



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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“Twin Cities Adventure” August 18 to 23, 2026

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

Join us for an unforgettable six-day journey through the vibrant Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, where history, culture, food, and entertainment come together for a truly Midwest experience. This carefully curated itinerary blends sightseeing, local flavors, and memorable attractions, offering a perfect mix of guided tours, leisure time, and shared adventures. From historic caves and riverboat cruises to world-class museums and shopping, each day promises something new to explore and enjoy.

Tuesday morning the adventure begins bright and early as we depart St. Charles, Missouri, and travel north to Mason City, Iowa. After a scenic drive with a coffee and donut stop, travelers will enjoy lunch in Coralville before checking in at the Country Inn & Suites. The day concludes with a delightful dinner at Prime and Wine, where guests will savor prime rib, Greek-style chicken, or salmon with dill sauce before settling in for a restful evening.

On Wednesday after breakfast, the group departs for St. Paul to tour the historic **Wabasha Street Caves**, learning about the city’s Prohibition-era past and gangster legends. In the evening, guests will enjoy dinner and a live performance of *Guys and Dolls* at the renowned **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre**, combining fine dining with top-tier entertainment. The group will then settle into the Hampton Inn Minneapolis/Eagan for the next three nights.

Thursday begins with a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the **Target Center**, home to the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx. Afterward, lunch at the famous **Hell’s Kitchen** offers a taste of local flavor, followed by an afternoon exploring the **Mill City Museum**, built within the ruins of Minneapolis’s historic flour mill. The evening wraps up with a hearty buffet dinner at **Lone Oak Bar & Grill**, featuring smoked brisket and BBQ favorites.

Friday we’ll spend the morning at the **Mall of America**, the largest in North America, with time for shopping, dining, and exploring attractions like Nickelodeon Universe and SEA LIFE Aquarium. The afternoon continues at the **Bell Museum**, where visitors can explore Minnesota’s natural history and enjoy a planetarium show. As the sun sets, the group will embark on a **Padelford Riverboat Dinner Cruise** along the Mississippi River — a perfect evening of dining, music, and breathtaking views.

Saturday kicks off with a guided **Minneapolis Landmark Sightseeing Tour**, offering insight into the city’s architecture, history, and culture. After lunch at Culver’s, travelers will visit the quirky and fascinating **Spam Museum** in Austin, Minnesota. The evening brings a relaxing stay in Cedar Falls and dinner at **The Montage**, known for its elegant menu and welcoming atmosphere.

Sunday we are homeward bound, we'll have breakfast at the hotel before the group departs for a leisurely lunch stop in Keokuk, Iowa, and then continues home to St. Charles, Missouri. With hearts full and memories made, participants will reflect on an enriching week spent exploring the charm, history, and hospitality of the Twin Cities.

Participants will be restricted to one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motor coach. Luggage tags will be provided closer to the actual departure date of the trip.

Fee Schedule: The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$1790** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler supplement will be \$400 for a total cost of **\$2190** per single traveler. The triple cost is **\$1600** per person (triple occupancy). This price is all inclusive and includes gratuities.

Deposit: **\$50** per person (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a **\$50 refund fee.**

Date: **March 20, 2026 a \$900** Payment is Due

Date: Final Payment Due and Close out of the trip will be **June 19, 2026.** After this date no refund of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with is trip.

Travel Insurance: Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method of providing you a means to recoup your costs should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on the trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Insurance Services, 800-228-9792 or www.travelex-insurance.com Travel Guard International, 800-826-4919 or www.travelguard.com Several of our travelers have used this provider. Or compare several plans at once at www.InsureMyTrip.com With any service you can purchase online or over the phone. Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claims with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 636-949-3372

Thank you!

Your Group Travel Team