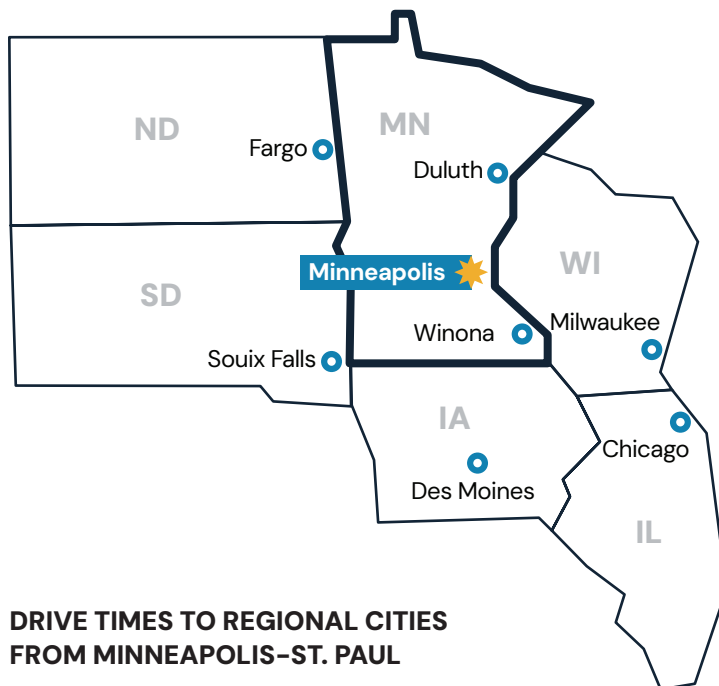


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The Land of 10,000 Lakes is also the land of 10,000 adventures that can only be experienced in Minnesota.

From standing in the **headwaters of the Mighty Mississippi River** to viewing **Lake Superior** from inside one of the **most photographed lighthouses** in the country, your groups will delight in iconic landmarks and unique experiences across the state.



DRIVE TIMES TO REGIONAL CITIES FROM MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

Duluth, MN	154 miles
Winona, MN	116 miles
Fargo, ND	235 miles
Sioux Falls, SD	270 miles
Des Moines, IA	243 miles
Chicago, IL	410 miles
Milwaukee, WI	336 miles

TOP GROUP-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota loves groups! In our urban centers and small towns throughout the state, your guests are assured to feel some extra “Minnesota Nice” during your visit.

TWIN CITIES METRO (MSP)

St. Paul, Minnesota’s state capital city, is often referred to as the last city of the East with its storied streets and historic Victorian architecture. Step back in time and learn about the gangster history and hide-outs with the **Wabasha Street Cave Tours**. Wind along **Summit Avenue**, the longest stretch of Victorian homes in the country. Visit the **James J. Hill House**, famed lumber baron nicknamed “The Empire Builder” who created the railroad connecting east to west. Experience a **Padelford Riverboat** cruise on the Mississippi River.

Also nestled on the Mississippi River is **Minneapolis**, known as the first city of the West, with its blue glass skyscrapers and vibrant nightlife. The interactive **Mill City Museum** depicts how Minneapolis became the “Flour Milling Capital of the World.” There are over 50 museums in the Twin Cities and a favorite photo stop for groups is at the **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden** to see the iconic **Spoonbridge and Cherry**. Professional sports are also a popular option for groups, and major stadiums are walkable in downtown Minneapolis.

With more than 400 stages, including **Chanhassen Dinner Theatres**, the largest professional dinner theater in the country, Minnesota’s theater scene is unrivaled in the region. Nearby, **Paisley Park**, the home and recording studio of the artist **Prince**, provides an insider’s peek at his creative genius. With no sales tax on clothing in Minnesota, every trip should include a stop at **Mall of America®**. It’s the country’s largest mall and entertainment center with more than 500 stores and restaurants.



★ Aerial Lift Bridge

DULUTH & LAKE SUPERIOR

North of MSP, the gateway to **Lake Superior's North Shore** and the birthplace of **Bob Dylan**, Duluth is a must-see, no matter the season. Enjoy this western-most port of the Great Lakes and the iconic **Aerial Lift Bridge** on a scenic boat tour. Then browse the shops in the adjacent Canal Park District. Travel back to the opulence of the turn of the 20th century at **Glensheen Mansion** or ride the rails along the greatest of the Great Lakes with the **North Shore Scenic Railroad**. Highway 61—**Lake Superior's North Shore All-American Scenic Drive**, made famous by the Bob Dylan song—connects to the famous **Split Rock Lighthouse** and shore communities like **Grand Marais**, home to a unique artist colony. Duluth's holiday visitors will especially enjoy the **Bentleyville "Tour of Lights,"** the country's largest walk-through lighting display alongside the bustling **Port of Duluth-Superior**. **Autumn along the North Shore Scenic Drive** rivals New England with its kaleidoscope of color perched along the greatest of the Great Lakes.



★ Red Wing Shoes

RED WING & WINONA

South of MSP, follow the Great River Road along the **Mississippi River** and picturesque bluffs to Red Wing, the home of the namesake **Red Wing Stoneware and Pottery** and **Red Wing Shoes**. Both museums are situated in a quaint downtown. Stop in Lake City to pay homage to the **inventor of water skiing** on Lake Pepin, then continue to **Wabasha**, home of the **National Eagle Center** and the movie **Grumpy Old Men**. Stop at **Lark Toys**, which features handmade wooden toys, including a stunning carousel with hand-carved animals – each a rideable piece of art. In Winona, you will find a plethora of art options, including tours of the **Minnesota Marine Art Museum** and **Willett Studios**, a renowned stain glass company. View the town from the water with **Winona Boat Tour** company, and don't leave without a sweet treat at **Bloedow Bakery**—named one of the top 50 bakeries in the U.S. by *Saveur Magazine*.

These are just a few highlights of how **groups experience Minnesota**. Let's connect, and I'll help you customize your itinerary for the land of 10,000 adventures.



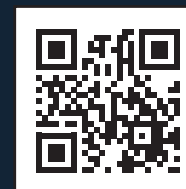
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