

MINNESOTA TRIP PROPOSAL (OWN MOTORCOACH)
YOUR NAME HERE MAY – OCTOBER 2024



DAY 1

Group will use their own motor coach from Home. Make convenient comfort stops and have lunch (on own) enroute to Bloomington. An estimated 7:00 p.m. arrival at the Best Western Mall of America Hotel. A full service hotel with a restaurant, pool, lounge and located within walking distance of the Mall of America. There are many options for dining, shopping and attractions. The pedestrian walkways featuring over 500 stores. The Nickelodeon Universe® has spine-tingling rides, play miniature golf at Moose Mountain Adventure Golf, or check out the A.C.E.S. Flight Simulations. American Girl, Lego and Sea Life Minnesota Aquarium are popular places to visit.



DAY 2

Have breakfast (included) at the hotel. Meet a professional step-on-guide to **tour Minneapolis and St. Paul** with a stop for lunch (included.) Sample tour route: The birthplace of Minneapolis at St. Anthony Falls with the historic riverfront area, the milling industry and the “Mississippi Mile.” In downtown Minneapolis, the buildings that create its ever-changing skyline are: the Vikings US Bank Stadium, the Twins Target Field, Target Center, the Sculpture Gardens and more. In St. Paul are the Victorian Mansions along Summit Avenue, where the Governor’s Mansion and James J. Hill House are located. See the magnificent St. Paul Cathedral, the State Capitol and more. This afternoon spend time at the Mall of America. [B, L]



DAY 3

Have **breakfast** (included) at the hotel and leave the Twin Cities for the North Shore with a Tour Escort. Arrive in Duluth for a narrated city tour. Duluth is located on the greatest Great Lake, Lake Superior. It is the world's largest body of fresh water and welcomes ships from across the globe and visitors from around the world. Take time for lunch (on own) at Canal Park with a variety of waterfront shops and restaurants. Leave Duluth and travel along the North Shore. Stop at Gooseberry Falls and the **Split Rock Lighthouse**. Watch the movie, see exhibits in the Visitors Center and walk around the grounds, past the buildings. (In early May guests cannot go inside buildings.) Enjoy an early dinner (included) at the Lutsen Resort located on the shores of Lake Superior. Continue to the lakeside **village of Grand Marais** for lodging at the Best Western Superior Inn. The resort property overlooks Lake Superior in downtown Grand Marais. [B,D]



DAY 4

Have **breakfast** (included) at the hotel. Tour the **North House Folk School Campus** in Grand Marais. See the classrooms, learn about the student projects and discover the story, magic and history that makes up the inspirational North House Folk School. Learn what they teach, share course examples and go inside the classrooms. Do you know the difference between a lapstrake and carved planked wooden boat? Ever heard of the female Scandinavian deity, the Hjordis? See how they teach and what makes this school so unique. Take time for lunch (on own) in Grand Marais, then enjoy a drive along the North Shore to Grand Portage. Visit the **Grand Portage National Monument Heritage Center** with exhibits and historical information about the area. (In early May the historic fort is not open). Tonight have dinner (included) at the Harbor House Grill. After dinner enjoy a program with a presenter from the local community. Grand Marais has a variety of storytellers, musicians, naturalists and artisans to draw from.



DAY 5

Have **breakfast** (included) at the hotel and travel to Ely. Tour the **North American Bear Center**. Wildlife researchers attracted attention to the center when a webcam was installed in the den of a wild bear named Lily. Tour the center and observe three bears confined in a two-acre enclosure. Take time for lunch (on own) in downtown Ely. This afternoon, tour **The International Wolf Center**. The Center's flagship facility features triangular windows designed to represent wolf eyes and ears. The observation windows look into a 1.25-acre wolf enclosure and den site that is home for the resident wolf pack. This center advances the survival of wolf populations by teaching about wolves, their relationship to wild lands and the human role in their future. Meet a Naturalist for an introduction to some aspects of basic wolf biology and the Center's ambassador wolves. There are award-winning exhibits to view. This afternoon leave for Hinckley and check into the Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel. It is connected directly to the gaming floor. Tonight have **dinner** (included) at the **Grand Casino**. [B,D]



DAY 6

Have breakfast (included) at the hotel. Leave Hinckley and drop Tour Director off in Bloomington, MN. Stop to for comfort stops and have lunch (on own) enroute to Home. [B]

Tour Conditions

Net Price: \$1039 (per person) 2 per room, add \$609 for a single room supplement.
Prices are based on 30 paying passengers.

Includes: -Tour Director on the North Shore portion of the tour.

- Lodging for 5 nights at outlined properties or similar hotels.
- Meals as indicated by (included).
- Sightseeing admissions as outlined in the schedule.
- The drivers room is included.
- One free trip for trip leader with 30 paying passengers.

DOES NOT INCLUDE MOTORCOACH; CUSTOMER WILL PROVIDE

