

Mall of America - Minneapolis & St. Paul Tour



Wednesday

Group will arrive by their own motor coach. Rooms are ready for check in by 3:00 p.m. Check into the Radisson Hotel Bloomington. It is a full service hotel with complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America.

Radisson Hotel Bloomington
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During your stay, take the complimentary shuttle to the Mall of America. There are over 500 stores along the pedestrian walkways. Play miniature golf at Moose Mountain Adventure Golf or check out the A.C.E.S. Flight Simulations. For the nostalgic, stand where home plate was at the Metropolitan Stadium or see the exact seat which Harmon Killebrew hit his longest home run. It is fun to watch families play at Nickelodeon Universe, American Girl or Lego. The SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium is the Largest Underground Aquarium in the World - providing close encounters with a vast array of creatures.

At the Mall of America you can take the free bus to Mystic Lake Casino.





Thursday Have a hot buffet breakfast (included).

9:45 a.m. Leave with a professional sightseeing guide on a tour of Minneapolis, known for its distinguished lakes district. Stop at Minnehaha Falls and drive past the Lakewood Cemetery where Hubert Humphrey is buried. See Lake Harriet, Lake Nokomis, Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles. Continue into the elite Kenwood area and see the Mary Tyler Moore House. Drive through the Sculpture Gardens and past the Walker Art Center. In downtown Minneapolis view the buildings that create its ever-changing skyline including the Target Center, the Metro Dome, the Guthrie Theater and Target Field. See the Nicollet Mall and the birthplace of Minneapolis, St. Anthony Falls. Enjoy the historic riverfront area and hear about the milling industry and the "Mississippi Mile."

12:15 p.m. Arrive at Boom Island Park in the heart of the historic Minneapolis Riverfront District. Step on board the paddle wheeler, *Minneapolis Queen. A well-appointed climate controlled cabin with main floor table seating.

12:30 p.m. Cruise down the Mississippi River with the skyline as a backdrop. This narrated cruise is a perfect way to experience the history of beautiful downtown Minneapolis. The city of Minneapolis was born from the banks of the Mississippi River and was built from the flour and lumbering mills which prospered here a century ago on the power of St. Anthony Falls.

12:45 p.m. Luncheon service. Menu: Wrap Sandwich Assortment: An assortment of BLT, Chicken Caesar and Thai Chicken, with Red Dilled Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Cookies, Sodas, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee. Service is buffet style.

2:00 p.m. Minneapolis Queen returns to dock. Depart for The Radisson Hotel in Bloomington. This afternoon and evening is free to relax at the hotel or spend time at MOA.

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Friday

Have a hot buffet breakfast (included).

- 9:00 a.m. Leave with a professional sightseeing guide who will reveal the history of St. Paul. View the Victorian Mansions along Summit Avenue where the Governor's Mansion and James J. Hill House are located. It is an impressive street filled with impressive homes - as well as some fabulous green spaces and beautiful churches. The houses are a mixture of styles and eras that were built between 1860 and 1960. Your guide will give a brief tour of the magnificent St. Paul Cathedral and the State Capitol. Travel about thirty minutes to the St. Croix river to historic Stillwater. This distinctive community has a wealth of 19th century Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Italianate architecture. It offers an excellent blend of history, scenery, shopping and culture. Following exploration in 1680 by Daniel Greysolon, Sieur du Luth, the St. Croix River became a channel for commerce. Indians, trappers, and voyageurs transported goods along the waterway between Lake Superior and the Mississippi. The first steamships to navigate the St. Croix churned to the falls of the St. Croix, bringing official notice of the signing of the treaty with the Dakota Indians. This opened the valley to settlers, loggers and steamboats in the mid-1800's. Although the use of the river has changed, the St. Croix is as vital today as it was a century ago with docks and marinas dotting the waterway.
- 12:15 p.m. Have lunch at the historic Lowell Inn, better known as the "*Mt. Vernon of the Midwest.*" Menu: Chicken ala King - Tender pieces of chicken, mushrooms, red and green peppers in a sherry cream sauce served over a puff pastry shell, mashed potatoes, vegetable of the day, beverage and a small dessert.
- 1:30 p.m. After lunch take time to shop in downtown Stillwater or make a stop at Aamodts Apple Farm.
- 2:30 p.m. Leave Stillwater.
- 3:15 p.m. Return to Bloomington to relax.
- 5:15 p.m. Depart from Bloomington.
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at The Chanhassen Theaters. It is one of the most popular theaters with locals and visitors alike. Built among the cornfields of Carver County in 1968, it has served over eight million guests featuring almost 200 productions. Have dinner (included) and enjoy a theater performance.

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Saturday

Have a hot buffet breakfast (included).

Group will depart from Bloomington, MN. (B)

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