

Minneapolis



The abundant waters of the sparkling rivers, lakes, and wetlands around Minneapolis are a motif that have shaped the destiny of this lively Midwestern hub. Prairie, forest, waterfalls and the Mississippi River itself surround Minneapolis' urban areas. Even inside the metropolis, many beautiful public parks bring natural grace within the city limits. Once built on industries like flour-milling and timber production that relied on the presence of swift-running water, the city has transformed into a highly cultured hub for creative and business people alike. The region, known for the Mall of America, also harbors limitless cultural and natural resources and offering a truly enviable urban oasis.

Memorable Experiences

Winter Wonderland

Enjoy ice carvings and snow sculptures at the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Land of Waters

Explore pristine lakes by canoe at the Boundary Waters.

Summer Fun

Delight in fireworks and sailing regattas at the Minneapolis Aquatennial.

Twilight Stroll

Stately Summit Avenue boasts the country's longest span of Victorian homes.

Distinctive Details

Glass-walled elevated corridors suspend through downtown like threads weaving another layer into the fabric of the streets. Skyways are the city's solution to getting around in biting cold winters.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Lake Minnetonka

Blessed with abundant fishing, the deep cold waters of the lake provide an enchanting locale for every sort of water recreation. Interspersed with picturesque villages, cottages and docks, the undulating shoreline is also graced with pristine beaches, parks and quiet bays.

Destination Information

Country United States
State Minnesota
Elevation 830 feet
Population 372,833 (City) 3,175,041 (Area)
Language English



Area Code: 612
Country Code: 1



Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP)



Transportation:
Car, Taxi, Light Rail, Skyway



US Dollar

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel Ivy

201 South Eleventh Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403
Phone: 612-746-4600



Culture

A remarkable diversity of the arts make the city a true modern Renaissance center.

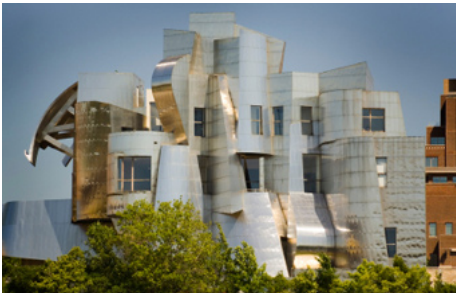
Highly Recommended



Walker Art Center

The unmistakable whimsy of a Claes Oldenburg piece, *Spoonbridge with Cherry*, has become the signature image of the Center and the adjacent Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The Walker, remarkable for the breadth of its activities, is engaged in ongoing conversation with all facets of contemporary artistic and cultural expression. The visual arts including painting, sculpture, video, and installation are represented, as are the performing arts of theater, music, dance, and film. Lectures, discussions, and family actively invite the participation of the community.

Address: 1750 Hennepin Avenue
Phone: (612) 375-7600



Weisman Art Museum

Hallmark curvilinear shapes, refolded upon themselves and clad in shimmering steel panels, proclaim the building as a Frank Gehry creation. At sunset, the steel glows in molten golds and pinks, echoing the lush colors of the sky. A teaching museum attached to the University of Minnesota, the permanent collections are particularly well represented in the areas of American modernist painting and ancient to contemporary ceramics. A rich program of special events and workshops extend the museum's dialogue with the larger community.

Address: East Bank of the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus, 333 East River Road
Phone: (612) 625-9494



Minneapolis Institute of the Arts

The grand neoclassical portico of the Institute, with its soaring columns and noble pediment, is a landmark of the Twin Cities. Inside, wide-ranging collections bring the art of many eras and cultures together into a world-class program. Above the blonde maple floors of the galleries, take in Van Gogh's painting *Olive Trees* with its warm golden light and dynamic brushwork, marvel at the virtuoso linework and swirling movement of Goya's rare bullfighting print *Los Caprichos*, or contemplate an evocative, carved-wood African ceremonial mask.

Address: 2400 Third Avenue South
Phone: (888) 642-2787

Local Charms



Minneapolis Orchestra

With a storied heritage as one of America's oldest symphony orchestras, the Minnesota Orchestra continues a vital tradition as one of the city's most dynamic arts organizations. From Grammy Award-nominated recordings of Beethoven to its strong commitment to contemporary composers, the organization is deeply dedicated to building an orchestral repertoire for the future. Led by acclaimed Music Director Osmo Vänskä, Young People's Concerts and performances are a lively and essential Minneapolis experience.

Address: 1111 Nicollet Mall
Phone: (612) 371-5656



Shopping

Thoughtfully stocked shops ensure one-of-a-kind treasures will be found.

Local Charms



George Sawyer

Swirls of fiery rose, glowing gold, and coppery orange reveal themselves like a miniature Impressionist painting in an exquisite precious metal ring. The piece is the result of a unique metalwork process inspired by the ancient Japanese swordmaking method known as mokume, and honed into a fine jeweler's art. In the intimate setting of the George Sawyer studio, world-class jewelers and goldsmiths work directly with clients to create one-of-a-kind adornments displaying a wonderful harmony of composition, color, and sculptural shape.

Address: 219 North 2nd Street #300

Phone: (612) 375-1799

Neighborhoods



Edina

Warm honey-toned brick facades lend a pleasing visual rhythm that pays homage to classic midwestern style. Oversized shop windows lure the eye with their colorful displays. Centered on the intersection of 50th and France, the district is punctuated by the neon-filigreed Art Deco marquee of the Edina Theater. A day spent treasure-hunting might reveal Hayden Harnett handbags on the espresso-dark shelves of Clutch, charming vintage globes and maps at the exquisitely curated antique source Hunt & Gather, or suede-soft heathered tees from Nation Ltd at Bluebird.

Address: The area surrounding 50th Street and France Street

Shops & Boutiques

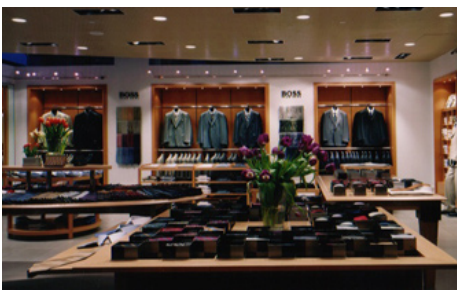


Monique Lhuillier

The refined, high-ceilinged white-on-white gallery space of the Monique Lhuillier salon quietly effaces itself, allowing the clothing to take center stage. From a seat on one of the chocolate brown ottomans, customers can peruse the elegant, modern, clean-lined bridal designs. Knowledgeable staff provide a highly personal experience for brides at Lhuillier's flagship store. Also on offer is the internationally acclaimed, complete ready-to-wear collection, and handbags crafted from exotic skins, executed in classic shapes.

Address: 3928 West 50th Street

Phone: (612) 929-0747



Hubert White

Subtle pinstripe, classic herringbone, and crisp broadcloth are facets of a bespoke suit of clothing. At Hubert White, a family business founded in 1916, master tailors with decades of combined experience craft garments custom-built for the individual, providing an unparalleled fit. In addition, extensive and trend-perfect collections of menswear and footwear from such lines as John Varvatos, Etro, Canali, and Ermenegildo Zegna complement the made-to-measure, alteration, and wardrobe consultation services.

Address: IDS Center, 747 Nicollet Mall

Phone: (612) 339-9200



Cuisine

An emphasis on seasonal ingredients infuses a creative take on American classics.

Acclaimed



Spoonriver

A sleek, yet warm interior complements lively views seen through floor-to-ceiling glass walls. As a pioneer in the culture of delicious, sustainable cooking, chef Brenda Langton has long been dedicated to a cuisine fashioned of organic ingredients and sourced from local producers. Nuanced attention to seasons means the menu changes frequently. Winter might bring a wild mushroom and pistachio terrine or warm duck confit with greens and fruit foccacia, while summer might delight with perfectly cooked trout or free-range chicken dressed in a robust red mole sauce.

Address: 750 South 2nd Street

Phone: (612) 436-2236

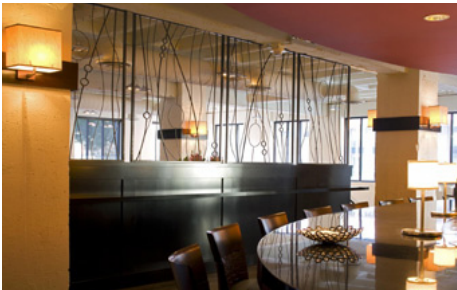


The Craftsman Restaurant

Charmingly housed in an historic Arts & Crafts building, the Craftsman offers regional, sustainably produced new American cuisine. With a quite literal artisanal approach to cooking, meats are cured in-house and accompaniments like sauces, stocks and confits are created from the flavorful portions of ingredients that other restaurants might discard. The theme carries through in a thoughtfully edited offering of microbrew beers, uncommon wines and innovative mixed drinks. Locals define the perfect visit as a burger and a cocktail on the patio in summer.

Address: 4300 Lake Street

Phone: (612) 722-0175



Porter & Frye

Brimming natural light lends an airy elegance to the clean-lined interior. Artful open-work metal screens and sleek surfaces provide a quietly confident setting for the contemporary American cuisine. Echoing the renaissance of its historic surrounds, the restaurant partakes an innovative approach to classic dishes. Impeccable seafood has a starring role, with such standouts as Coho salmon emboldened with golden tomato and ginger, and sea scallops with black truffle. Dishes like beef tenderloin with dolce gorgonzola further reveal the kitchen's bravura skill.

Address: Hotel Ivy

Phone: (612) 353-3500

Indigenous Flavors



112 Eatery

Exposed brick, a stamped-tin ceiling, and candlelight glowing on the rich dark woods lend a romantic, rustic feel to 112 Eatery. Award-winning chef Isaac Becker enlivens bistro fare with creative international touches, resulting in such eclectic but harmonious selections as nori-encrusted sirloin with ponzu and a bacon & egg sandwich spiced with harissa. Tres leches cake and chocolate pot de crème are among the sweet finishes. Late opening hours and a welcoming ambiance make it a favorite of other chefs as well as a devoted local following.

Address: 112 North 3rd Street in the historic Amsterdam Building

Phone: (612) 343-7696



Noteworthy

Rich natural resources and beauty provide ample opportunity for recreation.

Family



Mill City Farmer's Market

Glossy lavender-blushed eggplant, red rose new potatoes, and chartreuse Italian peppers are just a tiny sampling of the vivid produce. Even in winter, meats, fish, eggs, olive oils, baked goods, and preserves are available. In just a few years, the Market has become a cornerstone of a vibrant neighborhood that includes the Mill City Museum as well as the sleek new blue-glass Guthrie Theater. The Market promotes local, sustainable and organic agriculture while increasing economic opportunities for farmers, city youth, small businesses, and food artisans.

Address: 704 2nd Street South
Phone: (612) 341-7580

Recreation



Minnehaha Park

Whether frozen in pure white sheafs of crystalline stalagmites, or rushing over its limestone lip into a froth of mist, Minnehaha Falls is the jewel in the crown of Minnehaha Park. Overlooking the Mississippi River, the park is one of the city's oldest and best-loved. In spring, delicate wildflowers emerge, while in autumn, the leaves of oak, elm, silver maple and basswood transform into a glorious aerial display of golden color. The park offers a wealth of amenities, including concerts, picnic shelters, walking and bicycle trails, volleyball and disc golf.

Address: 4801 South Minnehaha Park Drive
Phone: (612) 230-6400



Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

Under the soaring crystal dome of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, rare plant collections thrive in environments ranging from sunny palms to the dappled shade of tropical rainforest. The delicately humid air is redolent with the scent of fragile orchids. In the Zoo, charming black-footed penguins share the water with orange-billed tufted puffins and regal sea lions, while zebras and giraffes roam across the way from the lions and snow leopards. Along with the visitor exhibits, the zoo is at the forefront of a wide array of conservation efforts all over the world.

Address: 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul
Phone: (651) 487-8200

Shops & Boutiques



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former residence refitted with white walls, espresso-dark wood fixtures, expansive windows, and an open center atrium create an airy setting. With the boutique's astutely curated selection for men and women and friendly expert staff, customers know they will always find the perfect piece for any occasion. Labels on offer include Steven Alan, Paul Smith, Marni, Trovata, Inhabit, and Dries van Noten, while accessories and housewares from such lines as Me & Ro, Diptyque, Anya Hindmarch, and John Derian round out the thoughtful array of goods.

Address: 3105 Hennepin Ave South
Phone: (612) 822-2414