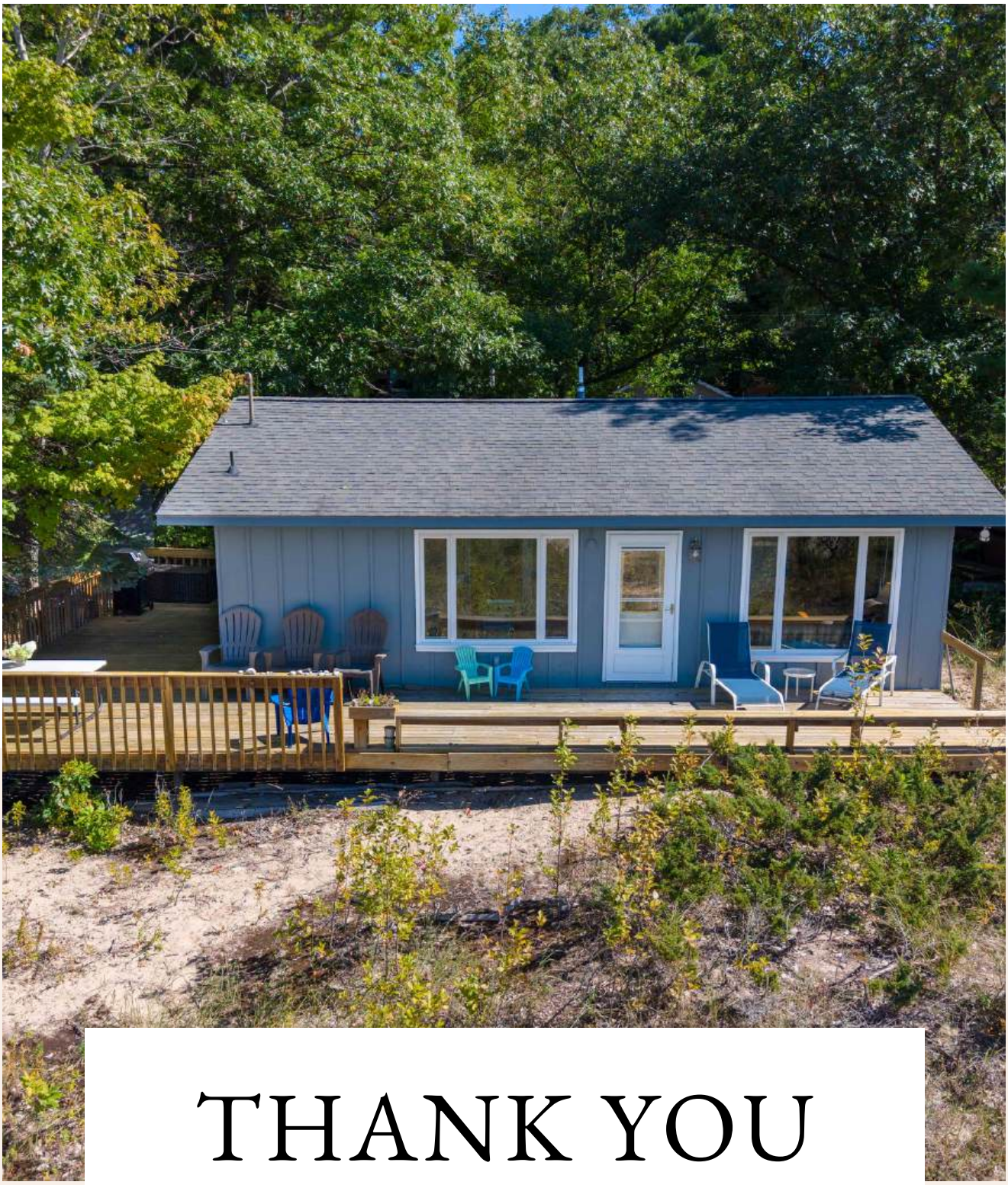
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THANK YOU

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR STAY!

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- [ ] TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND BOOK AGAIN

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STAYING WITH US.
COME BACK SOON!

The Catered Club

We love hosting you at Catered Stays, and we'd love to welcome you back!

Whether it's a cozy weekend away or another celebration, we'll have everything catered to your needs once again.





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