



Meet **Minneapolis**
City by Nature

WHAT'S NEW IN MINNEAPOLIS



➤ HERE, "MINNE" IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

Meet the biggest underestimated place in the north. A dramatic riverfront skyline, three professional sports stadiums within 1.3 miles, so much art you're literally surrounded by it and a theater on almost every corner. A culture committed to perfecting the craft of the brew, the best park system in the nation, and a foodie paradise where you can get Nordic cuisine for breakfast, Ethiopian for lunch and this thing called a "Jucy Lucy" for dinner. A place to bring your dancing shoes, enjoy unique festivals all year round, explore four gorgeous seasons surrounded by 13 lakes, the Mississippi River and a waterfall - and meet friendly locals who can't wait to show you why they love living here.

➤ MEET MINNEAPOLIS

Meet Minneapolis, Convention and Visitors Association, promotes the greater Minneapolis area as a premier destination. The experienced staff at Meet Minneapolis will ensure your travel to Minneapolis is as smooth as possible. Meet Minneapolis is the only convention and visitors bureau that represents the greater Minneapolis area.

We'll secure group hotel rates, help arrange transportation and provide videos, images and other promotional materials. Meet Minneapolis is here to make your life easier! Meet Minneapolis provides a number of **FREE** services and materials for group tour operators, including:

- Hotel Referral Service
- Group-Friendly Restaurants List
- Welcome Bags & Visitor Information
- Promotional Videos
- Step-On Guides
- Transportation Information
- Itinerary Planning
- Music Venue Guide
- Meeting Planners Guide



➤ MEET CASEY KLUVER

He's been helping international travel planners for years, and there aren't many people who know the city like Casey. Your clients mean as much to him as they do to you, so you'll be in good hands with his planning expertise.



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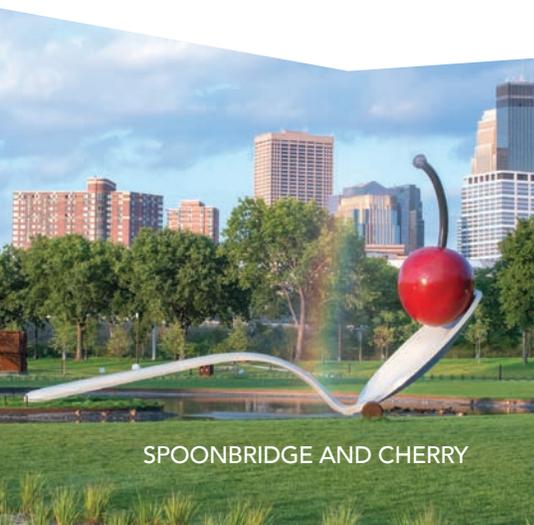


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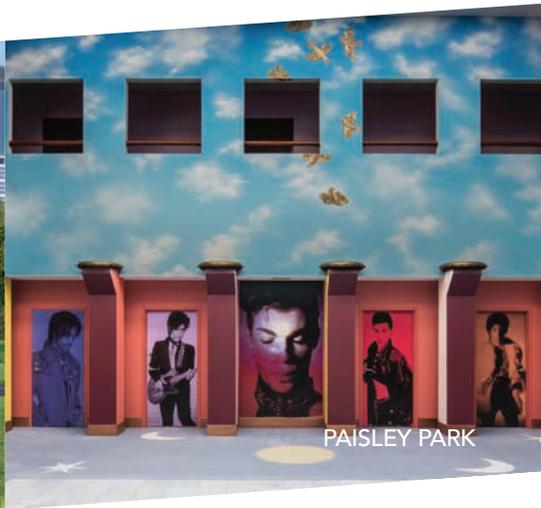


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MINNEAPOLIS ICONS



SPOONBRIDGE AND CHERRY



PAISLEY PARK



PARADISE CHARTER
CRUISES

› MURALS & PUBLIC ART

Minneapolis has long been known for its theater and music scenes, not to mention MIA and the Walker Art Center, but it doesn't end there. Art is literally spilling onto our streets in the form of commissioned murals. Murals are seemingly everywhere you look, but here are a few to get you started on your outdoor art crawl.

› MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Enjoy the roaring St. Anthony Falls with a stroll across the Stone Arch Bridge – the only one of its kind to span the Mississippi River. Explore Minneapolis' milling history with the nearby Mill Ruins Park and Mill City Museum.

› SKYWAY SYSTEM

The skyway system connects over 80 blocks of downtown Minneapolis in climate-controlled bliss. One floor above ground, this 9.5 mile (over 15km) system links shopping, restaurants, entertainment and more through enclosed elevated walkways.

› PAISLEY PARK

This \$10 million, 65,000 square-foot recording and production studio was home to iconic singer-songwriter and Minneapolis native, Prince. Now a museum, fans from across the globe have the rare opportunity to tour Paisley Park in celebration and remembrance of the late musician, whose nonconformity and diverse individuality inspired millions.

› GRAND ROUNDS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

More than 22 Minneapolis lakes are popular sites for windsurfing, swimming, sailing and canoeing. Miles of trails for walking, jogging, biking and in-line skating encircle several lakes with the unique Minneapolis skyline as its urban backdrop. Many lakes are part of the 52-mile Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway.

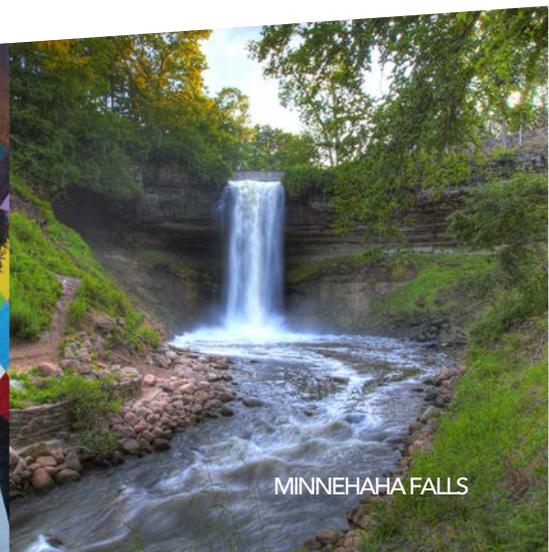
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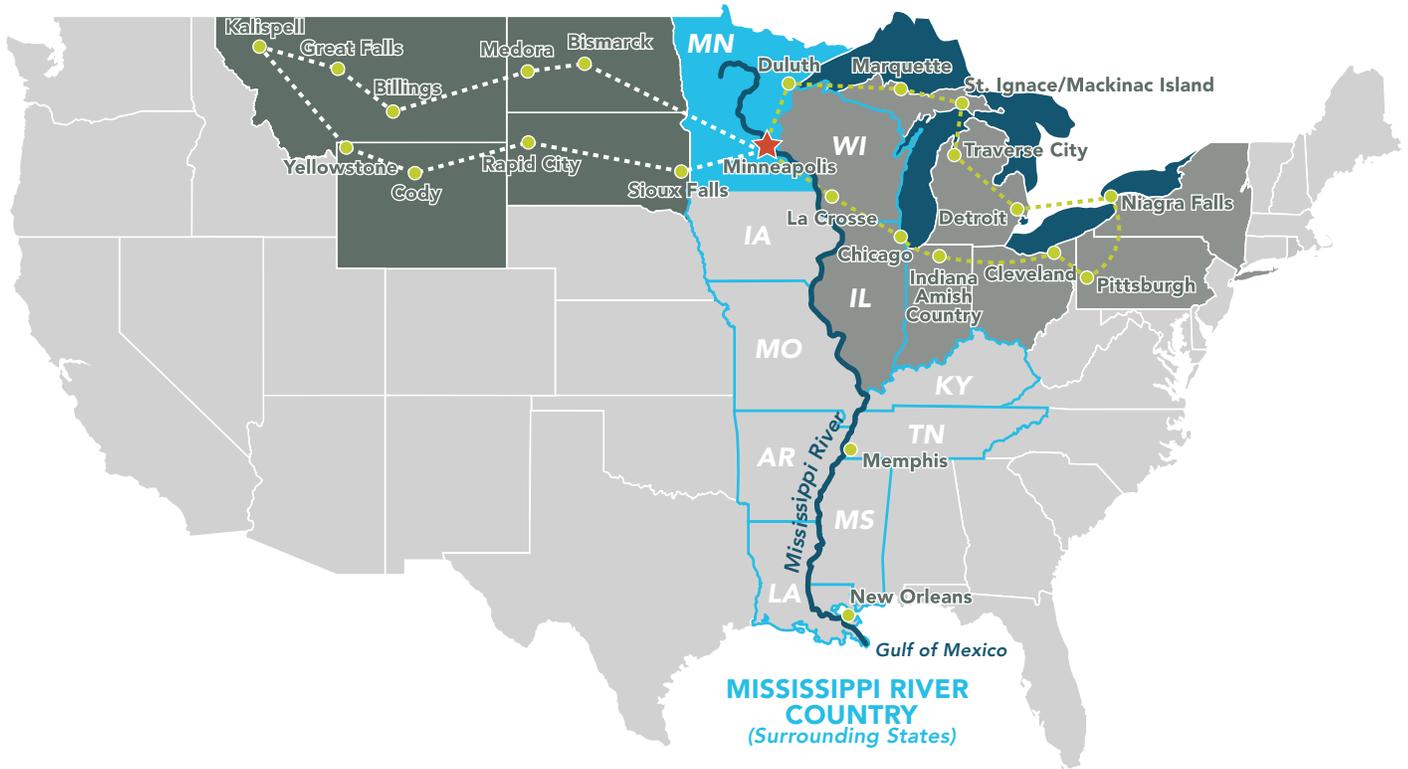


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MINNEAPOLIS AND THE REGION

GATEWAY TO THE WEST

GREAT LAKES REGION



MINNESOTA AT A GLANCE



THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

Headwaters of the Mighty Mississippi: Here, 1,475 ft above the ocean, the mighty Mississippi begins its winding way 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico.



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MINNEAPOLIS (MSP) AIR SERVICE

The Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is ranked as the best airport in North America for the second consecutive year according to Airports Council International (ACI). MSP International Airport leads the competition in on-time flights with 82% on-time arrivals and 81% on-time departures. It's the country's 16th busiest travel hub and the base for hometown carrier Sun Country Airlines and Delta Air Lines' second largest hub.

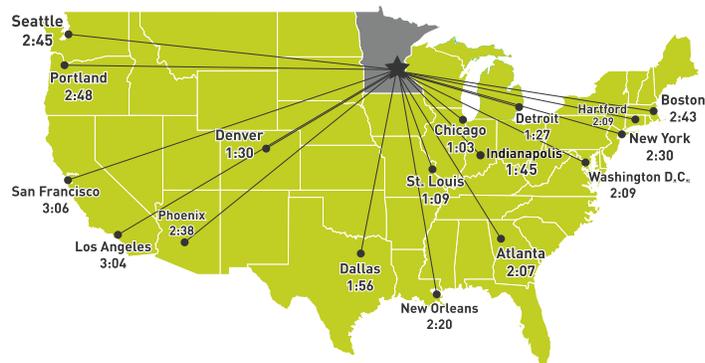
MSP International Airport makes getting here easy and efficient with over 500 flights daily from 163 national and international destinations. The airport's central location offers a speedy trip (15 – 30 minutes) to the city by car or affordable light rail.

➤ NON-STOP INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE *(All subject to change)*

- Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- Calgary, AB (Canada)
- Cancun (Mexico)
- Mazatlán (Mexico)
- Mexico City (Mexico)
- Paris (France) *seasonal*
- Puerto Vallarta (Mexico)
- Punta Cana (Dominican Republic)
- Reykjavik (Iceland) *seasonal*
- Toronto, ON (Canada)
- Winnipeg, MB (Canada)

Notable International Air Service Suspensions:

- Delta London (England)
- Delta Seoul (South Korea)
- Delta Tokyo (Japan)
- Delta Montreal and Vancouver (Canada)
- Condor Frankfurt (Germany)
- Aer Lingus Dublin (Ireland)



METRO TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL

GETTING AROUND MINNEAPOLIS

➤ BOARD THE TRAIN

The METRO Blue Line connects downtown Minneapolis with the MSP International Airport and Mall of America. Fully-automated ticket machines accept major credit cards, so international visitors don't need to exchange money to ride. Take the METRO Green Line from downtown Minneapolis to downtown Saint Paul.

➤ TAKE THE BUS

Metro Transit operates one of the largest public transportation systems in the country. Riding public transportation is a convenient and inexpensive way to get around. Fares range from \$0.50 to \$3, depending on time of day and zone. Look for buses marked "Free Ride" and pay no fare along Nicollet Mall or the Minneapolis Convention Center.

➤ CATCH A CAB, SHUTTLE, OR USE A RIDESHARE APP

Taxi fare from MSP International Airport to downtown is approximately \$35 U.S. dollars. Super Shuttles also run from the airport to downtown Minneapolis hotels.

➤ RIDE A BIKE

Want to see the city on your own? Take a trip on a Nice Ride bike, our green bike-sharing program. Download free apps and find the nearest stations and bicycle availability, as well as suggested sightseeing routes.