



Stone Arch bridge in Minneapolis



\$X,XXX Per person, *double occupancy*
(Based on XX passengers)

DATES

Terrific Twin Cities

Minnesota's Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are exceptional touring destinations. Historic homes, museums, and other cultural attractions are set in the middle of stunning landscapes. This short tour itinerary may be expanded to include additional art and history museums, winery and brewery stops, festivals, and more.

Day 1: St. Paul

Our tour begins with a morning arrival into MSP airport. We start our exploration of the Twin Cities with a photo stop at Minnehaha Falls. One of Minneapolis' oldest and most popular parks features a majestic 53-foot waterfall, limestone bluffs, and river overlooks, attracting more than 850,000 visitors annually. From here we go to the state capital of St. Paul where we visit the Minnesota History Center. Inspirational and interactive exhibits showcase the depth of the Minnesota legacy. Our Home: Native Minnesota highlights the lifestyles and traditions of the

regions first inhabitants. There's also a beautifully curated gift shop collection. From here, we go to the St. Paul Cathedral. This is the third largest cathedral in the United States, located on the highest point in the city. The Cathedral is a civic landmark and the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Paul and Minneapolis. One of the finest examples of Beaux Arts architecture, the Cathedral was designed by E. L. Masqueray. The cornerstone was laid on June 2, 1907. It was placed on the National Register of Historical Buildings in 1974. The Shrine of Nations pays tribute to the homelands of parishioners, and the organs and

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Minnehaha Falls
- ★ Minnesota History Center
- ★ St. Paul Cathedral
- ★ James J. Hill House
- ★ Walker Art Center & Minnesota Sculpture Garden
- ★ First Avenue
- ★ American Swedish Institute
- ★ Mill City Museum
- ★ Stone Arch Bridge
- ★ Mall of America
- ★ Wabasha Street Caves
- ★ Union Depot
- ★ Como Zoo & Conservatory
- ★ Paisley Park
- ★ Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
- ★ Historic Fort Snelling

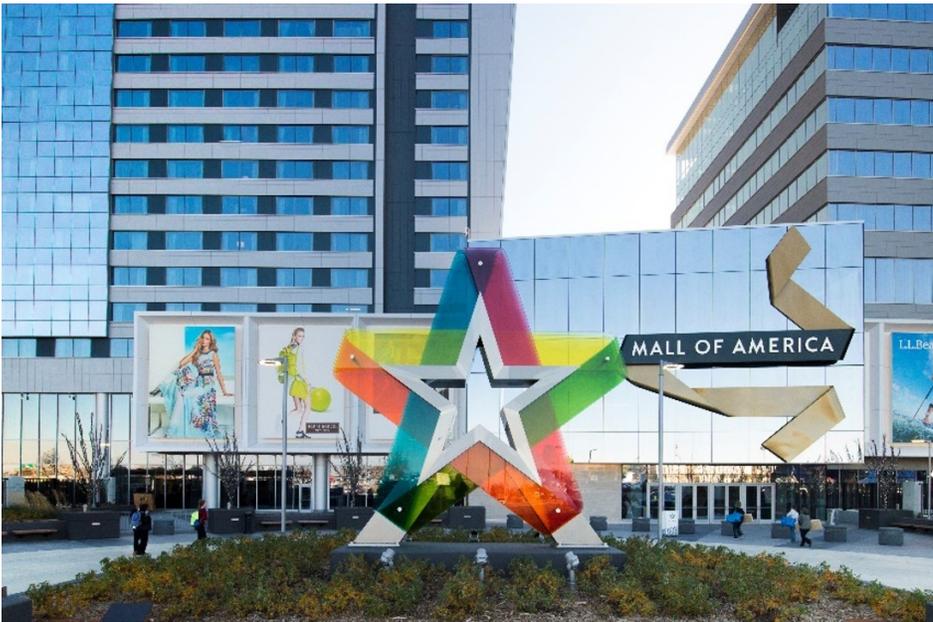
TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ Luggage Handling for One Piece Per Person
- ★ Full-Time Tour Director
- ★ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ★ All Attractions & Activities per the Itinerary
- ★ All Taxes & Gratuities for Included Meals, Lodging and Attractions (does not include gratuities for the Coach Driver and Tour Director)



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enjoy a paddleboat cruise followed by a group dinner in St. Paul.

Day 4: Chanhassen

The late performer, Prince, is perhaps one of the Twin Cities' most famous son. We tour Paisley Park, Prince's home and recording studio. Then, it's off to a matinee (Wednesday or Saturday) at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. (Alternatively, we do afternoon/evening tours and performances, with the morning at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.) We return to the hotel for dinner on our own.

Day 5: Return

There are layers of history at Historic Fort Snelling, starting with the Dakota homeland, then the stone fort, and VA hospital. We will also visit the American Cemetery at Fort Snelling to pay homage to the fallen service men and women buried there. Our tour ends with a return to MSP airport for afternoon flights home.

stained glass windows are distinguished works of art. After a short drive through the Victorian homes that line Summit Street, we have a tour of James J. Hill House to see how the industrialists of the Gilded Age in the Twin Cities lived. We check into our hotel and have dinner at a local restaurant as a group.

Day 2: Minneapolis

Minneapolis is the second twin of the Twin Cities. The Walker Art Center & Minnesota Sculpture Garden is our first stop. After viewing contemporary art in the 11 galleries, we step outside to tour the extensive works of the open-air sculpture garden and the 52-foot Spoonbridge and Cherry sculpture. From here, we make a quick stop at First Avenue to see the Prince Star, before heading to the American Swedish Institute for lunch and information on the Swedish traditions early settlers brought with them to the area. We continue to the Mill City Museum on the shores of the Mississippi River for innovative exhibits highlighting the flour industry.

From here, it is just a short walk to the Stone Arch Bridge, an iconic bridge with a stunning view of the St. Anthony Falls recognized as a National Civil Engineering Landmark. After a break at the hotel, we spend the evening at the Mall of America, where miles of shopping, dining and entertainment await. There's even a SEA-LIFE Aquarium in the mall. Dinner is on our own.

Day 3: St. Paul

St. Paul has an undercurrent of gangster history, found most clearly at the Wabasha Street Caves. The abandoned mines were turned into a casino and nightclub during prohibition, a gangster hangout, and the supposed residence of several ghosts. Then, we're off to the bustling Union Depot. The train station is dotted with intriguing historic features, and many interesting art installations. We have time for lunch on our own before a stroll through the Como Zoo & Conservatory. We may have an evening of theater at one of the many live theaters in the area or