**Local Attractions/Fun Things to Do**

Dining Options • Food Tours • Breweries • Distilleries • River Cruise • Minnehaha Park • Como Park • Stone Arch Bridge Minneapolis • Summit Avenue Walking Tour • Canoe Day Trips • Hamilton • Paisley Park • Mill City Museum • American Indian Center • Minneapolis Institute of Art • Minneapolis Sculpture Garden• Somali Museum • Walker Art Center • Minnesota Children’s Museum • Minnesota History Center • Minnesota State Capitol • Science Museum of Minnesota • Nicollet Mall • Uptown • Lake Street • Mall of America • Grand Avenue • District Del Sol • Hmong Village • Target Field • US Bank Stadium • Target Center

**Dining Options:** A snapshot of well-known Twin Cities (TC) restaurants. All worth your time, effort, and money.

<https://twincities.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-minneapolis-st-paul-38-map>

A list of food and drink offered by Minnesotans with different stories to tell. Richly flavored Vietnamese and Hmong food? Hyper-authentic Mexican food? East African food served with skill and aplomb? We’ve got it, in spades.

<http://heavytable.com/deliciously-polyglot-flavor-north-minneapolis-st-paul-dining-guide/>

**Twin Cities Food Tours:** Expect international flavors—Neapolitan-style pizza, old-world Polish treats—and Minnesotan history on this three-hour walk.

[twincitiesfoodtours.com](http://twincitiesfoodtours.com/)

**Breweries:** So many – here’s a list.

<https://twincities.eater.com/maps/best-beer-minneapolis-st-paul-twin-cities-taprooms-breweries>

**Distilleries:** Here’s another list. <https://twincities.eater.com/maps/best-distilleries-minnesota>

**Jonathan Padelford River Cruise**: Narrated public excursions depart from Harriet Island in St. Paul. The historically narrated public sightseeing excursions run 1 1/2 hours. Sights along the way include: the St. Paul High Bridge, Pig's Eye's Cave, the Minnesota River mouth, Pike Island, and the timeless splendor of the mighty Mississippi River.

[**http://www.riverrides.com/pages/public/sightseeing.html**](http://www.riverrides.com/pages/public/sightseeing.html)

**Minnehaha Park:** 10 miles of trails along the Mississippi River, limestone bluffs and 53-foot-tall Minnehaha Falls.

[minneapolisparks.org](https://www.minneapolisparks.org/parks__destinations/parks__lakes/minnehaha_regional_park/)

**Como Park – St. Paul:** Beautiful grounds for walking, biking, or running, a Zoo, a Conservatory, Mini-golf, and Como Town, an amusement park for kids.

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

**Stone Arch Bridge - Minneapolis:** The Stone Arch Bridge is a former railroad bridge crossing the Mississippi River at Saint Anthony Falls in downtown Minneapolis. Great for biking, walking, or running.

[**www.nps.gov/miss/planyourvisit/stonarch.htm**](https://www.nps.gov/miss/planyourvisit/stonarch.htm)

**Summit Avenue Walking Tour** - **St. Paul**: Follow the footsteps of 19th-century barons of industry on these 90-minute seasonal tours of the mansion-lined neighborhood overlooking the Mississippi River Valley.

[sites.mnhs.org](http://sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/james-j-hill-house/summit-avenue-walking-tour)

**Wilderness Inquiry Mississippi Canoe Day Trips - Minneapolis-St. Paul:** W.I. specializes in accessible outdoor recreation. Explore the Mighty Mississippi River on a half-day guided canoe trip. Paddling the Mississippi in a 24-foot cedar strip canoe is easy, fun, and affordable–everyone enjoys it!

[www.wildernessinquiry.org/find-your-trip/mississippi-river-day-trips/](https://www.wildernessinquiry.org/find-your-trip/mississippi-river-day-trips/)

**Hamilton at the Orpheum Theater:** Don’t throw away your shot! The original Chicago cast of Hamilton brings the thunder to Minneapolis.

[**https://www.minneapolis-theater.com/theaters/orpheum-theater/hamilton.php**](https://www.minneapolis-theater.com/theaters/orpheum-theater/hamilton.php)

**Paisley Park:** Paisley Park is Prince’s private estate and production complex in Chanhassen, MN. Experience what it was like for Prince to create, produce and perform inside this private sanctuary.

<https://officialpaisleypark.com/pages/paisley-park-tours>

**Mill City Museum – Minneapolis:** Ride the Flour Tower, an eight-story elevator show about the city’s rich milling history.

[millcitymuseum.org](http://millcitymuseum.org/)

**Minneapolis American Indian Center:** The Minneapolis American Indian Center serves a large and tribally diverse urban American Indian population in the Twin Cities. Visit the Two Rivers Art Gallery, Gatherings Café, and Woodland Crafts Gift Shop.

<http://www.maicnet.org/programs/>

**Minneapolis Institute of Art:** Free admission to the permanent collection. A very nice café is at the MIA.

[artsmia.org](http://artsmia.org/)

**Minneapolis Sculpture Garden:** See the iconic *Spoonbridge and* *Cherry.*  Open 365 days a year, from 6 am to midnight.

<https://walkerart.org/visit/garden>

**Somali Museum of MN:** The Somali Museum of Minnesota is North America's first and only museum devoted to Somali culture.

[**https://www.somalimuseum.org/**](https://www.somalimuseum.org/)

**Walker Art Center:** Explore 11 indoor contemporary art galleries. Closed Mondays.

[walkerart.org](http://walkerart.org/).

**Minnesota Children’s Museum** - **St. Paul:** Ten new exhibits, including *Super Awesome Adventures,* with a green-screen climbing wall and laser maze.

[mcm.org](http://mcm.org/)

**Minnesota History Center** - **St. Paul**

[minnesotahistorycenter.org](http://minnesotahistorycenter.org/)

**Minnesota State Capitol**- **St. Paul:** Free guided 45-minute tours of the newly remodeled 1905 building.

<http://www.mnhs.org/capitol>

**Science Museum of Minnesota**- **St. Paul:** On the riverfront, the museum’s permanent exhibits, like the *EarthScapes* outdoor mini golf course, mix with top traveling shows and Imax films on a 90-foot-diameter dome screen.

[smm.org](http://smm.org/)

**Nicollet Mall – Downtown Minneapolis:** 12-blocks of shops, restaurants, food trucks, and people watching.

[minneapolis.org](http://www.minneapolis.org/shopping/nicollet-mall)

**Uptown – South Minneapolis/Calhoun:** Hip Uptown is full of bistros, stores and boutiques. Nearby Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles are great for walking, biking, or running.

[www.minneapolis.org/neighborhoods/south/uptown/](https://www.minneapolis.org/neighborhoods/south/uptown/)

**Lake Street – Minneapolis:** The heart of south Minneapolis. A diverse commercial corridor, Lake Street offers visitors endless shopping, dining and entertainment options.

[**http://visitlakestreet.com/**](http://visitlakestreet.com/)

**Mall of America**: Bloomington mega-mall, home to 520 stores, a Nickelodeon theme park and aquarium.

[mallofamerica.com](http://mallofamerica.com/)

**Grand Avenue**- **St. Paul**: Restaurants and small shops line one of the city’s busiest streets.

[grandave.com](http://grandave.com/)

**District Del Sol – West Side St. Paul:** The District Del Sol is home to delicious places to eat and shop on St. Paul’s West Side.

<http://saintpaulhistorical.com/items/show/129>

**Hmong Village- St. Paul:** Hmong Village Shopping Center features 17 restaurants, over 10 farmers markets and more than 100 stores.

[**https://www.visitsaintpaul.com/directory/hmong-village-shopping-center/**](https://www.visitsaintpaul.com/directory/hmong-village-shopping-center/)

**[Target](http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_nkw=target) Field – Minneapolis**: The Minnesota Twins!

[www.mlb.com/twins/tickets](https://www.mlb.com/twins/tickets)

**U.S. Bank Stadium** **– Minneapolis:** The Vikings!

[usbankstadium.com](http://usbankstadium.com/), www.vikings.com/

**Target Center – Minneapolis:** Home of the four-time WNBA Champions Minnesota Lynx ([lynx.wnba.com/](http://lynx.wnba.com/)) and the NBA Minnesota Timberwolves ([www.nba.com/timberwolves/](http://www.nba.com/timberwolves/))