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*Get to know your
Home Away from Home*

TAVI HAUS

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ABOUT TAVI HAUS

We're delighted to host you and hope you feel at home during your stay. This property is a hidden gem in Northern Michigan, perfectly situated between Traverse City and Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, offering a peaceful retreat for all your adventures.

Whether you're here to explore or simply relax, we want this to be your comfortable home base. Thank you for choosing to stay with us—we hope your visit is as memorable as the space itself.

Warm regards,

Welcome home!

Ashley and Andrew - Tavi Haus

Super Hosts since 2021 | "Guest Favorite" on Airbnb

OUR GUEST REVIEWS



Tavi Haus was spectacular! This was our first trip to Sleeping Bear. Tavi Haus itself was the highlight of our trip. The house is spacious, and yet every corner feels cozy. The warm fireplace downstairs and memory foam mattresses in every bedroom made Tavi Haus a home we couldn't wait to return to every night. If you are looking for a restful, luxurious spot to call home while exploring Northern Michigan, you need look no further than Tavi Haus!



We loved our stay at Tavi Haus! Things we especially enjoyed: it was great that every bedroom had their own bathroom, cozy fires by the waterfront every night (with a clear and safe path), comfy beds, and a spacious kitchen that made it easy to prep meals. Reasonable driving distance to Traverse City and more touristy areas made it easy to fit lots of activities in during the weekend days. Thank you for the wonderful stay!



Great location, close to Sleeping Bear Dunes and other attractions. Peaceful place to come back to and relax after a busy day exploring. The use of kayaks and paddle boards was an added bonus. We really enjoyed our stay!





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

- Spacious deck and waterfront areas
- Sauna and outdoor amenities
- Centrally located between Sleeping Bear and TC

PARKING DIRECTIONS

Tavi Haus operates seasonally, and Michigan's weather can be unpredictable, especially during the shoulder seasons. If you encounter unexpected snow or ice during your stay, we recommend parking at the top of the driveway and walking down cautiously. The driveway's incline has occasionally caused difficulties for vehicles, even SUVs, and towing services have been required in some cases. Your safety and comfort are our priority, so please take care when navigating the driveway.

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 using the fridge beverage center.

HEATING / COOLING

The thermostat is located in the kitchen on the main floor and controls the temperature for the entire house. If the basement feels chilly, the fireplace warms it quickly. A space heater is provided in the lower bedroom—please keep it in its designated spot to avoid tripping breakers.

INCLUDED SUPPLIES

We provide two rolls of toilet paper per bathroom, as well as starter supplies for coffee, paper towels, spices, cooking spray, beach/sauna/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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HOUSE RULES

01

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.

02

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.

03

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 ovens
- Crockpot
- Coffee machine
- 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 Cup



OTHER AREAS



SAUNA, PADDLEBOARDS, KAYAKS

We welcome use of the sauna and water sports equipment available at Tavi Haus! Upon arrival, please read and sign the waiver, take a picture, and send a photo to us to receive the access codes. Be sure to lock up after use!



BASEMENT

The lower level of the house is a big hit for watching movies, playing pool, or relaxing in the sauna. Please feel free to utilize these amenities!



WORK SPACE AREAS

There is a bright, airy workspace in the upstairs living room or an informal bar-top space in the basement. We provide options so you can be productive in the way that suits you best then take a break and experience Northern Michigan!



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!

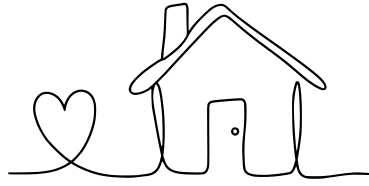
CHECK OUT: BEFORE 10AM

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 start the dishwasher with the dishes you've used and leave the house 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 bathrooms (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

Be sure to sign/send the waiver on the dining table upon arrival so that you have full access to all the amenities!

02

We recommend starting the sauna about 30 minutes before you intend to use it so it can get up to temperature. There is an instruction guide posted in the basement near the sliding door.

03

Check out our add-on packages for decorations, special events, concierge services and more at TheCateredStays.com

Enjoy your stay!

TELEVISIONS

You are welcome to use the smart TV in the lower level. You are welcome to use streaming services with your own login. 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 drip machine and a french press so you can have one cup or an entire pot. We provide:

- coffee grounds
- filters
- coffee grinder
- milk frother
- stovetop tea kettle
- sugar
- sweetener
- creamer

WASHER AND DRYER

These are located in the basement bathroom. You are welcome to use the detergent and dryer sheets provided. Be sure to empty the lint trap between loads.

DISHWASHER

Please start dishwasher with used dishes from your stay before you leave. There are pods available in the pantry to the right of the fridge.



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS



TRASH

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 bins located at the top of the driveway. Please leave the bins at this location and do not bring them down to the house.



RECYCLING

Unfortunately, as Tavi Haus is rather rural, recycling is not available in this area at this time. We will continue to advocate for this service. In the meantime, if you would like to use the nearest drop-off recycling center, it is located at:
9866 W. Fisher St., Off LaCore Rd., Empire, MI



YOUR NEAREST



GROCERIES

- Lake Ann Grocery: 19619 Maple St, Lake Ann, MI 49650
- Long Lake Grocery: 9374 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685
- Dollar General: 9994 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685



COFFEE SHOPS

- Red Door Coffee: 19631 Maple St, Lake Ann, MI 49650
- Fresh Coast Market: 7270 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685
- Shipwreck Cafe: 11691 S Lacore Rd, Empire, MI 49630



BAR AND RESTAURANTS

- Joe's Friendly Tavern: 11015 W Front St, Empire, MI 49630
- Papa J's Pizzeria: 18557 Maple St, Lake Ann, MI 49650
- Empire Village Inn: 11601 S Lacore Rd, Empire, MI 49630



GAS STATIONS

- BP (Empire): 9968 W Front St, Empire, MI 49630
- Mobil (toward Leland): 8634 S Maple City Rd, Maple City, MI 49664
- Mobil (toward TC): 5101 E Traverse Hwy, Traverse City, MI 49684



DOG AND FAMILY FRIENDLY PARK

- Almira Township Dog Park: 7286 Ole White Dr, Lake Ann, MI 49650



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

Almira Township Fire Department
7272 Ole White Dr, Lake Ann, MI 49650

FIRST AID KIT

Located in the hutch at the bottom of the stairs in the basement.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Located under the kitchen sink.

GETTING AROUND



TAXI/CHAUFFER SERVICES

Car Trek (Karaoke Cab): 231-620-2249

TC Wine Girl: 231-492-0048

Larger Groups:

Magic Shuttle Bus: 231-492-6144

WineandBeerTours.com: 231-499-2656

BOAT/WATERSPORTS RENTAL

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

BICYCLE/SKI/SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Brick Wheels: 736 E Eighth St., Traverse City, MI 49686
(231-947-4274) (BrickWheels.com)

Empire Outdoors: 11690 S Lacore Rd, Empire, MI 49630
(231-326-5433) (empiremioutdoors.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

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:
thevillageetc.com/tour

LOCAL DAY TRIP

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

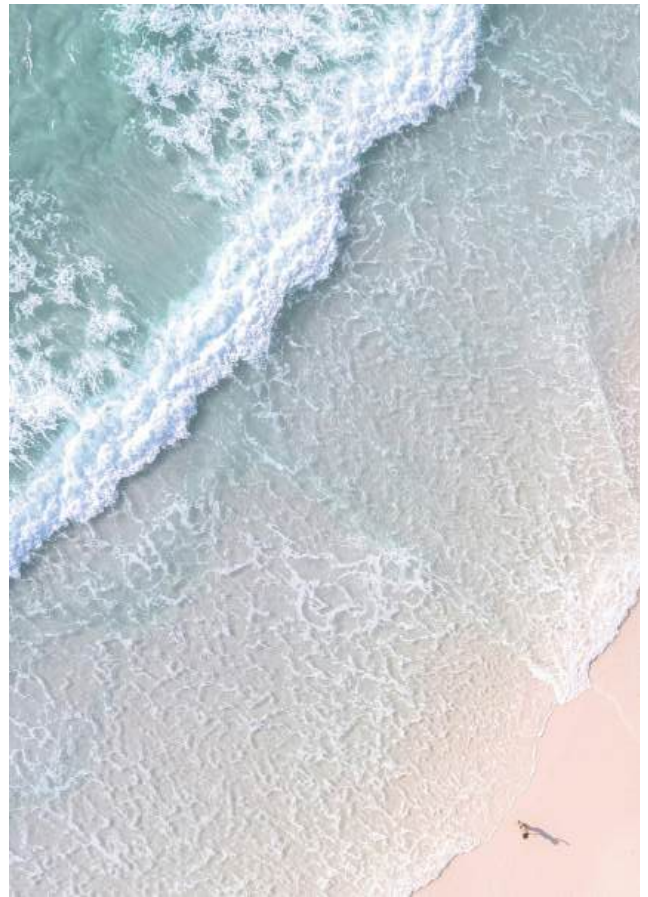
- Empire Beach (South Bar, has a playground, bonfire pits)
- North Bar Lake (two incredible beaches in one but quite a walk)

*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)



LOCAL DAY TRIP

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)

LOCAL DAY TRIP

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



LOCAL DAY TRIP

FISHTOWN (AKA LELAND)

This is the most adorable little fishing village. There are lots of little shops to wander through in between a tasty lunch and ice cream.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS IN/AROUND LELAND:

- The Cove (Dining by the Dam)
- Trish's Dishes (Sandwiches)
- The Cheese Shanty (Sandwiches and cheese curds - Go early as they close once sold out for the day)
- Harbor House (Ice cream and Souvenirs)
- Grand Traverse Distillery (Tasting Rooms)
- Van's Beach (Swimming, Stone Hunting).



Things TO DO WITH KIDS

MOOMERS

The World-Famous Moomers is a fun place to get ice cream and admire the cow farm right outside. It's always a big hit for kids of all ages. The line may be long during the summer, but it moves pretty quickly so don't let that deter you!

HISTORIC BARNS PARK

Historic Barns Park and the Botanic Gardens are places we could spend an abundance of time. In this little area, there are masterful flower, butterfly, and Asian-inspired "secret" gardens, historic barns from the Old State Hospital, fairy gardens created by locals, trails into the woods that overlook the entire city, and a kid's garden with a couple fun activities. It's a great place for picnicking and exploring - and the best part is that it's completely free!

JACOB'S FARM

Jacob's Farm is a stunner for the summer and fall. With several play structures, lots of outdoor/flex seating, cocktails, cider, food, live music in the summer, corn mazes in the fall, it's a wonderful place that is fun for kids (and adults) of all ages!

GLEN LAKE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Glen Lake Schools built a state-of-the-art accessible playground that is a blast for kids of all ages. During the summer months (when school is not in session), this is a great place to get some energy out. It's very large and has many different types of structures to keep kids interested for hours.



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.



MARY'S KITCHEN PORT

Locals are obsessed with Mary's Kitchen Port (to go only). They have the most incredible sandwiches which are wonderful for picnics or day trips. You can't do wrong with the gobbler!



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.



I cannot say enough wonderful things about our stay at Tavi Haus! The location was PERFECT for our young family. Garey Lake was ideal for our little ones, who could easily get in and out of the water and enjoy the kayaks. We also relished the quiet nights, making quintessential s'mores at the bonfire under the gorgeous Edison lights. It truly was a gem of a visit! In sum, if you're searching for serenity and adventure up north, look no further than Tavi Haus.



I can't say enough great things about Andrew and Ashley's place. It is cozy, clean, and quiet. It has all of the amenities and trimmings that make for a comfortable, relaxing, and enjoyable stay, and it's location is great. Within approximately twenty minutes or less, you can be in downtown Traverse City, Suttons Bay, the Dunes, and Glen Arbor. At the same time, the chalet is tucked away nicely, so you can enjoy your privacy. I highly recommend staying at Tavi Haus.



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