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ABOUT THE HOUSE

We're so happy to host you and hope you feel right at home during your stay.

We hope you enjoy your stay at the Vasa Visit.
We've put a lot of effort into ensuring that your getaway is cozy, comfortable, unique, and meets all your needs as your home away from home.
We believe that it's the little things that will make your visit more personal and memorable. We jumped into hosting after many wonderful stays at an Airbnb in Marquette, MI. It had all of the essentials, was clean as a whistle, and had pops of glam, yet competitively priced for all to enjoy. We do our best to replicate that model while

Whether you're here to explore the beauty of Northern Michigan or simply unwind, we want this to feel like your home away from home—a comfortable landing pad for all your adventures.

bringing a unique touch of detail and character.

Thank you for staying here, and we hope your visit is as special as the space itself.

Warm regards,

Welcome home!

Ashley and Andrew - Vasa Visit

Super Hosts since 2021 | "Guest Favorite" on Airbnb

OUR GUEST REVIEWS



Get ready to be blown away by this stunning place set in a peaceful, wooded area. These pictures do not lie - it really is as spacious and lovely as depicted! A quick drive gets you to all the fun of Traverse City, or you can stay local and visit the Vasa Trails which are literally minutes away. Our hosts did a wonderful job of curating a great stay for us with recommendations for everything we wanted to do. Would stay here again in a heartbeat!



This location is perfectly in between Traverse City and Torch Lake! We were able to spend time in the surrounding areas and even enjoy a hike on the conveniently located Vasa trail! Andrew and Ashley were great hosts and the Airbnb was perfect for us! I highly recommend this location for a great centralized spot for all things you want to do!



Had a lovely fall weekend among the beautiful scenery! Andrew was super responsive, and we immediately felt welcomed to the apartment. He was quick to offer great recommendations for the area and made the check in and check out process as smooth as possible.

I will definitely stay there again next time I'm there!





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

- Lower Level Duplex Unit
- Serene, wooded, and quiet setting
- Centrally located between Torch Lake and TC

PARKING DIRECTIONS

Free parking is provided. Please do not block the garage doors or the ability to access the driveway, as there is also a residential unit on-site.

TAP WATER

The house has well water and an in-house treatment system so the water is completely safe to drink.

HEATING / COOLING

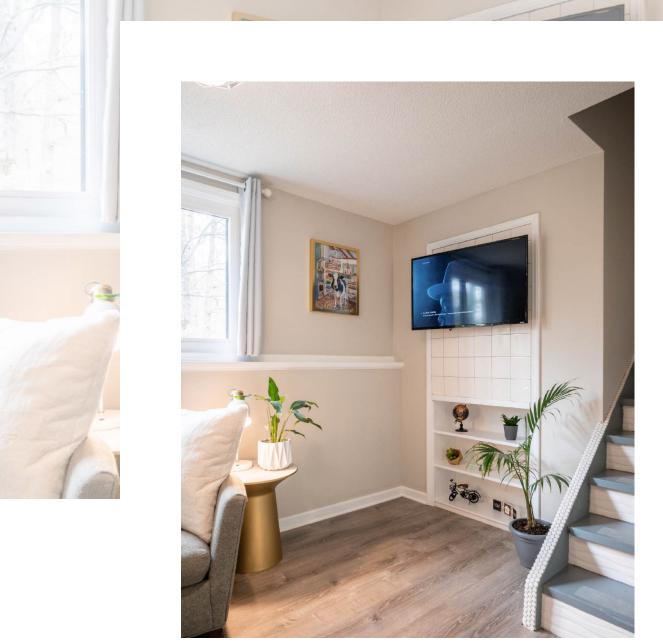
The thermostat is located on the wall near the bathroom door and controls the heat. In the Summer there is a portable A/C unit installed in the living room.

INCLUDED SUPPLIES

Supplied for your convenience: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Coffee/Tea, Creamer/Sugar, Toaster, Pots/Pans, Utensils, Salt/Pepper, Olive Oil Spray







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01

NO LOUD NOISES

We understand and approve of having a good time on vacation, but please be respectful, especially during night/early morning hours.

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

Our cozy apartment is not equipped for large gatherings. Thank you for understanding.

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 unit is stocked with all the basic cooking essentials. Whether you are needing some java to start your day of adventuring at Torch Lake 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!

ESSENTIALS

Pots and pans Microwave Toaster and oven Keurig Bowls and plates Cups and mugs Basic utensils Knives and cutting board



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

We try to make your getaway as stress-free as possible... so we don't have a huge departure checklist. We simply ask that you wash the dishes you've used (you are welcome to leave them out to dry) and leave the apartment in good condition. You are welcome to leave linens as they lie and leave trash bags in their respective cans around the home.

We've gotten feedback that some people want a little more guidance (we're both first-born children - we get it). If you'd like, you are welcome to take the trash out to the cans outside the garage (though not necessary) or pile your towels in the bathtub (again, not required). We ask that you leave sheets on beds (you don't have to make them) so we can spot clean before washing.

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





TIPS FOR YOUR STAY

01

The VASA Trail is a two minute walk from the apartment. The trailhead is located at the intersection where Barlett meets Eagle Crest. Be sure to check it out!

02

There is a family of deer that live behind the house in the woods. Be sure to check dawn and dusk hours if you'd like to see them. If you have pets, be sure to check that the coast is clear so they don't chase after them.

03

Check out our other listings in and around Traverse City and Northern Michigan at TheCateredStays.com

Enjoy your stay!

TELEVISION

You are welcome to use the smart TV. You may use any streaming service with your own login, but please be sure to log yourself out, as we do not monitor this. (Many services allow you to logout remotely now).

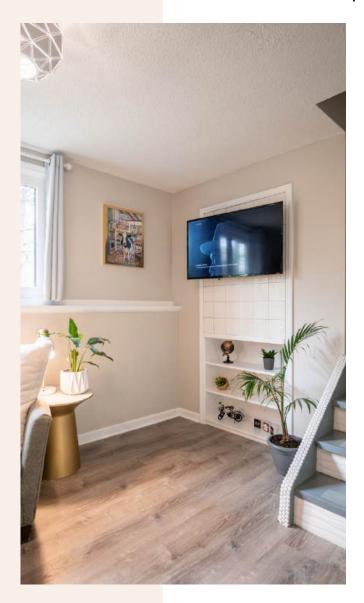
COFFEE MACHINE

We have a Keurig and also provide:

- kcups
- coffee grinder
- stovetop tea kettle
- sugar
- sweetener
- creamer

WASHER AND DRYER

These are located in the hallway near the bathroom. You are welcome to use the detergent and dryer sheets provided.



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS



To help us keep the space clean, please use the designated trash cans throughout the house. If needed, you are welcome to take trash bags out to the black bin (green lid) that is located outside of the garage.





Recycling is encouraged. Please place paper, cardboard, plastic, and other recycling-friendly items in the green bin with the black lid.





YOUR NEAREST



GROCERIES

-Meijer: 4900 M-72, Williamsburg, MI 49690

-Tom's Food Market: 738 Munson Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686



COFFEE SHOPS

-Cuppa Joe: 1990 US-31 N, Traverse City, MI 49686

-Biggby Coffee: 748 Munson Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686

-Third Coast Bakery (allergy free bakery): 523 Munson Ave



BAR AND RESTAURANTS

-Bayview Inn Bar & Grill: 5074 US-31, Williamsburg, MI 49690

-That'sa Pizza: 5430 US-31, Williamsburg, MI 49690

-Osorio Tacos: 6037 US-31, Williamsburg, MI 49690



GAS STATIONS

-Shell: 5927 US-31, Williamsburg, MI 49690

-Speedway: 2014 N U. S. Hwy 31 N, Traverse City, MI 49686

-Rich Oil: 5980 US-31, Acme, MI 49610



FAMILY FRIENDLY PARK

VASA trail: Bartlett Rd, Williamsburg, MI 49690





EMERGENCY Information

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



EMERGENCY CONTACT

231-714-6584231-735-4421



MEDICAL EMERGENCY Nearest Hospital is Munson Medical Center 1105 6th St, Traverse City, MI 49684



FIRE STATION STATION

Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department Station 8: 6042 Acme Rd, Williamsburg, MI 49690

FIRST AID KIT

You will find a first aid kit located in the bathroom vanity for your convenience.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

The fire extinguisher is on the ledge by the fridge in the kitchen in case of emergency.



CHAUFFER SERVICES

TC Wine Girl: 231-492-0048

Larger Groups:

Magic Shuttle Bus: 231-492-6144

WineandBeerTours.com: 231-499-2656

KAYAK/BOAT/WATERSPORTS RENTAL

Aussie Watersports: 231-932-1800 (aussiewatersports.com)

BICYCLE/SKI/SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Brick Wheels: 736 E Eighth St. (231-947-4274) (BrickWheels.com)



Places TO SEE



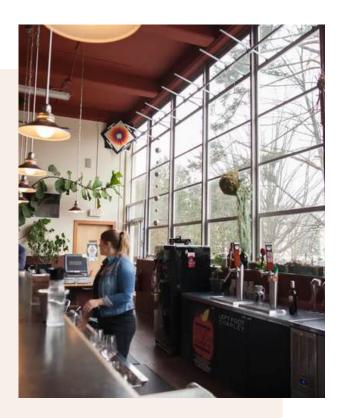
There are a few specific areas that really have our hearts. If you need some inspiration for where to go and what to do, look no further! We are also more than happy to help you customize these trips or brand new ones based on specific requests as well!



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

GRAND TRAVERSE COMMONS

The Village at Grand Traverse Commons
This is one of our favorite areas within
Traverse City. Created from the ruins of
the Historical Traverse City State Hospital,
this beautiful compound boasts delicious
restaurants, bakeries, local retailers,
coffee shops, a brewery, and a winery.
The buildings are stunning and the
history is haunting. You could easily
spend a half-day just wandering the
grounds. You can even sign up for a tour
to make the most of your time here and
learn everything you need to know!





SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS WITHIN THE COMMONS:

- Red Spire Brunch
- Sugar 2 Salt Breakfast/Brunch
- Higher Grounds Coffee
- Spanglish (Lunch)
- Left Foot Charlie's Winery
- Pepenero (Fine Dining Reservations Strongly Recommended)

Activities:

- Historic Barns Park
- Botanic Gardens
- Fairy Garden
- Seasonal Farmers Market
- Bocce Ball at the Piazza

There are also tours available at: the villagetc.com/tour

SLEEPING BEAR NATIONAL LAKESHORE

You absolutely cannot leave Northern Michigan without a visit to Sleeping Bear.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS AROUND THE DUNES:

*HIKING

- Empire Bluff Trail
- Pyramid Point
- Alligator Hill
- Dune Climb (great for families)

*BEACHES

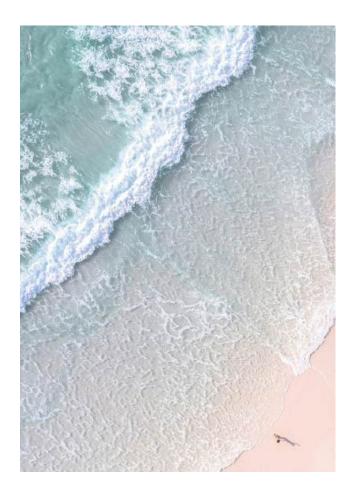
- Empire Beach (South Bar, has a playground, bonfire pits)
- North Bar Lake (two incredible beaches in one but quite a walk)

*SIGHTSEEING

— Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive (an 8 mile driving loop with several stop offs for views. While all of it is beautiful, be sure to spend the most time at Lookout #9 - you'll get all the views without the hike)

*NEARBY FOOD

- Cherry Republic Glen Arbor (snacks, samples, wine tasting, souvenirs, and ice cream)
- Boonedocks (big deck, live music)
- Art's Tavern (cash only)





WEST FRONT STREET, TRAVERSE CITY Obviously the downtown stretch of Traverse City has lots of local shops and restaurants. All of the dinner options downtown are fairly on par with one another. It will mostly just depend on food-type preferences.



HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES:

- Towne Plaza (brunch)
- Red Ginger (Asian Fusion)
- Loco Boys (Tacos)
- Poppycock's (New American Fare)
- Slabtown Burgers (Stuffed Burgers)
- The Parlor or North Bar (Craft Cocktails)
- Little Fleet (Food Trucks)
- Peace, Love, and Little Donuts
- Cook's House (Fine Dining, Reservations far ahead of time recommended)

WINE TASTING TRAILS

LEELANAU PENINSULA WINE TRAIL

Leelanau is one of the two wine trails in TC. Some of our favorite stops for Leelanau wine tasting are:

- Shady Lane (best red wines in the area)
- Brengman Brothers
- L. Mawby and Little Big Wines (two wineries on one property!)
- Suttons Bay Ciders (okay, it's not a winery... but the views are STUNNING).

OLD MISSION PENINSULA WINE TRAIL

Old Mission is the second of the two wine trails in TC. Some of our favorite stops for Old Mission wine tasting are:

- Mari
- Bonobo
- Chateau Chantal
- Black Star Farms





ELK RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

This is the most adorable little lakeside town. There are lots of little shops to wander through, a beautiful beach area, and quite a few restaurants to try!

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS IN/AROUND ELK RAPIDS:

- Veteran's Memorial Park, Beach, and Playground
- Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen (Dinner)
- Towne Club (Locals Bar and Restaurant)
- Short's Brewing Company
- Elk Rapids Library by the Lake
- Ice Cream Peddlers
- Happy Camper Coffee
- The DAM Shop





Things TO DO WITH KIDS

THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE/BUG ZOO

Open May through August. Walk amongst the butterflies, learn about the rhinoceros beetle, hold a hissing cockroach, peruse the bug gifts, and even say hello to Eddie the Axlotl. There's also an ice cream and snacks truck located outside to fuel up afterward!

ELK RAPIDS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Ball courts, playground, beach, restrooms, and walkable to downtown. This park has a little bit of everything for everyone.

THE ISLAND HOUSE LIBRARY

Situated right near the water, this lovely historical library has an adorable little kids' area and lots of scheduled activities!





BEST RESTAURANTS

MODERN BIRD

If you're looking for an excellent fine dining restaurant, Modern Bird is a wonderful option (reservation suggested). Every item on their menu is absolutely incredible.



FOLGARELLIS

Locals are obsessed with Folgarelli's (to go only). They have the most incredible sandwiches which are wonderful for picnics or day trips.



GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY

If you're looking for a quick and affordable lunch that is unique to Traverse City, GT Pie Company is a must, with a menu similar to Panera Bread, but with a Traverse City twist. Don't skip out on their award winning pie!



BUBBA'S

If you're looking for a good burger downtown, Bubba's is the place to go. They boast fantastic burgers and equally good fries along with other menu items.



BEST WINERIES



CHATEAU CHANTAL

This winery has been in business for over 30 years and has some of the most incredible views in all of Traverse City, overlooking BOTH bays. Enjoy a glass of wine indoors or on one of their two patios .

SHADY LANE CELLARS

The setting for this winery is absolutely stunning. Located on Leelanau Peninsula, this winery offers a variety of wines in their incredible tasting room and also offer tours of their vineyard.

BONOBO

Located on Old Mission Peninsula, Bonobo allows you to buy wine by the glass at the bar and enjoy beautiful outdoor seating as well as indoor seating options.

SUTTONS BAY CIDERS

If cider is more your speed, Northern Michigan has several great options, including Suttons Bay Ciders. With incredible views and beautiful tasting room, this is a must for cider lovers.



Our stay was nothing but perfect. The space is beautifully decorated yet very functional! The full kitchen was perfect for nights we stayed in and cooked ourselves. Location was perfect, just a few minutes away from literally anywhere we were going for the day and it was SO nice to be able to come home to a nice hot bath and a comfy bed!



Andrew and Ashley were fantastic hosts. Their place was cozy and right outside of Traverse City, making it easy to get to town -- and up to wineries and breweries in the area. Ahead of the trip, they provided us with some great recommendations for eating, drinking, and hiking which helped us navigate the stay that much more easily. I would definitely recommend booking with them!



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