

# 2008 - 2009 BURNSVILLE GROUP TOUR PLANNER

## Welcome To Burnsville, Minnesota!

*Experience*  
**BURNSVILLE**  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

### Greetings from Burnsville

We invite you to experience Burnsville, centrally located within minutes of many quality attractions such as Mall of America, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, OK Corral Restaurant & Ames Horse Farm Tours, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Minnesota Zoo, Valleyfair! and much more.

Groups choose Burnsville for great amenities such as:

- lower lodging tax
- free parking
- great tour stops
- quiet, safe environment
- comfortable, affordable hotels
- quick, easy access to area attractions
- warm, friendly welcome

Stay with us . . . discover our friendly, personalized service and you'll want to come back time and again.

**Always the Right Experience . . . Burnsville!**



**"Abundance" in Heart of the City**

Abundance overlooks Nicollet Commons Park, the site of numerous Burnsville festivals and events.

**View sample itineraries  
on our website!**

For more detailed information, see the pages listed below. As always, feel free to call us for customized itinerary planning or more information.

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**Bronze Sculpture in Heart of the City**

World-renown sculptor, Robert Larum, was commissioned to create his largest piece by Ames Construction of Burnsville.

### It's Ideal

Burnsville, ideally situated at I-35W and I-35E, is just 20 minutes south of downtown Minneapolis and downtown Saint Paul, 15 minutes from the Minneapolis Saint Paul International Airport and 10 minutes from Mall of America.



## Burnsville Convention & Visitors Bureau

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# Minnesota & United States Maps

## Minnesota Statistics

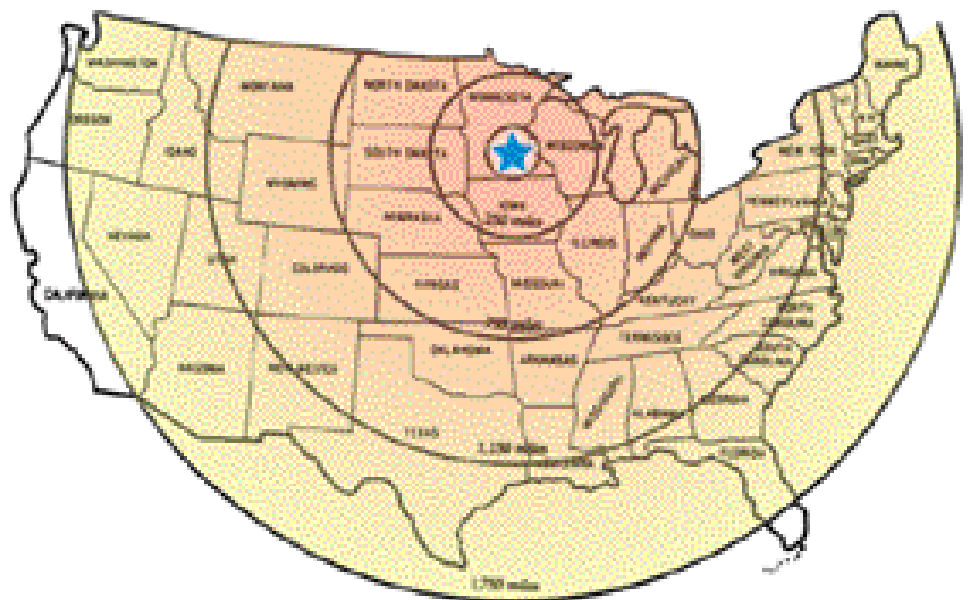
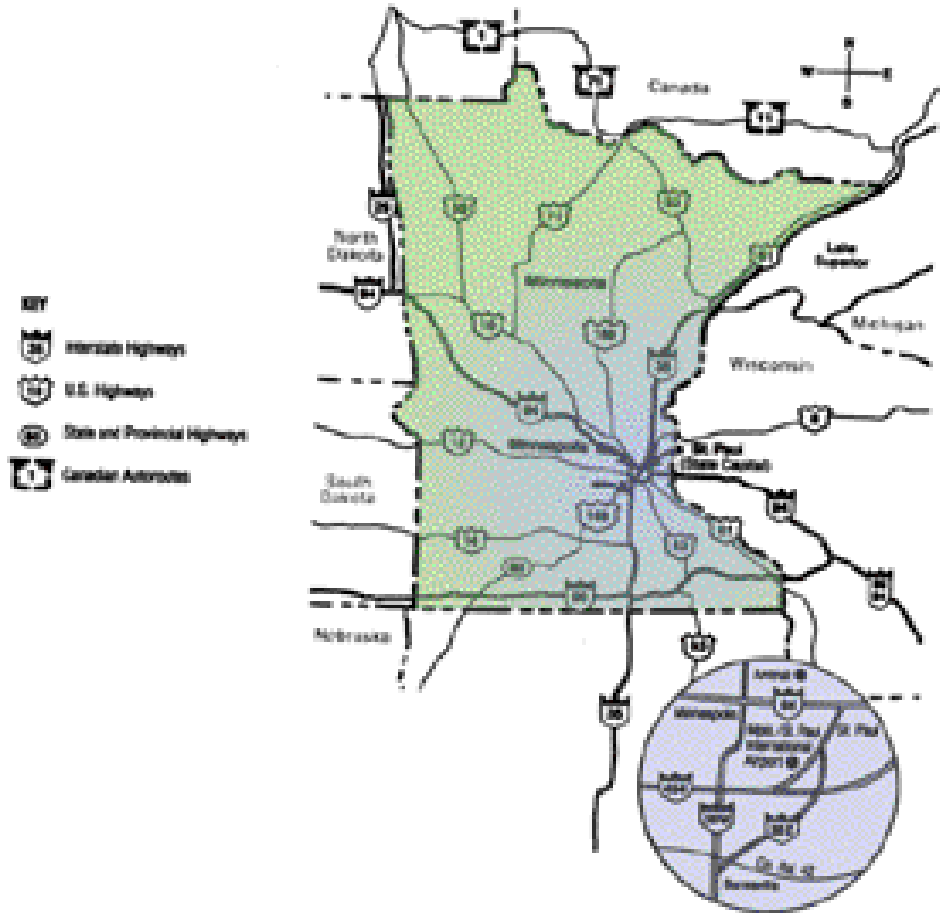
Minnesota, the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," gets its name from the Dakota Sioux word minisota, meaning sky-tinted water.

- Lakes: 11,842 (over 10 acres)
- Rivers & Streams: add up to 69,200 miles
- Highest Point: Eagle Mountain 2,301 ft.
- Capital: Saint Paul
- Largest City: Minneapolis
- Population: 5 Million
- State Bird: Common Loon
- State Fish: Walleye
- State Flower: Pink and White Lady Slipper
- State Grain: Wild Rice
- State Tree: Norway Pine

## Mileage Chart

To Burnsville, Minnesota

Bismarck, ND	444
Branson, MO	629
Chicago, IL	415
Cleveland, OH	760
Columbus, OH	772
Dallas, TX	923
Denver, CO	902
Des Moines, IA	229
Detroit, MI	697
Duluth, MN	170
Fargo, ND	250
Indianapolis, IN	599
Kansas City, MO	422
La Crosse, WI	147
Las Vegas, NV	1620
Los Angeles, CA	1916
Louisville, KY	712
Memphis, TN	816
Miami, FL	1768
Milwaukee, WI	344
Minneapolis, MN	17
Nashville, TN	854
New Orleans, LA	1209
New York, NY	1206
Oklahoma City, OK	774
Omaha, NE	363
Philadelphia, PA	1175
Pittsburgh, PA	877
Rapid City, SD	564
St. Louis, MO	547
Saint Paul, MN	19
San Francisco, CA	1960
Seattle, WA	1629
Sioux Falls, SD	226
Springfield, IL	511
Thunder Bay, ON	358
Toronto, ON	936
Washington, DC	1113
Winnipeg, MB	473



# Burnsville Tour Stops

## Abdallah Candies & Gifts

3501 W. County Rd. 42, Burnsville 55306  
952 890-4770

Learn the history of this fourth-generation, family-owned business with an on-coach welcome. View the hand-dipping and hand-molding process of candy making through a large display window. Sample delicious candies from large platters. 30-40% discounts on specials and imperfects. Gift and holiday items.

Complimentary four-piece sampler for each tour member upon departure with reservations.

Located one mile west of Burnsville Center.

**Hours:** Tours may book Mon, Tue & Fri 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Wed & Thur 10 am-3:30 pm. No tours two weeks before Easter or Christmas and one week before Valentine's Day. Advance reservations required.

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** Allow 30-45 minutes.



## AntiQues Minnesota Inc.

191 River Ridge Cir., Burnsville 55337  
952 894-7200 www.antiquesminnesota.net

One of the nicest Antique Malls in the upper Midwest. Large facility, with well lit, spacious aisles. Lighted display cases. This modern gallery for antiques and vintage collectibles has more than 330 dealers. Located northwest of intersection Hwy 13N and Nicollet Ave.

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun Noon-6 pm.

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** Allow 45 mins to one hour.

## Burnsville Center

1178 Burnsville Center, Burnsville 55306  
952 435-8181 www.burnsvillecenter.com

Shop at more than 150 specialty stores including Ann Taylor Loft, Aeropostle, Express, Bath and Body Works, Express Men, Steve and Barry's, and Old Navy with anchors Macy's, JC Penney and Sears. Four casual dining restaurants and 13 quick-serve restaurants with a 50' fireplace. Call in advance for a welcome with free shopping bags filled with items. Free on-site motorcoach parking in perimeter lots. Located at the intersection of I-35W and I-35E at County Road 42 in Burnsville.

**Hours:** 10 am-9 pm Mon-Sat; 11 am-6 pm Sun. Extended hours after Thanksgiving-Christmas.

**Admission:** Free. VIP discount cards available for

motorcoach groups.

**Special Events:** Arts and crafts shows, holiday decor and events.



Burnsville Center

## International Chefs' Culinary Center

Grande Market Square  
12750 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
952 808-1111 www.grandemarketplace.com

Highly skilled chef team conducts cooking classes for groups of 10-25 people in a state-of-the-art kitchen located within this elegant banquet catering facility. Tour members listen while Chef Jeff explains terms used in the recipes; then everyone dons a white hat and apron; goes into the kitchen and cooks. Chef cooking demos are available for larger groups. Tour members enjoy eating the delicious results.

**Hours:** Mon-Thur lunch and dinner. No classes Friday and Saturday.

**Admission:** Prices vary with menu selections \$35-45 pp plus tax and service charge.

**Tour Length:** Allow 1-2 hours for food preparation (depending on menu and group size) and 45 minutes for dining.

## Ficus & Fig

Grande Market Square  
12750 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
952 746-4456

Browse through this fun, upscale and trendy home decor and gift shop. Clocks, candles, cards, jewelry, pictures, holiday items, and much more.

Will open early or stay late for groups.

**Hours:** Mon 9:30 am-6 pm, Tue-Fri 9:30am-8 pm, Sat 9am-8 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm..

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** Allow 30-45 min.

## Susie Q's Accents

Cobblestone Court Shopping Center  
14150 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
952 898-2960

Find lovely, unique home decor and gift items at great price points. Located near Old Country Buffet. Will open early or stay late for motorcoach groups. Discount coupons with reservations.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 10 am-8 pm, Sat 9 am-6 pm, Sun 11 am-5 pm.

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** Allow 45 mins to one hour.

## Touch of Home Furnishings

Valley Ridge Shopping Center  
1955 W. Burnsville Pkwy., Burnsville 55337  
952 895-5533

www.touchofhomefurnishings.com

Browse through room after room of Bridgewater candles, quilts, pictures, lamps, floral arrangements, wreaths, Heritage lace, braided rugs and chair pads, American Girl Doll clothes, antiques and hundreds of local cottage industries displaying hand-crafted goods. Complimentary San Francisco tea and discount coupons with advance reservations.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 10 am-8 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun Noon-5 pm. Will open earlier for motorcoach groups.

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** Allow 45 mins to one hour.



Cooking With Chef Jeff

## Valley Natural Foods

13750 County Rd. 11, Burnsville 55337  
952 891-1212 www.valleynaturalfoods.com

Burnsville's community-owned cooperative, a premier source of local and organic foods, specializing in healthy choices, adheres to the principles of cooperation, including community outreach and education. Can comfortably accommodate groups up to 30 people. Tours for larger groups can be handled by staggering times or offering other options. Tour guides discuss a variety of subjects: natural foods, supporting a local economy, history of cooperation, special diets (gluten-free, etc.), taste the organic difference (includes food samples), how to make healthy lifestyle choices and behind the scenes at the co-op. Homemade dishes, soup & salad bar and box lunch options. Catered lunches.

Reservations at least two weeks prior. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** Mon-Thur 8 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat 8 am-8 pm, Sun 10 am-8 pm.

**Admission:** Free. Dining prices vary.

**Tour Length:** Varies. Allow 1 1/2 hrs for tour.

## Buck Hill Ski Area

15400 Buck Hill Rd., Burnsville 55306  
952 435-7174 [www.buckhill.com](http://www.buckhill.com)

Thirteen different runs to challenge downhill skiers and snow boarders of varying abilities. 1/2 pipe, mini 1/2 pipe, snowboard park plus snowtubing. Cafeteria food service, plus restaurant with full bar and on-site catering. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 10 am-9:30 pm; holidays and weekends 9 am-10 pm. Mid-November until late March.

**Admission:** Group rates available.

**Special Events:** Annual New Year's Eve Bash.

## Grand Slam U.S.A.

12425 River Ridge Blvd., Burnsville 55337  
952 224-0414 [www.grandslammn.com](http://www.grandslammn.com)

Student groups enjoy mini-golf, video games, batting cages, bumper cars and lazer light tag. Several packages to choose from including food items such as pizza, and hot dogs. Large room to accommodate groups and special events.

**Hours:** Sun-Thur 10 am-10 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am-Midnight.

**Admission:** Varies with packages.

**Tour Length:** Varies.

## ProKart Indoors Racing

12500 Chowen Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
952 808-7223 [www.prokartindoor.com](http://www.prokartindoor.com)

Experience the thrill of driving state-of-the-art specially designed and built racing karts in a controlled and safe environment. These karts drive and feel much the same as racecars. Elaborate timing and software system provides precise lap times and ensures proper amount of time driving on the track. Must be 13 years or older.

**Hours:** Mon-Wed Noon-10 pm, Thur-Sat 11 am-11 pm, Sun Noon-9 pm.

**Admission:** Group rates available.

**Tour Length:** Varies with size of group.

## Skateville

201 S. River Ridge Cir., Burnsville 55337  
952 890-0988 [www.skateville.com](http://www.skateville.com)

Students unanimously choose Skateville as their #1 choice for fun, and teachers agree! Skating is the most economical form of entertainment for schools today. Special days and times for seniors. Can customize rates to fit your needs with longer/shorter times, include food and/or beverages, etc. Regular skates included. Roller blades extra.

**Hours:** Extended hours available for groups.

**Admission:** Group rates available.

**Tour Length:** Varies.

## CineMagic's Atlantis Theatre

14401 Burnhaven Dr., Burnsville 55306  
Opening in March 2008, this Atlantis-themed theatre complex will feature 15 movie screens including one IMAX. The state-of-the-art theatre will offer wall-to-wall screens, high rise stadium-style seating with separate areas for adults and couples, luxurious high back rocker seating, and Dolby EX digital surround sound. Refreshments, and second level bar and lounge with food options for adults will be available.

**Hours:** TBA

**Admission:** TBA.

## Burnsville Performing Arts Center

12600 Nicollet Ave., Burnsville 55337  
TBA [www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org)

Opening late 2008 in Burnsville's popular Heart of the City, this versatile facility will host a wide range of national touring and local concerts, touring and local theatre performances, comedy shows and more. The facility will boast a 1,000-seat main theatre, 150-seat black box theatre, art gallery and rooms for conferences, events and receptions.

**Hours:** Varies with performances.

**Admission:** Varies with performances.

**Tour Length:** Varies with performances.

## Nicollet Commons Park

126th St & Nicollet Ave., Burnsville 55337  
952 895-4500 [www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org)

Home to Burnsville's top events, you can also catch a free concert or movie at this popular water-inflated park in Burnsville's Heart of the City. View great sculpture within the block. Lighted trees during the holiday season.



Art And All That Jazz

## Soccer Blast

3601 W. 145th St., Burnsville 55306  
952 895-1962 [www.soccerblastmn.com](http://www.soccerblastmn.com)

Area's premier indoor sports facility features high-quality turfed fields including 2 indoor boarded and one seasonally domed. Seating and spectator areas, player changing rooms, snack bar.

## Midwest Volleyball Training Facility

14050 Judicial Rd., Burnsville 55337  
952 808-0100 [www.midwestvolleyball.com](http://www.midwestvolleyball.com)

Finest 8 court volleyball facility in the Midwest. Playing surface has special cushion that reduces shock impact to players' knees and ankles. Spectator seating. Home to Northern Lights Junior Volleyball.

## Burnsville Ice Center

251 Civic Center Pkwy., Burnsville 55337  
952 895-4650 [www.burnsvilleicecenter.org](http://www.burnsvilleicecenter.org)

Versatile two-sheet facility attracts more than 350,000 visitors a year for various activities including high school hockey, figure skating, and curling. Annual ice skating show features over 200 area skaters.

## Burnsville's Special Events

### Art and All That Jazz

[www.burnsvilleartjazz.com](http://www.burnsvilleartjazz.com)  
Held Saturday in mid-August. Top jazz musicians perform in an outdoor event. Variety of food, beer and wine. Artists display their work in tents at the perimeters.

### Burnsville Fire Muster

[www.burnsvillefiremuster.com](http://www.burnsvillefiremuster.com)  
Held during the week and weekend after Labor Day. Bands, fireworks, kids and adult games, food beer tent, Annual Fire Truck Parade, Community Parade.

### Heart of the City Half Marathon

[www.tenderheartsfoundation.org](http://www.tenderheartsfoundation.org)  
Held first Saturday in June. Runners begin in Burnsville's Heart of the City and continue along the scenic Minnesota River route.

### International Festival

[www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org)  
Held last Saturday in June. Top-notch entertainment, booths and food from various ethnic cultures including Irish, Czech, Cambodian, Indian, Japanese, Middle Eastern and American Indian.

# Accommodations

**Americas Best Value Inn** 67 rms  
 1101 Burnsville Pkwy., Burnsville 55337  
 952 894-3400 888 315-2378  
 I-35W exit 2

- 2008 Group Rates \$50 to \$65  
 2009 Group Rates \$50 to \$65  
 • 1 comp room per 15 rms  
 • Luggage handling \$2 pp rt  
 • Free continental breakfast  
 • Free local calls, high speed internet access  
 • Coffeemakers and safes in all rooms  
 • Interior corridors, electronic locks

**Days Inn** 83 rms  
 14331 Nicollet Ct., Burnsville 55306  
 952 892-1900 800-329-7466  
 I-35W exit 1, I-35E ex. 88B

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$50s to Low \$80s  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$50s to Low \$80s  
 • 1 comp room per 15 rms  
 • Driver 50% off  
 • Luggage handling \$2 per bag rt  
 • Free deluxe continental breakfast with hot waffles  
 • Free coffee 24 hrs  
 • On-coach welcome  
 • Free high speed internet access

**Fairfield Inn By Marriott** 63 rms  
 14350 Nicollet Ct., Burnsville 55306  
 952 435-2887 800 228-2800  
 I-35W exit 1, I-35E ex. 88B

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$70s to Mid \$120s  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$70s to Mid \$120s  
 • 1 comp per 20 rooms  
 • Driver 50% off  
 • Luggage handling \$2 per bag  
 • Pool, whirlpool  
 • Free deluxe continental breakfast buffet  
 • Free coffee, tea and hot chocolate 24 hrs  
 • On-coach welcome  
 • Indoor pool, whirlpool  
 • Free local calls, wireless high speed internet

**Hampton Inn** 80 rms  
 14400 Nicollet Ct., Burnsville 55306  
 952 435-6366 800 426-7866  
 I-35W exit 1, I-35E ex. 88B

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$70 to Mid \$120s  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$70 to Mid \$120s  
 • 1 comp per 20 rooms  
 • Driver 50% off  
 • Luggage handling \$2 per bag rt  
 • Free deluxe continental breakfast buffet  
 • Free coffee, tea and hot chocolate 24 hrs  
 • On-coach welcome  
 • Indoor pool, whirlpool  
 • Free local calls, wireless high speed internet

**Holiday Inn Burnsville** 144 rms  
 14201 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
 952 435-2100 888 463-7200  
 I-35W exit 1, I-35E ex. 88B

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$60s to High \$90s  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$70s to High \$90s  
 • 1 comp per 20 rms  
 • Luggage handling \$3 pp rt  
 • Free, continental breakfast  
 • Pool, whirlpool, sauna  
 • Fitness center, business center  
 • Shuttle service  
 • Restaurant & lounge on-site  
 • Free wireless high speed internet access

**LivINN Suites** 126 rms  
 13080 Aldrich Ave., Burnsville 55337  
 952 890-7999  
 I-35W exit 2

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$40s to low \$60S  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$40s to low \$60s  
 • 1 comp per 10 rms  
 • Driver free  
 • Luggage handling \$2 pp rt  
 • Free breakfast bags, goodie bags in rms  
 • Free coffee/tea 24 hr  
 • Fridge and microwave in all rms

**Prime Rate Motel** 97 rms  
 12850 W. Frontage Rd., Burnsville 55337  
 952 894-8554 800 358-8554  
 I-35W exit 2

- 2008 Group Rates Low \$50s to Low \$70s  
 2009 Group Rates Low \$50s to Low \$70s  
 • 1 comp per 15 rms  
 • Luggage handling \$2 pp rt  
 • Free coffee and donuts in AM  
 • Pool, whirlpool, sauna  
 • Free coffee, tea, hot chocolate 24 hrs  
 • On-coach welcome  
 • Free local calls, high speed internet access  
 • Perkins nearby

**Red Roof Inn** 84 rms  
 12920 Aldrich Ave. S., Burnsville 55337  
 952 890-1420 800 874-9000  
 I-35W exit 2

- 2008 Group Rates Mid \$30s to High \$60s  
 2009 Group Rates Mid \$30s to High \$60s  
 • 1 comp per 15 rms  
 • Free coffee in AM  
 • Free local calls

**Select Inn & FantaSuite Hotel** 89 ms  
 250 N. River Ridge Cir., Burnsville 55337  
 952 890-9550 800 666-7829  
 I-35W exit 3A

- 2008 Group Rates High \$50s to Low \$80s  
 2009 Group Rates High \$50s to Low \$80s  
 • 1 per 20 rms or driver 50% off if less than 20 rms  
 • Luggage handling \$2 pp rt  
 • Free deluxe continental breakfast w/hot waffles  
 • Pool, whirlpool  
 • Coffeemakers  
 • Free local calls, wireless high speed internet  
 • FantaSuite tours on weekends at 3pm  
 • Beer, wine available

## Red Carpet Welcome . . .

When your group arrives at a Burnsville Hotel, they will be welcomed by a motorcoach greeter and each tour member will be presented with a welcome bag. Just let us know the time of your arrival and we'll do the rest!

**ENJOY Burnsville's  
 FREE on-site motorcoach parking  
 and LOWER lodging tax!**



**Holiday Inn Burnsville**

## Area Attractions

### Alexander Ramsey House

265 S. Exchange St., Saint Paul 55102  
651 296-8760 [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

Victorian mansion of 1872 built by Alexander Ramsey, who served as governor of Minnesota, U.S. senator and secretary of war. House contains original furnishings of the family. Tours given by costumed guides. Gift shop, on-site motorcoach parking. Accessibility first floor only. Reservations strongly suggested.

**Hours:** Tours leave on the hour. Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am-3 pm, special arrangements for groups. Extended December holiday hours.

**Admission:** \$6 pp group rate, \$4 pp student group rate. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour

**Special Event:** Ramsey House Holidays

### American Swedish Institute

2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis 55407  
612 871-4907

[www.americanswedishinst.org](http://www.americanswedishinst.org)

Turn of the century 33-room mansion built for newspaper publisher Swan J. Turnblad features elaborate woodwork, beautiful painted ceilings, and Swedish porcelain tile stoves; plus exhibits of Swedish art, glass, textiles and immigrant artifacts. Museum shop, book store, free on-site motorcoach parking. Guided tours and group lunch packages by arrangement.

**Hours:** Tue, Thur-Sat, 12-4 pm; Wed 12-8 pm, Sun 1-5 pm. Extended Saturday hours November and December 10 am-5 pm. Other hours by arrangement. Closed Mondays and holidays.

**Admission:** \$7 pp group guided tour.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour for tour.

**Special Event:** Christmas decorations and events November and December.



American Swedish Institute

### Bachman's Floral Home & Garden Center

6010 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419  
612 861-7692 [www.bachmans.com](http://www.bachmans.com)

One of the largest retail floral and garden centers in the nation. Tour includes greenhouses, garden center, floral and designer areas. Each

tour member receives a free rose. Gift shop, on-site motorcoach parking. Schedule at least two weeks in advance. Patrick's French Cafe on-site.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 9:30 am-2 pm, by appointment.

**Admission:** Free (Group minimum 10).

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes for the tour, additional 30 minutes for shopping and browsing.

### The Bakken Museum

3537 Zenith Ave. S., Minneapolis 55416  
612 926-3878 ext. 219 [www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)

The Bakken Museum explores the mysteries of our electrical world with interactive exhibits about electricity and magnetism. This unique museum was founded in 1975 by Earl Bakken, inventor of the first transistorized cardiac pacemaker and cofounder of Medtronic. Located in a 1930s Tudor mansion on Lake Calhoun, the museum features the Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden and a world-renowned collection of books and artifacts on the history and impact of electricity.

**Hours:** Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Thur 10 am-8 pm.

**Admission:** Adults \$7, students and seniors \$5.

**Tour Length:** 75 minutes

### The Basilica of Saint Mary

88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis 55403  
612 317-3410 [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org)

America's first Basilica and a national historic site. Designed by Emmanuel Masqueray in 1906, the first mass was celebrated in 1914 at which time only the exterior shell was completed. The Basilica features French architecture, stained glass windows, Italian marble sculptures and 250 foot tall dome.

**Hours:** Tours by docents year-round (except holidays and holy week). Sunday tours after 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses. Group tours during the week by request. Self-guided tours 7:00 am-5 pm Mon-Fri; tour brochures at back of church.

**Admission:** Free. Suggested donation \$2 pp.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour.

### Cathedral of Saint Paul

239 Selby Ave., Saint Paul 55102  
651 228-1766 [www.cathedralsaintpaul.org](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org)

The commanding copper dome and stunning Renaissance architecture of one of North America's largest Cathedrals marks the skyline of Minnesota's capital City. This nationally registered historic Cathedral, modeled after Saint Peter's in Rome, is a decorative masterpiece containing one-of-a-kind sacred art and was built as a monument of faith and as a tribute to the early immigrants to the area. Self-guided tour brochures in Cathedral and office.

**Hours:** Guided tours Mon, Wed, Fri at 1 pm, except holidays. Special group tours by request.

**Admission:** Free will offering.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour.



### Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

501 W. 78th St., Chanhassen 55317  
952 934-1547 800 355-6273

[www.chanhassentheatres.com](http://www.chanhassentheatres.com)

The nation's largest professional dinner theatre complex with four theatres under one roof, celebrates 37 years of fine dining and superb theatre. The best in one-stop dining and entertainment! Gift shop, free on-site motorcoach parking. Accessibility with special arrangements.

**Hours:** Tue-Sun evening and matinee performances. Open year-round.

**Admission:** Group discounts for 15 or more except for Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Backstage Tour:** Complimentary back-stage tour one hour prior to performance with reservations.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour.

### Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

1225 Estabrook Drive, Saint Paul 55103  
651 487-8272 [www.comozooconservatory.org](http://www.comozooconservatory.org)

Whether an award-winning orchid collection or orangutans, Como has something for everyone. The Conservatory is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offers five seasonal flower shows annually. The Zoo is home to penquins, gorillas, giraffes, tigers and more! Year-round dining, giftshop and free motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** April 1-Sept 30, 10 am-6 pm daily and Oct 1-March 31, 10 am-4 pm. Year-round.

**Admission:** Suggested donation \$2 adults, \$1 children.

**Tour Length:** Conservatory tour is 45 minutes, with a 30-minute animal presentation to follow.

### Faribault Woolen Mill Store

1819 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault 55021  
507 334-1644 800 448-9665

[www.faribowool.com](http://www.faribowool.com)

Only remaining "Fully Verticle" woolen mill in the country. See the production process of making a product from raw wool stock including blending, dyeing, carding, spinning, weaving, burling and finishing the product. Retail store available for shopping after tour.

**Hours:** Store: Mon-Sat 9 am-5:00 pm, Sun Noon-5 pm Tours: Mon-Fri 10 am and 2 pm.

**Admission:** Free.

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes tour, 1 hour to shop

## History Theatre

30 E. 10th St., Saint Paul 55101  
651 292-4320 Group Sales  
www.historytheatre.com

History Theatre is the foremost producer of new plays and musicals in the Twin Cities, creating and producing plays about Minnesota, the Midwest and the diverse American experience. We tell real stories about real people.

**Hours:** Matinees, evening and weekend performances. Daytime matinees include post-show discussions.

**Admission:** Group rates and comps available.

## The Guthrie Theater

818 S. 2nd St., Minneapolis 55415  
Downtown Minneapolis (after May 2006)  
612 225-6240 or toll-free 1-866 804-7687  
www.guthrietheater.org

The Guthrie's new home is a vibrant mix of stunning public spaces and three unique theaters. Attend a performance, enjoy spectacular views from the cantilevered bridge, take a backstage tour, browse the Guthrie Store or sip a cocktail while watching the sunset.

**Hours:** Performances year-round, Tue-Sun. Group sales hours 10 am-4 pm Mon-Fri.

**Admission:** Group discounts for 20 or more. One comp per group.

## Historic Fort Snelling

Fort Snelling History Center (Hwy. 5 & 55)  
Saint Paul 55111 612 726-1171  
www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling

Built on a bluff above the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, the restored 1820s stone fort includes 18 furnished buildings operated by costumed guides depicting early life at the fort. Crafts, military pageantry with cannon and musket firings, film. Gift shop, free on-site motorcoach parking. Partial accessibility. Group reservations required.

**Hours:** 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, Noon-5 pm Sun May-October. Evening group rentals.

**Admission:** \$6 senior & adult groups, \$4 student groups. Group minimum 12.

**Tour Length:** 1 1/2 hours

## James J. Hill House

240 Summit Ave., Saint Paul 55102  
651 297-2555 www.mnhs.org/places/sites/jjhh

Built by James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railway, the massive, 42 room, 1891 mansion contains a skylit art gallery, 22 fireplaces, elaborate hand-carved woodwork, and stained glass. A National Historic Landmark. Guided tours.

**Hours:** Wed-Sat 10 am-3:30 pm. Sun 1-3:30 pm. Year-round. Special arrangements for groups at other times.

**Admission:** \$6 group rate, \$4 student group rate. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 75 minutes.

**Special Event:** Hill House Holidays.

## Lady of the Lake

8 Water St., Excelsior 55331  
952 929-1209 www.ladyofthelakecruise.com

Minnetonka's historic tripledeck sternwheeler provides private charters and public cruises on beautiful Lake Minnetonka for groups from 15-150. Enjoy a narrated tour around the Big Island. Catering available.

**Hours:** Scheduled private cruises and narrated public excursions from May to Mid-October.

**Admission:** \$10-12 pp for groups.

**Tour Length:** Public cruise 90 minutes, Private cruise 2-4 hours. Boarding begins 30 minutes prior to the excursion.

## Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Program at Brown College

1440 Northland Dr., Mendota Heights 55120  
651 286-2400 www.culinary-schools.us

Few institutions of any kind possess the prestigious reputation of Le Cordon Bleu. Founded in Paris in 1895, this internationally renowned school for the culinary arts has become synonymous with expertise, tradition and refinement – qualities that are painstakingly nurtured by the school. Observe classroom activities through large windows. Dine in the Minnesota Room. Reservations required.

**Hours:** Tue-Fri.

**Admission:** Lunch \$12.50 (3 courses) and \$15 (4 courses). Dinner \$22 (4 courses). Beverages \$1.25 with unlimited refills. Wine or specialty beverage is additional. No taxes due to educational purposes.

## Mall of America®

60 E. Broadway, Bloomington 55425-5550  
Millie Philipp, Tourism Account Executive  
952 883-8843 mphillip@mallofamerica.com  
www.mallofamerica.com

Mall of America is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world with: 520 stores, 50 restaurants and attractions galore. Plus, there's no sales tax on clothing! IKEA is located across from Nordstrom at Mall of America, complementing the Mall's retail selections. Attractions include Nickelodeon Universe®, the nation's largest indoor amusement park with 24 rides, Underwater® Adventures Aquarium, NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway, A.C.E.S. Flight Simulation, LEGO® Moose Mountain Adventure Golf and AMC Theatre's 14 screens.

**Hours:** Retail hours Mon-Sat 10 am-9:30 pm, Sun 11 am-7 pm. Closed Christmas and limited hours on Thanksgiving and Easter. Restaurant and attraction hours may vary from retail hours.

**Special Events:** More than 300 events annually, all free to guests. Celebrity events include performance and autograph signings by renowned musicians, actors, authors, and more.

**Group Services:** Meet & Greet, Orientation Tours, Mallquest scavenger hunts, Student & VIP Presentations, Super Savings Coupon Book and Special Guest Star discount brochure.

## Mill City Museum

704 S. 2nd St., Minneapolis 55401  
612 341-7555 888 727-8386  
www.millcitymuseum.org

Savor the aroma and taste of freshly baked bread. Discover the power of water turbines and milling equipment. Experience the excitement of hands-on exhibits and an eight-story, multi-sensory tour through time. Take a cinematic tour of "Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat" starring local humorist Kevin Kling.

Enjoy breathtaking views of the Mississippi, St. Anthony Falls and the Stone Arch Bridge.

**Hours:** Tue-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, Sunday, Noon-

5 pm, Thursday 10 am-9 pm. Open Monday (Memorial Day-Labor Day), 10 am-5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

**Admission:** Group rate is \$6 with prebooked reservations.

**Tour Length:** Two hours for museum. More time for lunch and shopping.



## Minnesota Czech Country

Montgomery Tour 612 756-1075  
New Prague Tours 952 758-4360  
www.bighonza.com www.newprague.com

Visit Montgomery and New Prague, towns of historic Bavarian and Bohemian culture located in the heart of Minnesota Czech Country. Montgomery features a stop at historic *Hilltop Hall* for a kolachy and coffee, an authentic Czech lunch of pork and dumplings, a unique variety show and *Big Honza's Museum of Unnatural History*. New Prague offers a guided tour of St. Wenceslaus Church with its beautiful stained glass windows depicting the saints and a tour of the town's "wallseum" of murals painted on the walls of buildings depicting the history of the town.

**Admission:** Montgomery tour with lunch \$25 pp, comp escort and driver. New Prague tours \$25 flat fee for each tour plus additional \$1 pp for each person over 25 per tour and \$1 pp set-up charges.

**Tour Length:** Montgomery tour and lunch 3 1/2 to 4 hrs. New Prague tours 45 minutes each.

## Minnesota History Center

345 Kellogg Blvd. W., Saint Paul 55102  
651 296-6126 www.mnhs.org

This nationally renowned museum offers engaging exhibits that feature such varied Minnesota objects as an authentic birch-bark canoe, Minnesota Twins World Series memorabilia, a multimedia tornado experience and a 24-ton boxcar. Don't miss "Minnesota A to Z," "Tales of the Territory," "Weather Permitting," and "Going Places: The mystique of mobility." Gift

stores and acclaimed Café Minnesota.

**Museum Hours:** Tue 10 am-8 pm, Wed-Fri 10 am-5 pm; Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun Noon-5 pm.

**Admission:** \$6 pp group rate, \$4 pp student group rate. \$60 nonrefundable deposit. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** Self-guided, 1 1/2-2 1/2 hours.

**Special Events:** Costumed History Players, Guests in the Gallery, musical performances.

## Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska 55318

952 443-1411 [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu)

Bask in the beauty of 32 magnificent display gardens, picturesque landscapes, and extensive plant collections on 1,047 acres. Enjoy special art and plant exhibits year-round in the Oswald Visitor Center. Flower Pot Lunches, gift shop, cafeteria, *Trumpet Creeper Tram*. Accessibility arrangements. Packages available.

**Hours:** Grounds: 8 am-sunset daily; Building: 8 am-6 pm Mon-Sat; 10 am-6 pm Sun. Varies by season.

**Admission:** \$5 pp for 10 or more arriving in one vehicle. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 1 hour narrated tram tours \$2.50 pp; \$2.50 pp step-on bus guide. Tours are seasonal. Advance reservations required.

## Minnesota Renaissance Festival

1244 S. Canterbury Rd., Ste. 306, Shakopee 55379

952 445-7361 Group Sales 800 966-8215

[www.renaissancefest.com](http://www.renaissancefest.com)

Largest festival of its kind in the nation celebrating the atmosphere and culture of 16th Century Europe. Twelve stages of ongoing entertainment including fire-eaters, jugglers, musicians and comedians. Real armored jousting. Over 275 artisans. Savory foods.

**Hours:** 9 am-7 pm weekends and Labor Day from mid-August-September.

Rain or shine. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Admission:** Group rates for 15 or more start at \$14.50 adults and \$7.50 children. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 3-4 hours.

## Minnesota State Capitol

Room B59 75 Constitution Ave.,

Saint Paul 55155

651 296-2881 [www.mnhs.org/statecapitol](http://www.mnhs.org/statecapitol)

See the legislature in action in the Historic House and Senate Chambers. Original furnishings and vivid colors of the restored Senate, House, Supreme Court and Rathskeller cafe add to your experience of this working masterpiece by acclaimed architect Cass Gilbert. Highlights of the tour include the Governor's Reception Room and, weather permitting, the Quadriga, or golden horses.

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm; Sat 10 am-3 pm; Sun 1-4 pm. Year-round. Closed holidays except President's Day. Other times by reservation.

**Admission:** Public tours are free and hourly. \$4-7 pp group rate for other times and special

events, student group rate \$2-4 pp.

**Tour Length:** Public tours are 45 minutes.

## Minnesota Zoo

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley 55124

952 431-9200 Group Reservations

800 366-7811

[www.mnzo.org](http://www.mnzo.org)

The Zoo is home to a lush tropical forest and aviary, a marine center, Boreal forest, tundra and a seasonal family farm complete with 2,000 animals representing over 400 species. Get "whisker-close" to an Amur Tiger, touch a shark, and take a treetop tour on our Monorail. Discovery Bay features dolphin shows and shark exhibit. New in 2008 is Russia's Grizzly Coast, featuring grizzly bears, sea otters, Amur leopards and wild boars. Gift shop, food service and convenient motorcoach parking. Parking is \$10 for buses, \$15 for motorcoaches.

**Hours:** Open 9 am daily, except Thanksgiving Day and December 25, closing times vary.

**Admission:** Group rates \$11.25 adults (ages 13-64), \$7.50 seniors (ages 65+), \$6.50 youth (ages 3-12), \$3 monorail (ages 3 & up). Comp driver and escort. Prices subject to change.

## Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America®

5000 Center Court, Bloomington 55425-5500

952 883-8799 Group Sales

[www.nickelodeonuniverse.com](http://www.nickelodeonuniverse.com)

The world's largest indoor amusement park, features seven acres of unique indoor attractions and entertainment. Nickelodeon Universe is the only exclusive Nickelodeon theme park in the world, featuring rides, meet and greets with Nick characters and talent, Nickelodeon retail and food options, and much more. New rides include Spongebob Rock Bottom Plunge, a high speed looping roller coaster, Nickelodeon Splatoon 60' spring tower, Avatar Airbender, and Rugrats Reptarmobiles bumper cars.

**Hours:** Mon-Thur 10 am-9:30 pm, Fri & Sat 10 am-10 pm, Sun 11 am-7 pm. Closed Christmas Day.

**Admission:** Point passes and wristbands available. Group discounts available.

## Old Log Theater

5185 Meadville St., Excelsior 55331

952 474-5951 1-866 653-5641

[www.oldlog.com](http://www.oldlog.com)

[info@oldlog.com](mailto:info@oldlog.com)

As Minnesota's Oldest Professional Theater, the Old Log combines rustic charm with a serene setting, including a 655-seat auditorium and 350-seat restaurant for pre-show dining. Set on 10 acres of land near historic Lake Minnetonka, Old Log Theater's resident company of Equity actors includes some of the finest talent in the Midwest. Best of Broadway, British and Contemporary Comedy. Reservations required for dinner and lunch. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** Thur-Sun evenings, weekday matinees most Wednesdays and Thursdays. Year-round.

**Admission:** Group rates available. Comp meal and theater for driver and escort.

## OK Corral Restaurant & Horse Farm Tours

20201 Johnson Memorial Dr., Jordan 55352

952 492-6700

[www.okcorralmn.com](http://www.okcorralmn.com)

Tour impressive facilities at Cedar Ridge Arabians, one of the top four horse breeding farms in the country. See award-winning horses in climate-controlled barns and stalls, riding and training arenas. Watch groomers, trainers and breeders going about their daily operations. Pet beautiful Arabian horses. Stop at the Ames Percheron farm. Enjoy a hearty lunch or dinner at the OK Corral Restaurant amidst Old West artifacts. Meal package.

**Hours:** Morning or afternoon tours. Year-round.

**Admission:** Lunch or dinner \$18 pp inclusive. Sunday brunches 10 am-2 pm.

Comp meal for escort and driver.

**Tour Length:** 2 1/2 hours meal and tours.

**Optional:** Add Livery Stable Tour & Wagon Ride for an additional \$4 pp. Approximate time for ride is 45 minutes.



## Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

345 Washington St., Saint Paul 55102

651 282-3111 Group Sales

[www.ordway.org](http://www.ordway.org)

One of the finest performing arts centers in the world, this 50 million-dollar facility brings the best of Broadway and off-Broadway to its main hall and the intimate McKnight Theatre. The Ordway features concerts, opera and Broadway shows like "Rent" and "Les Miserables". The McKnight Theatre offers off-Broadway comedies and musicals at exceptional group prices. Behind-the-Scenes tour available.

**Hours:** Performances vary.

**Admission:** Group rates available.

**Tour Length:** 30-45 minutes.

## Padelford Packet Boat Co., Inc.

Harriet Island, Saint Paul 55107

651 227-1100 800 543-3908

[www.riverrides.com](http://www.riverrides.com)

Historically narrated cruises aboard three Mississippi Riverboats from Harriet Island, St. Paul. Public dinner and lunch cruises or private charters for groups of 75 to 710 passengers. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** Public cruises 12 noon and 2 pm every day except Monday in June, July and August. Trips added May-October with group of 50 or more.

**Admission:** \$15 adults, \$13.50 seniors. 20% discount for groups of 25 or more. Comp tickets for motorcoach driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 1 1/2 hours.

## Plymouth Playhouse

2705 Annapolis Ln., Plymouth 55441  
763 383-1073 Group Sales  
www.plymouthplayhouse.com

Celebrating 34 years, the Plymouth Playhouse is best-known for its musicals and comedies. This intimate 211-seat theatre is located at I-494 and Hwy 55 West in the Best Western Kelly Inn. Recent performances include hilarious hit musical comedies "How to Talk Minnesotan", "Church Basement Ladies" and its sequel "Church Basement Ladies II, A Second Helping".

**Hours:** Wed-Sun. Year-round.

**Admission:** Varies from \$24-38. Group rates available.

## Science Museum of Minnesota & William L. McKnight/3M Omnitheater

120 W. Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul 55102  
651 221-9426 Group Sales  
800 221-9444

www.smm.org

Well-known for its unique combination of cutting-edge technology and hands-on entertainment, including innovative exhibits, convertible-dome 9-story Omnitheater, and world-class collection of fossils and artifacts, the museum also boasts the Experiment Gallery, an Egyptian mummy, a climb-aboard Mississippi River towboat, a summer outdoor exhibit featuring a river science-themed mini-golf course, and more. Major special exhibits. Restaurants. Gift shop.  
**Hours:** Mon-Wed 9:30 am-5 pm, Thur-Sat 9:30 am-9 pm; Sun 1 pm-5 pm. Hours vary summer and high season.

**Admission:** Group rates available for 15+.

**Tour Length:** Museum exhibits, Omnitheater and 3D Cinema 3-4 hours.

## Sibley House Historic Site

1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota 55150  
651 452-1596

www.mnhs.org

Henry Hastings Sibley, the state's first governor, lived in this 1838 timber frame and limestone house, with fully furnished 19th century interiors. Tours begin at the Hypolite Dupius house. Hear about the fur trade era and how this beautiful river community has changed over the years. Guided tours.

**Hours:** May 1-Memorial Day and Labor Day-October 31. Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 12:30-5 pm. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Fri, Sat and Mon 10 am-4 pm; Sun 12:30-4 pm.

**Admission:** Adult groups \$4 pp, student groups \$3 pps.

## State, Orpheum and Pantages Theatres

Hennepin Theatre District, Minneapolis 55403  
612 373-5665 Group Sales

www.HennepinTheatreDistrict.org

Located in the Hennepin Theatre District are the "entertainment gems of Hennepin Avenue." The 2,200-seat restored State Theatre reopened in 1991 and hosts Broadway smash hits such as, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Cabaret." Restored in 1993

and reopened with the megahit "Miss Saigon," the Orpheum seats 2,600 and hosted Broadway shows such as the world premiere of Disney's "The Lion King" and the musical hit "Wicked". Added in 2002 is the intimate 1,000-seat Pantages Theatre hosting off-Broadway productions and concerts.

**Hours:** Performance hours vary, office hours Mon-Thur 9 am-5 pm, Fri 9 am-4 pm.

**Admission:** Group rates for most performances.



*Jersey Boys at the Orpheum Theatre*

## State School Orphanage Museum

540 W. Hills Cir., Owatonna 55060  
507 451-2149

www.orphanagemuseum.com

Minnesota's only state orphanage and possibly only orphanage museum in the country. Fascinating presentation given by a former resident. Video, pictures, artifacts. Tour museum. See bronzed statue in front of building. On-coach tour of grounds and cemetery upon request. Main building listed on National Register of Historic Places. Comp driver and escort.

**Admission:** \$5 pp.

**Tour Length:** 1 1/2 hours.

## The Landing - Minnesota River Heritage Park

2187 E. Highway 101, Shakopee 55379  
763 694-7784

www.threeriversparkdistrict.org

Visit this recreated 1800s village and farms located on 88 wooded acres along the Minnesota River. Tour historic homes as costumed interpreters portray daily life of early settlers through narration, demonstrations and crafts. Horse-drawn trolley and dining options on weekends only. Gift shop, free on-site motorcoach parking.

**Hours:** Special arrangements for groups.

**Admission:** \$7 tour. Comp driver and escort.

**Tour Length:** 2 hours.

**Special Event:** Folkways of the Holidays.

## Underwater Adventures Aquarium at Mall of America®

120 E. Broadway, Bloomington 55425  
952 853-0603 or 952 883-0202

www.Sharky.tv

See over 4,500 living sea creatures and touch real sharks and stingrays at the World's Largest Underground Aquarium. With ocean tanks winding under Mall of America, the Aquarium has been named the "World's Best Shark Encounter" by the Discovery Channel. Visit all of the amazing adventures: Touch of the Wild Woods, The Tunnel, SeaCrits Gallery and Starfish Beach. Ride the Plunge, a virtual submarine ride.

**Admission:** \$16.95 adults, \$9.95 children (3-12) Group rates for 10+.

**Behind-the-Scenes Tour:** Additional \$5.95 pp. See how we care for our 4,500 animals with a trip to the food-prep kitchen, lab and stop "on deck" above the aquarium tanks.

**Hours:** Check the web site for hours.

## ValleyFair Family Amusement Park

One Valleyfair Dr., Shakopee 55379  
952 496-5331 | 1 800 FUN-RIDE

www.valleyfair.com

Valleyfair is the largest amusement park in the upper Midwest, with more than 75 rides and attractions, including eight thrilling roller coasters, a variety of family rides, energizing live entertainment and Whitewater Country Waterpark - included in admission. Accessibility. Catering for groups of 50 or more.

**Hours:** Mid-May thru October. Specific dates and hours vary; check web site.

**Admission:** Discounts for groups of 15 or more. Student groups in May and June receive one comp ticket for every 15 tickets purchased.

**Special Events:** Halloween Haunt at ValleySCARE in October for even more thrills.

## Wabasha Street Caves

215 S. Wabasha St., Saint Paul 55107  
651 224-1191

www.wabashastreetcaves.com

Tour historic sandstone caves once used for mushroom farming and converted into a nightclub The Castle Royal, a popular haunt of infamous gangsters, such as Ma Barker and John Dillinger. Big bands of the era including Harry James and the Tommy Dorsey Band played here.

**Hours:** Mon-Sun 8 am-4 pm upon availability.

**Admission:** \$4 (Group rates for 25+).

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes.

**Special Events:** Big band music (16-22 pcs) and swing dancing Thursday nites. Dance lesson included. \$7 pp.

## Sightseeing Tours & Holiday House Tours

### Down in History Tours

The Wabasha Street Caves  
215 Wabasha St. S., Saint Paul 55107  
651 292-1220 888 679-9896  
www.wabashastreetcaves.com  
Twin Cities most unique tours . . . ghosts, gangsters, history and legend. Choose from The Saint Paul Gangster Tour, Mill City Mobs Tour, Historic Cave Tour, Victorian Tour, Ghosts & Graves Tour, Twin Towns Tacky Tour, Rivers & Roots Tour, Uff da! Tour and No Blarney Tour. Your step-on guide will be a costumed character from the era. Prices vary from \$6 pp and up depending on your tour choice. Tours are two hours in length. Comp driver and escort. Will customize tours for groups.

### metroConnections

1219 Marquette Ave, Ste 110  
Minneapolis 55403  
612 333-8687 800 747-TOUR (8687)  
www.metroconnections.com  
Take the Twin Cities Highlights Tour with a lively, informed guide. The tour includes famed Nicollet Mall, the Metrodome, Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis Sculpture Gardens, sparkling lakes and lagoons. Travel past the home of Mary Tyler Moore; stop at Minnehaha Falls and follow the Mississippi River past Fort Snelling into St. Paul; drive down stately Summit Avenue, see the Cathedral of Saint Paul, State Capitol, the home and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Governors Mansion, and revitalized St. Paul; including Rice Park, Landmark Center and the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. Morning and afternoon departures available; tour lasts 3 hours. Also available are a Stillwater tour, Minneapolis & Mississippi River tour and Holiday Lights Tour (December only). Dozens of customized tours available for groups.

### Valley Tours Inc.

Historic Courthouse  
101 W. Pine St., Stillwater 55082  
651 439-6110 www.valleytours.com  
Enjoy a guided tour of the quaint rivertown Stillwater and the picturesque St. Croix Valley. Specialty tours include step-on guides in Victorian dress, tours of Victorian homes, foliage tours and Swedish heritage tours. Tours may be customized for your groups and may include river cruises, train excursions, churches and artist's studios. Personable, friendly and professional service for groups of 20-200. Can be customized.



Down in History Tours

### Holiday House Tours

#### American Swedish Institute

2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis 55407  
612 871-4907

www.americanswedishinstitute.org  
A Nordic Christmas is an annual holiday display of lavishly decorated trees, tables set for a Christmas meal, hand-crafted ornaments and the soft glow of candles spreading the warmth and joy of Christmas as celebrated in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland. November-mid-January. \$7 pp group guided tour.

#### Folkways of the Holidays

Historic Murphy's Landing  
2187 E Highway 101, Shakopee 55379  
763 694-7784

www.threeriversparkdistrict.org  
Enjoy the treasured traditions based on old customs at this 19th century holiday celebration. Horse-drawn trolleys carry guests as candles beckon from windowpanes. Each weekend, guests can tour 11 different holiday settings and enjoy lively folk artist performances to experience the 19th century traditions of the many ethnic groups that settled in the Minnesota River Valley. December weekends. Last admission in 3 pm. Group rate \$7 pp.



Folkways of the Holidays

### Hill House Holidays

James J. Hill House  
240 Summit Ave., Saint Paul 55102  
651 297-2555  
www.mnhs.org/places/sites/jjhh  
The massive 1891 mansion comes alive with activity as period actors portraying servants prepare for the holidays. Weekends in December. Sat 1-3:30 pm, Sun 1-3:30 pm. One hour program. Program begins every half hour. \$6 pp group rate, \$4 student group rate. Comp driver and escort.

### Ramsey House Holidays

Alexander Ramsey House  
265 Exchange St., Saint Paul 55102  
651 296-8760  
www.mnhs.org/places/sites/arh  
Victorian holidays flourish with a tree decorated in original ornaments, garland and flowers; a dining table set for a holiday dinner; Ramsey family heirloom decorations; costumed guides. After Thanksgiving thru December. Weekend and evening programs. \$6 pp group rate, \$4 pp student group rate. Comp driver and escort.

### Santa House Tours/Rabbit House Tours

Valley Tours Inc.  
Historic Courthouse  
101 W. Pine St., Stillwater 55082  
651 439-6110 www.valleytours.com  
Tour the Santa House with thousands of Santas filling the 21-room, three-level private home. Every room features a different theme. See Santas from antique and collectible vintages to modern versions. Early November-January. 1 1/2 hour tour. Group rate \$5 pp.

Tour a private home filled with easter and spring decorations. See dozens of egg trees and an amazing collection of 1500 bunnies on a guided tour of the home. A doll collection also welcomes visitors. March and April. 1 hour tour. Group rate \$5 pp.

## Special Events



### The Lundstrom's Country Christmas Celebration

Celebration Center  
16655 Kenyon Ave., Lakeville 55044  
952 898-7200 [www.celebrationtickets.com](http://www.celebrationtickets.com)  
Host Lowell Lundstrom presents this live Branson-style Christmas spectacular annually. A cast of 70 fabulous performers—singers, musicians and comedians will make the Christmas season come alive before your eyes. This beautiful event center features a 1,000-seat auditorium and is just 5 minutes from Burnsville and adjacent to I-35. Performances the first three weekends in December. Fridays 7:30 pm, Saturdays 12 Noon, 3:30 & 7:30 pm, Sundays 3 pm & 6:30 pm. Group discounts for 20 or more. Comp driver. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

### An Arts & Crafts Affair

Canterbury Park Racetrack & Card Club  
1100 Canterbury Rd., Shakopee 55379  
402 331-2889 Group Sales  
[www.hpifestivals.com](http://www.hpifestivals.com) [hpifestivals@cox.net](mailto:hpifestivals@cox.net)  
Largest art and craft show in the Upper Midwest with more than 500 vendors from over 30 states filling two levels of Canterbury Park and two huge tents. Quality stage entertainment, food and beverages. Annual event held in November (550 booths) and April (500 booths) and runs Fri-Sun. Spring hours: 11 am-9 pm Fri, 9 am-6 pm Sat, 10 am-5 pm Sun. Fall hours: 11 am-9 pm Thur-Fri, 9 am-7 pm Sat, 10 am-5 pm Sun. \$6 pp. Comp driver and escort. Preorder and drive to Will Call Window #8. Escort pays for all tickets.

### Beyond the Cross

Celebration Center  
16655 Kenyon Ave., Lakeville 55044  
952 898-7200 [www.Beyondthecross.net](http://www.Beyondthecross.net)  
Held the three weekends before Easter. Join us for an incredible Easter experience. This dramatic musical hosted by Lowell Lundstrom has touched thousands. Journey back in time when Jesus transformed the lives of ordinary people - one person, one miracle at a time . . . Show times Fridays 7:30 pm, Saturdays 12 Noon & 3:30 pm, Sundays 3:30 pm. Group discounts for 20 or more. Comp driver. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

### Emma Krumbée's Great Scarecrow Festival

Emma Krumbée's Apple Orchard & General Store  
507 E. South St., Belle Plaine 56011  
952 873-3006 [www.emmakrumbées.com](http://www.emmakrumbées.com)  
Held late September–October, over 100 unique, handcrafted scarecrows are displayed. Apple sampling, cider tasting, music, bakery, wagon rides through the 45-acre apple orchard to the Great Pumpkin Patch. Prices vary from \$4 to \$6 with various packages. Tours welcomed 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Tue-Fri. Restaurant on-site. Free on-site motorcoach parking.

### Macy's Holiday Show

Macy's 700 on the Mall, Minneapolis 55402  
612 375-2200 [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com)  
The 8th floor auditorium is transformed into an animated adaptation of a classic children's tale, featuring three-dimensional animated figures in a series of vignettes. Late November–December during store hours. Free admission.

### Macy's & Bachman's Spring Flower Show

Macy's 700 on the Mall, Minneapolis 55402  
612 375-2200 [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com)  
A 12,000 square-foot display of flowers and foliage depicting a delightful theme invites you to indulge in the first fresh tastes of spring. Held two weeks beginning mid-March. Free admission. Open store hours.

### Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard

8251 Old Hwy. 169 Blvd., Jordan 55352  
952 492-2785 800 662-7753  
[www.minnesotaharvest.net](http://www.minnesotaharvest.net)  
Celebrate apples August thru October! Large 230-acre apple orchard and packinghouse with apple sampling, daily live music, bakery, lunch and snacks. Orchard wagon rides, hiking trails, corn maze and petting farm. Free on-site motorcoach parking. Open daily 9 am-7 pm. Free admission. Group rates on meals.

### Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard's Holiday in Lights

8251 Old Hwy. 169 Blvd., Jordan 55352  
952 492-2785 800 662-7753  
[www.minnesotaharvest.net](http://www.minnesotaharvest.net)  
Open November and December. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride through the lights in the orchard. Over 80 brilliantly lighted displays warm your spirits nightly from 4:30-10 pm. Before the ride, enjoy a wonderful Holiday Dinner Buffet and Dessert Table by the warmth of four fireplaces. Rustic environment. Live music nightly. Reservations required. Dinner and ride price is \$20 + tax for adults.

### Village Holidays

Dakota City Heritage Village  
Dakota County Fairgrounds  
400 220th St. W., Farmington 55024  
651 460-8050 [www.dakotacity.org](http://www.dakotacity.org)  
Held the first two Saturdays and Sundays in December. Visitors enjoy horse-drawn trolley rides around the village with a costumed guide, cooking and needlecrafts in the Harris House, wood crafts in the Depot, an ethnic Christmas tree in the Law Office and choirs and individuals providing holiday music in the Church. Hot food and other refreshments available. Admission is \$6 pp 13 years and up.



Great Scarecrow Festival

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