

*Discover Minnesota .....*

*"Wolves, Walleyes,  
Water & Wilderness"*

with

*Dates: May - October, 2017*

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**DAY 1 ARRIVE MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL - TWIN CITY TOUR**

Welcome to Minnesota, the land of over 10,000 lakes! Upon arrival in Minneapolis/St. Paul (the Twin Cities), we'll enjoy "A Tale of Two Cities". Our guide will show us dozens of fascinating sights ranging from Minnehaha Falls to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. See the mansions of historic Summit Avenue and our famous "chain of lakes". Stop for a true "taste" of Minnesota at a popular St. Paul restaurant. After this tasty treat we'll continue with our sightseeing tour before checking in to our hotel. Enjoy the rest of the evening to explore the largest enclosed retail and entertainment complex in the United States. The Mall of America is the only place in the world where you can shop at Bloomingdale's, Macy's and Nordstrom's under the same roof. And if that's not enough, there are more than 400 specialty shops to choose from! If shopping is not for you, tour Underwater World, play golf on Golf Mountain or see a movie at the 14-screen theatre. No matter what your age is, the Mall provides something for everyone! And if you're feeling lucky, there's even a shuttle that leaves from here bound for a local casino. (L)

**DAY 2 DULUTH - SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE - GRAND MARAIS**

After an extended continental breakfast, depart for Duluth and "Up North". Arrive in the international port of Duluth, which lies along the shore of Lake Superior -- the largest freshwater lake in the world. Have lunch on our own in Canal Park, stroll along the boardwalk and view the Aerial Lift Bridge (there's only one other like it in the world). Next, a local step-on guide will join us and give us a grand tour of this beautiful area. The drive along Lake Superior is spectacular! As we drive along the rocky shoreline of this inland sea, we will feel as if we were magically transported to the New England coast. Next, tour Split Rock Lighthouse which was completed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1910. Restored to its 1920's appearance, the lighthouse offers us a glimpse of lighthouse life in a remote and spectacular setting. Later, arrive in Grand Marais (gateway to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area) and check-in to our hotel located directly on the shore of Lake Superior. Tonight, join our newfound friends for a delicious dinner at Birch Terrace Restaurant. (CB,D)

**DAY 3 GRAND PORTAGE NAT'L MONUMENT - NANIBOUJOU**

Enjoy an extended continental breakfast and morning at leisure. Stroll around this quaint harbor village and discover the talents of local artists, whose paintings, clothing, jewelry designs, and handicrafts grace the town. This afternoon, depart for Grand Portage National Monument. Almost at the Canadian border, this recreated fur depot was once the headquarters of the powerful North West Company and the earliest European settlement in Minnesota. Then a special treat is in store when we savor a delicious lunch at Naniboujou Lodge. The Lodge was first conceived in the 1920's as an ultra exclusive private club. Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey and Ring Lardner were among its charter members. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Lodge also boasts Minnesota's largest native rock fireplace (a 200-ton work of art). After a "Pie Place" stop the afternoon is free to explore Grand Marais. (CB,L)

**DAY 4 INT'L WOLF CENTER - ROOT BEER LADY - CASINO**

Delight in a delectable breakfast this morning before traveling through Superior National Forest along scenic Highway 1. Arrive in the heart of the largest wolf population in the lower 48 states -- Ely, Minnesota. Here, the International Wolf Center was created to promote public education about the wolf. Learn about the natural history of wolves by observing the Center's resident pack and tour the award-winning \$1 million exhibit. See, hear and touch the presence of the wolf on this tour. After a "howling" good time, visit the Dorothy Molter Museum. Dorothy (also known as the "Root Beer Lady") lived 56 of her 79 years in the BWCA and had as many as 6,000 to 7,000 visitors a year from all over the world. Our next stop will be en route back to Minneapolis at the Grand Casino in Hinckley. Try your hand with "Lady Luck" plus enjoy their delicious all-you-can-eat buffet. This evening, arrive back at our hotel located by the Mall of America. (CB,D)

**DAY 5 DEPART FOR HOME**

Enjoy an extended continental breakfast and the morning at leisure. Now's the time to grab those last minute gifts at the Mall of America before transferring to the airport for our flight home. Thank you for exploring with us and join us soon for another wonderful adventure! (CB)

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- \*4 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- \* Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation While Touring
- \* 8 Meals: 2 Dinners (D), 2 Lunch (L) and 4 Extended Continental Breakfasts (CB)
- \* Duluth and North Shore Tour with Local Guide
  - \* Split Rock Lighthouse Tour
  - \* Grand Marais \*Slice of Pie at the "Pie Place"
  - \* Grand Portage National Monument
  - \* "A Tale of Two Cities" Tour
  - \* Dorothy Molter Museum
- \* Tour of the International Wolf Center
  - \* Grand Casino in Hinckley
- \* Services of a Professional Tour Escort (excluding gratuities\*\*)
- \* Free Transfers to the Mall of America (check hotel for schedule)
  - \* Baggage Handling at Hotel (one piece per person)
  - \* Roundtrip Airport Transfers

**\* Group Incentive: Receive One Free "Double" With 25 or More Paying Passengers (land only)**

\*\* Recommended tipping: \$2 for tour escort/\$1 for driver (per person per day).

**PRICE PER PASSENGER:**

**DOUBLE: \$ 999.00**

**SINGLE: \$ 1389.00**



**ADD RT AIRFARE FROM  TO MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL:\$**   
(Air price based on current rates and taxes; subject to change.)