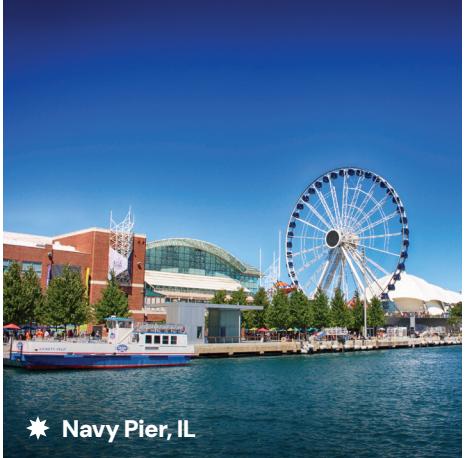


chicago to minnesota

THE NORTHERN ROUTE

From the magnificent Chicago skyline to the stunning forests of northern Minnesota, the natural beauty of the Great Lakes USA region is on full display during the drive from Chicago to Minneapolis/Saint Paul. From Lake Michigan to Lake Superior, and with beautiful lakes and rivers along the way, you'll experience the magic of water.

★ Gooseberry Falls State Park, MN



★ Navy Pier, IL



★ Milwaukee, WI

DAY ONE: CHICAGO, IL

Discover this amazing city on the shoreline of Lake Michigan, from sightseeing on Navy Pier to shopping along the Magnificent Mile. The history of Chicago comes alive when you take the Chicago Architectural River Cruise and learn why the city is known for its innovative architecture. Be sure to take in the Field Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, and Shedd Aquarium.

DAY TWO: MILWAUKEE, WI

Depart Chicago for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a city known for its beer brewing history with brands like Pabst, Miller, and Schlitz. A stop at one or more of the new local breweries is a must-do activity, as is a stop at the Harley-Davidson Museum. Other popular sites include the Milwaukee Public Museum, the haunted Pabst Mansion, and a visit to Wauwatosa Village.

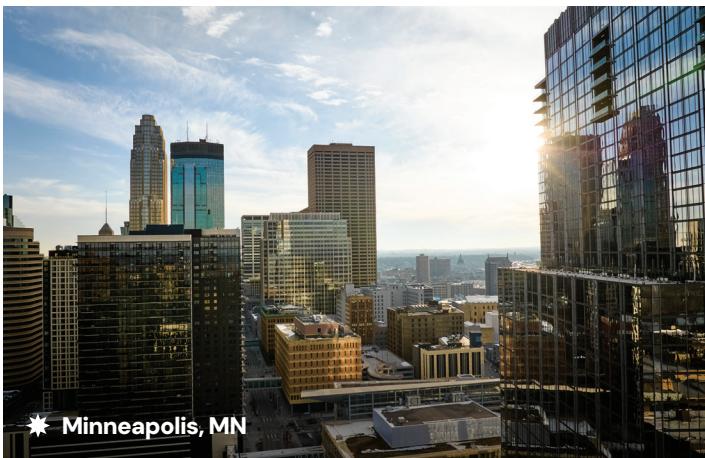




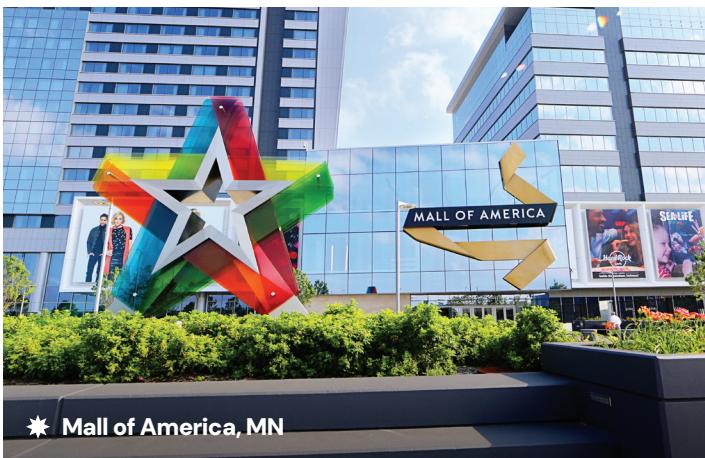
★ Aerial Lift Bridge, MN



★ Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, MN



★ Minneapolis, MN



★ Mall of America, MN

DAY THREE: GREEN BAY, WI

Drive along the shoreline of Lake Michigan to Green Bay, a city well-known in the world of professional football for Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers and open for public tours. The arts and culture of Green Bay are on display at the Ashwaubenon Historical Society and Museum and The Art Garage.

DAY FOUR: BAYFIELD, WI

Enjoy the stunning drive along Lake Superior as you head to Bayfield, a charming small town and one of the highlights of Wisconsin with its Apostle Islands Lakeshore National Park. Take a narrated Apostle Island Cruise (2.5 hours) to view the 21 islands from the water featuring unique landscapes, lighthouses, and sailing ships.

DAY FIVE: DULUTH, MN

Located on the shore of Lake Superior, Duluth is the world's largest inland seaport welcoming ships from around the world. Watch the ships enter the harbor as the Aerial Lift Bridge raises up to allow entry. Visit the Maritime Marine Visitors Center to learn the history of shipping on Lake Superior. The Depot and adjoining Lake Superior Railroad Museum entertain and educate visitors about the region's history.

DAY SIX: ELY, MN

Drive along the North Shore Scenic Byway, with stops at Gooseberry Falls State Park and Split Rock Lighthouse on the way to Ely. Home of the International Wolf Center and North American Bear Center, Ely is also a gateway to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the only federally protected canoe area in the U.S.

DAY SEVEN: MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MN

Minneapolis is the largest city in Minnesota and Saint Paul is the state capitol—together the cities are called the Twin Cities. Head to the Mississippi River, which flows through the centers of both cities. Take a sightseeing cruise aboard a paddlewheel boat for beautiful views of the city skyline. Learn about the history of the river at Mill City Museum in Minneapolis and the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area in St. Paul.

DAY EIGHT: BLOOMINGTON, MN

Time to "Shop til you Drop" at Mall of America, the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the U.S., with 500 stores, 50 restaurants, Nickelodeon Universe indoor amusement park, SEALIFE Aquarium and many other attractions. As a bonus, there's no sales tax on clothing or shoes in Minnesota. Before you depart for home, visit Paisley Park, the home and recording studio of Prince.