

**“Minneapolis/St. Paul
The Ultimate Twin Cities Experience”
St Charles Parks Department
August 18-23, 2026
Itinerary**

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:00am Depart Memorial Hall, Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO for Coralville, IA with rest stop and coffee & donuts in route.

11:45pm-1:00pm Lunch on your own at **Culver’s Restaurant**

**2591 Heartland Pl
Coralville, IA 52251
Phone: 319-545-8255**

1:00pm Depart for Mason City IA

3:45pm to 5:00pm Check in for 1-night Stay at the **Country Inn & Suites by Radisson**

**4082 4th St. West
Mason City IA 50401
Phone: 641-243-8726**

5:00pm Depart for Dinner at Prime and Wine

5:15pm-6:30pm Dinner at **Prime and Wine**

**3000 4th St. SW
Mason City IA 50401
Phone:641-424-8153**

Menu

9 oz Prime Rib... slow roasted beef ribeye served with au jus with creamy horseradish.

Marinated Geek Style

Chicken...Mediterranean inspired dish known for its savory flavors including olive oil, lemon garlic, oregano and fresh herbs.

Salmon with Dill Sauce...topped with a velvety lemon-dill sauce and fresh herbs.

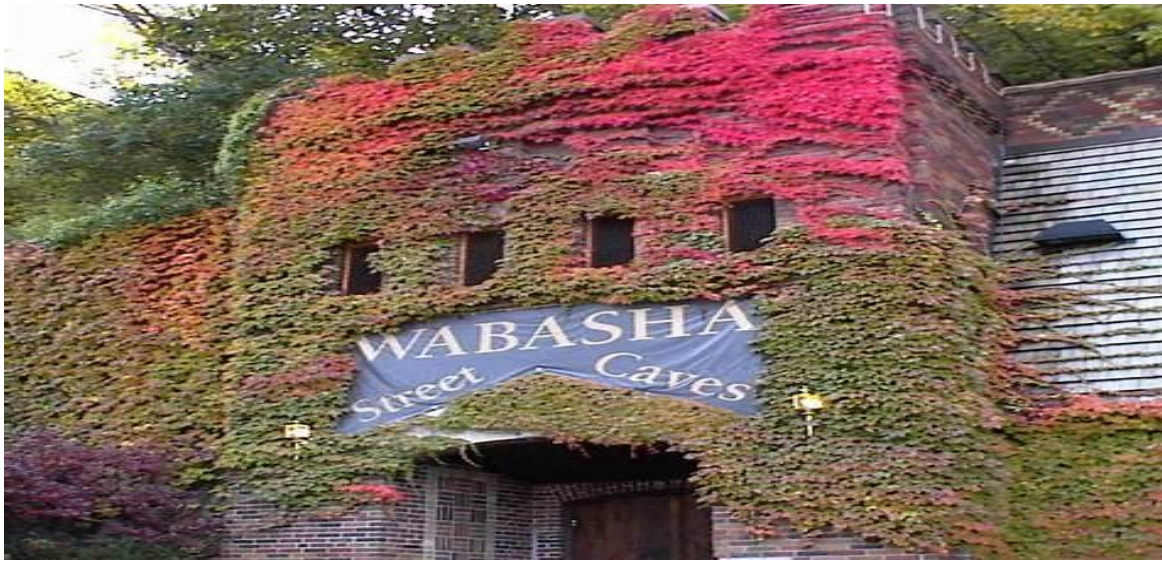
Sides: Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Baby Glazed Carrots

Dessert: Carrot or Red Velvet Cake

Beverage: Non-alcoholic drink

6:30pm Depart for the Country Inn and Suites.





Wednesday, August 19, 2026

6:00am – 9:30am Breakfast in the Lobby

7:00am Bags down to the Lobby

7:45am Depart for the **Wabasha Street Caves**

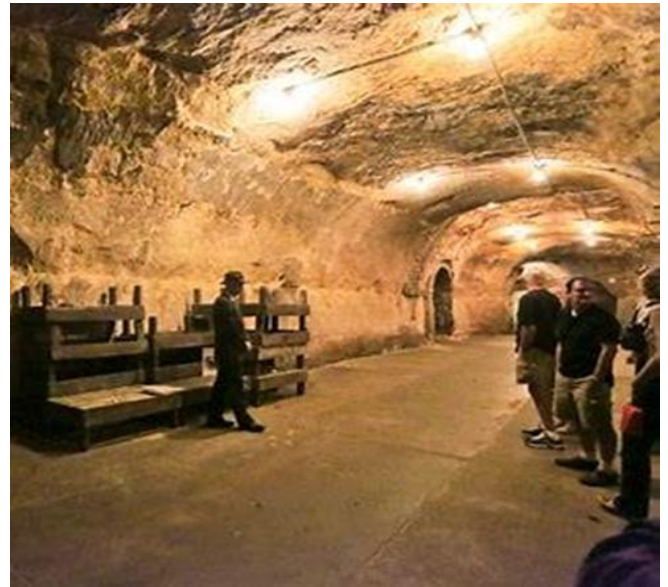
215 Wabasha St. South

St. Paul, MN 55107

Phone: 651-292-1220

10:30am to 3:00pm Restroom Break, Tour and Lunch

~The Wabasha Street Caves in Saint Paul, offer a captivating glimpse into the city's Prohibition-era past. Originally carved in the 1800s as silica mines, these man-made sandstone caves have served various purposes over the years, including as a mushroom farm and, most notably, as a speakeasy and gangster hotspot during the 1930s. The "Saint Paul Gangster Tour" is a two-hour guided experience that begins at the historic Castle Royal nightclub, now preserved as the Wabasha Street Caves. This tour delves into the city's notorious history as a haven for infamous gangsters like John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and Ma Barker. Participants will explore sites associated with bootlegging operations, criminal activities, and hear tales of unsolved gangland murders, with guides pointing out bullet holes and sharing stories of ghostly occurrences



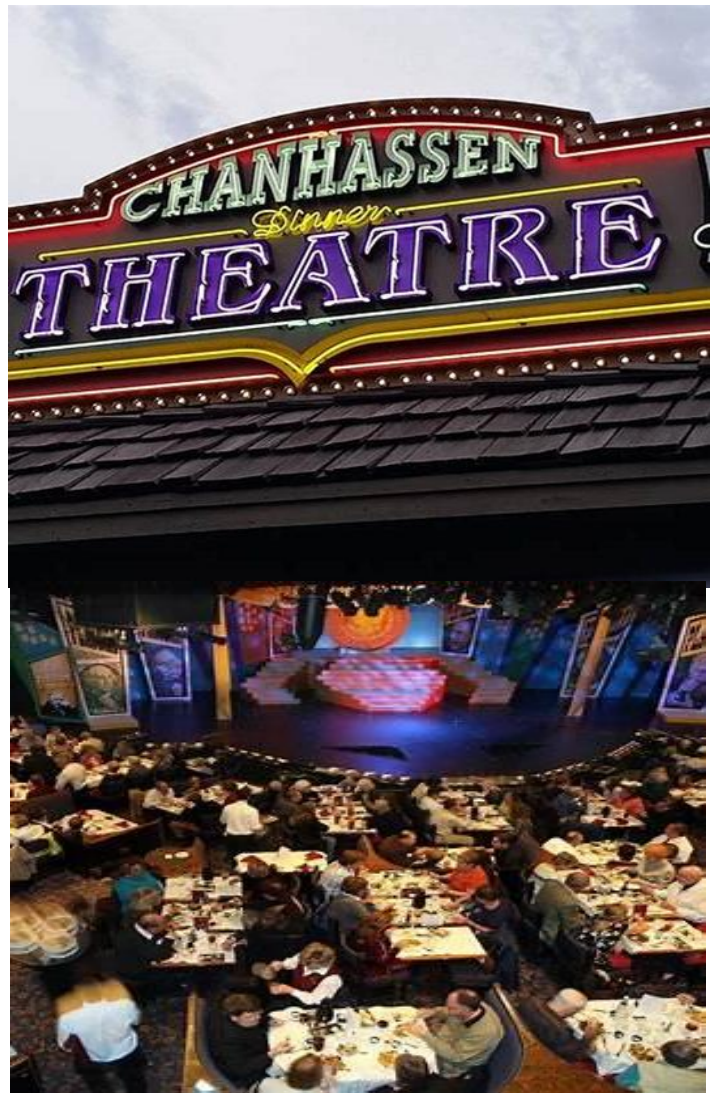
3:30pm to 4:45pm Check in for a 3-night stay at the **Hampton Inn Minneapolis/Eagan**
3000 Eagandale Place
Eagan, MN 55121
Phone: 651-688-3343

4:45pm Depart for the **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre**
215 Wabasha St. South
St. Paul, MN 55107
Phone: 651-292-1220

5:45pm to 9:30pm Enjoy Dinner and the production of “Guys and Dolls”.

~Embark on a delightful evening at the renowned Chanhassen Dinner Theatres in Chanhassen, Minnesota, to experience their captivating production of Guys and Dolls. Begin your visit with a sumptuous dinner in the theater's elegant dining area, where a variety of gourmet dishes are served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. As the meal concludes, the lights dim, and the stage comes alive with the vibrant energy of “Guys and Dolls”, a classic musical that weaves a tale of love, luck, and the bustling streets of New York City. The talented cast delivers memorable performances, bringing to life iconic songs and dance numbers that have enchanted audiences for generations. This seamless blend of fine dining and top-tier theatrical performance ensures an unforgettable night of entertainment.

9:30pm Depart for the Hampton Inn Minneapolis/Eagan



Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:00am – 10:00am Breakfast in the Lobby

8:15am Depart for the Target Center

9:00am – 11:00am Go on a Guided Tour of the Target Center

601 N First Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55403

Phone: 612-673-1300

A tour of the **Target Center** offers visitors an exciting behind-the-scenes look at one of Minneapolis's premier entertainment and sports venues. Home to the **NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves** and the **WNBA's Minnesota Lynx**, the arena is located in the heart of downtown and plays a central role in the city's vibrant sports and music scene. Guests are welcomed into the impressive multi-purpose facility, where modern architecture and innovative design meet local Minnesota flair. During the tour, guests will explore areas normally reserved for athletes and performers. Highlights often include a walk through the **team locker rooms**, a peek inside the **press and media suites**, and a visit to the **court level**, where participants can stand where professional athletes play. Depending on scheduling, visitors may also get to see premium seating areas, private suites, and the state-of-the-art control room that manages lighting and sound during major events.

The experience concludes with a deeper appreciation for how the Target Center operates as both a **community hub and entertainment powerhouse**. Knowledgeable guides share stories of memorable concerts, championship games, and major events that have filled the arena with energy over the years. Whether you're a sports fan, music lover, or simply curious about how a world-class venue runs behind the scenes, a tour of the Target Center offers a fascinating and unforgettable glimpse into Minneapolis's dynamic cultural heartbeat.



11:00am Depart for Hell's Kitchen for Lunch

11:15am to 1:00pm Lunch at **Hell's Kitchen**

80 South 9th Street

Minneapolis MN 55402

Phone:612-332-4700

Menu

Prime Rib French Dip Sandwich...prime rib piled on a grilled ciabatta bun with roasted garlic au jus.

Beer Battered Walleye Fish and Chips...three cold water walleye filets with house made lemon scallion tartar sauce and Pancho's kettle chips.

Chicken Tenders...Five lightly breaded tenders with a side of Pancho's kettle chips

Chicken Caesar Salad... shaved parmesan, tomatoes, with house made Caesar dressing.

Dessert: Strawberry Cheese Cake

Beverage: Non-alcoholic drink

1:00pm Depart for the **Mill City Museum**

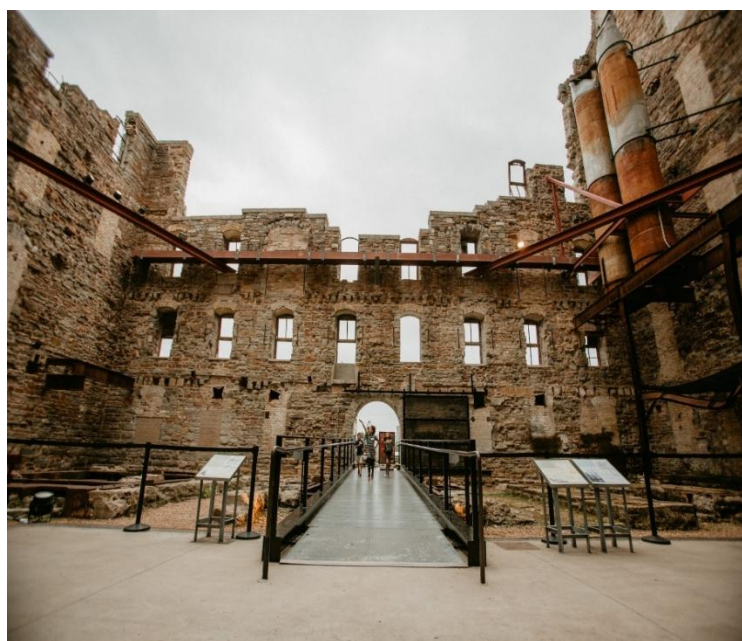
704 South Second Street

Minneapolis MN 55401

Phone 612-341-7555

1:15pm – 3:30pm A visit to the **Mill City Museum**

-Mill City Museum is a dynamic and immersive history museum located in downtown Minneapolis, built into the ruins of the Washburn "A" Mill complex on the Mississippi Riverfront. The original mill, once the world's largest flour mill, played a central role in Minneapolis's rise as a milling powerhouse After fires, structural damage, and decades of abandonment, the Minnesota Historical Society stabilized the historic walls and in 2003 opened the museum, blending preservation and modern design so visitors can literally walk amid mill ruins while exploring the city's industrial past. Inside, the museum offers an 8-story "Flour Tower" elevator ride that transports guests through the milling process, along with interactive exhibits like a Water Lab, Baking Lab, and multimedia presentations that illuminate how flour, labor, engineering, and river power shaped Minneapolis. From its rooftop observation deck and windows, you can take in dramatic views of St. Anthony Falls, the Mississippi, and the historic Stone Arch Bridge. The museum also pays tribute to the people who worked in the mills, touches on industrial accidents like the 1878 explosion that devastated the original Washburn Mill, and places Minneapolis's milling legacy in a broader economic, technological, and human context.



3:30pm Depart for the Hampton Inn
Minneapolis/Eagan

4:00pm to 5:15pm Free time before Dinner

5:15pm Depart for the **Lone Oak Bar and Grill**

3010 Eagandale Pl.

Eagandale MN 55121

Phone: 651-789-2081

5:30pm – 7:00pm Dinner at the Lone
Oak Bar and Grill

Buffet Menu

Pecan Wood Smoked Texas Brisket

BBQ Pulled Pork

BBQ Chicken

Donna's Potato Salad

Mac and Cheese

Green Bean Almandine

Pork and Beans

Beverage: Non-alcoholic drink

7:00pm Depart for the Hampton Inn
Minneapolis/Eagan



Friday, August 21, 2026

6:00am – 10:00am Breakfast in the Lobby

9:45am Depart for the **Mall of America**

60 E. Broadway

Bloomington, MN 55425

Phone 952-883-8800

10:00am to 1:30pm Enjoy some shopping leisure time and lunch on your own with a \$50 gift card in hand at North America's largest Mall.

*~A trip to the **Mall of America (MOA)** in Bloomington, Minnesota, offers an unforgettable shopping, dining, and entertainment experience. As the largest mall in the United States, MOA boasts over 500 stores, a wide variety of restaurants, and exciting attractions that cater to all ages.*

Shopping: Explore a mix of high-end brands, popular retailers, and unique local shops. From fashion and electronics to home décor and souvenirs, there's something for everyone.

Entertainment: Visit **Nickelodeon Universe**, the nation's largest indoor theme park, featuring thrilling rides and attractions inspired by beloved Nickelodeon characters. Don't miss the **SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium**, where you can walk through an underwater tunnel surrounded by sharks and marine life.

Dining: With over 50 restaurants, from quick bites to sit-down dining, you'll find everything from American classics to international cuisine. Be sure to check out local favorites and themed dining experiences.

More Attractions: Try your hand at **mini golf**, explore immersive **VR experiences**, or catch a **movie at the CMX Theater** for a break from shopping.



1:30pm Depart for the **Bell Museum**
2088 Larpenteur Ave West
St. Paul MN 55113
Phone: 612-626-9660

2:00pm – 4:15pm A visit to the Bell Museum for a Tour
Begin your tour in the expansive Minnesota Journeys gallery, where you'll travel through time—from the formation of our planet to the rich tapestry of life across Minnesota today. You'll encounter immersive, life-sized dioramas that bring native species and habitats to life, alongside interactive displays exploring ecology, evolution, and the delicate balance of ecosystems. In the Touch & See Lab, visitors of all ages can get hands-on: peer through digital microscopes, examine fossils, observe live specimens, and experiment with collections rarely seen by the public. As you wander through the galleries, museum educators and interpretive signage help illuminate how human activity, climate change, and biodiversity intersect. Next, step into the Whitney & Elizabeth MacMillan Planetarium, a domed theater where guided shows whisk you from Earth's surface into the furthest reaches of the universe. You'll be treated to immersive visual journeys exploring stars, galaxies, and cosmic phenomena—all projected with high-definition technology

4:15pm Depart for the Hampton Inn
Minneapolis/Eagan

4:45pm – 5:30pm Down time at the Hotel

5:30pm Depart for the Padelford River Boat Sunset
Dinner Cruise

6:00 -9:00pm Boarding the Riverboat is at 6:30, the
Dinner Cruise begins at 7:00pm.

*Step aboard a classic **Padelford Riverboat** and enjoy an enchanting **Sunset Dinner Cruise** along the mighty Mississippi River. This unforgettable group tour offers the perfect blend of scenic beauty, historical charm, and delicious cuisine as you sail past the picturesque bluffs and skyline of Saint Paul, Minnesota. During the two-hour cruise, passengers will savor a freshly prepared buffet-style dinner featuring regional favorites and hearty entrees, all served in the comfortable and climate-controlled dining area. After dinner, guests are invited to the open-air deck to enjoy the cool river breeze, live narration of the river's history, and music that sets the tone for a peaceful evening. The cruise also offers opportunities to see local wildlife, bridges, and landmarks along the historic riverfront.*

9:00pm Depart for the Hampton Inn
Minneapolis/Eagan



Saturday, August 22, 2026

6:00am – 10:00am Breakfast in the Lobby

7:00am Bags down to the Lobby

8:00am Depart for the Mill City Museum to meet
Step on Guide

704 S 2nd Street

Minneapolis MN, 55401

Phone:612-341-7555

8:30am – 10:30am Meet a Step on Guide for a
Minneapolis Landmark Sightseeing Bus Tour

Enjoy a relaxing and informative ride through one of the Midwest's most dynamic cities. This guided motor coach tour highlights the rich history, stunning architecture, and cultural vibrancy of Minneapolis. Along the way, guests will take in breathtaking views of the Mississippi River, glide past historic neighborhoods like Nicollet Island and St. Anthony Main, and see iconic sites such as the Stone Arch Bridge, the Guthrie Theater, and the Basilica of St. Mary.

The tour offers fascinating insights into the city's transformation from a 19th-century flour milling hub to a thriving modern metropolis. Knowledgeable guides share engaging stories and facts about Minneapolis's industrial past, public art, and diverse communities. This sightseeing adventure is a perfect way for groups to explore the city without the hassle of navigating traffic or parking. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime Minnesotan, this scenic tour delivers a memorable snapshot of what makes Minneapolis so special.



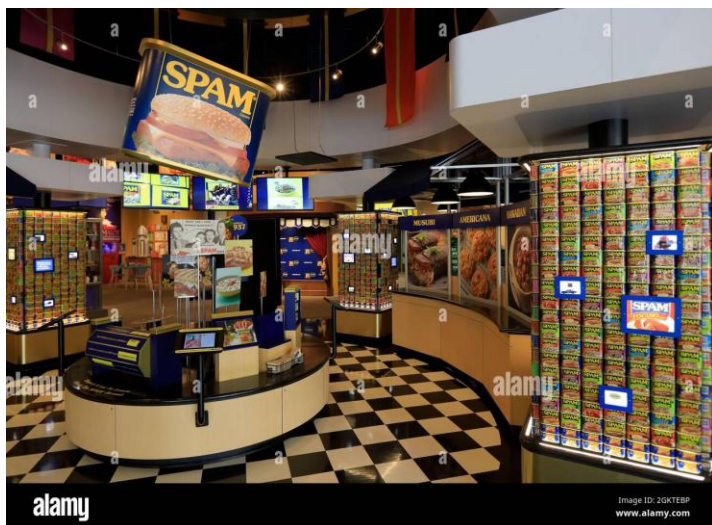
10:30am Depart for Culvers for Lunch
11:00am to 12:00pm Lunch on your Own at
Culvers Restaurant

17800 Kenwood Trail
Lakeville, MN 55044
Phone 952-435-5575

12:00pm Depart for the **Spam Museum**
101 3rd Ave NE
Austin, MN 55912
Phone 507-434-6401

1:30pm to 3:00pm Self Guided Tour of the Spam Museum

The Spam Museum is a unique attraction dedicated to the history and cultural impact of Spam, the iconic canned meat product made by Hormel Foods. The museum offers interactive exhibits, historical displays, and memorabilia that trace the origins of Spam from its debut in 1937 to its role in feeding troops during World War II and its global popularity today. Visitors can explore Spam's significance in different cultures, learn about its production process, and even sample various Spam-inspired dishes. In addition to its exhibits, the Spam Museum provides a fun and engaging experience for visitors of all ages, with knowledgeable "Spambassadors" who share quirky facts and trivia about the brand. The museum also features a gift shop stocked with Spam-themed merchandise, including clothing, collectibles, and, of course, different varieties of Spam. Whether you're a longtime fan or simply curious about this famous canned meat, the Spam Museum offers a one-of-a-kind experience celebrating a true American food icon.



3:00pm Depart for the Hampton Inn Cedar Falls

4:45pm – 5:30pm Check in at the **Hampton Inn Cedar Falls**
101 W 1st Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Phone: 319-242-7350

5:30pm Depart for the Montage Restaurant

5:45pm – 7:00pm Dinner at the **Montage**
222 Main Street
Cedar Falls IA 50613
Phone: 319-268-7222

Menu

Pinon Crusted Chicken with Chipotle Sauce

Lightly Seasoned Roasted Salmon

10oz Montage Prime Cut Sirloin

Creamy Parmesan Crusted Potatoes

Fresh Herbs and Vegetable Pasta

Dessert De Jour

Beverage: Non-alcoholic drink

7:00pm Depart for the Hampton Inn Cedar Falls for and Overnight Stay

Sunday, August 23, 2026

6:00am – 10:00am Breakfast in the Lobby

7:00am Bags down to the Lobby

8:00am Depart for Wendy's in Keokuk IA

11:00am – 12:15pm Lunch on your Own at **Wendy's**

1623 Main Street

Keokuk IA 52632

Phone:319-524-7525

12:15pm Depart for St. Charles MO with Rest Stop on the Way

3:30pm Arrive at Blanchette Park in St. Charles MO



