

Agriculture Adventures

In partnership with the University of Minnesota Tourism Center, we are pleased to announce the Agritourism division of the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau. We recognize the strong interest in agriculture and related operations and have built a comprehensive list of high quality tours of actual farms, agriculture related factories, and the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Follow our developed itinerary, or mix and match the various tours offered throughout Minnesota.

Day One – University Tour / Winery Tour

- **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** - Enjoy a narrated tram tour of the 100+ acres of trees, shrubs and gardens. Take a Docent-guided walking tour focused on some of their popular gardens and plant collections near the Oswald Visitor Center.
- **University of Minnesota Viticulture Research Center** - Visit the research center and learn how the four different Cold Hardy Grapes were developed by the University's Grape Breeding Program started in the in the 1980's and exciting new developments.
- **University of Minnesota College of Agriculture and Natural Resources** - Tour the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Campus and visit the extensive Animal Facility through a personal tour. You will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty members and see demonstrations on current agricultural research being conducted at the University.*
- **Northern Vineyards Winery** - After an educational day time to relax, sit back and enjoy a classic wine tour in beautiful Stillwater, MN. Tour the winery, have a tasting and why not enjoy a glass of wine or buy a bottle for your evening back at the hotel. Experience the Cold Hardy Grape for yourself.



Day Two – Dairy Day / Winery Tour

- **Plainview Milk Products Cooperative** - Take a scenic trek to Plainview, MN and see what happens to the milk after it is harvested from the farmers and gets the milk ready for distribution. Hopefully you can see butter production.*
- **Klein Family Dairy Farm** - Take a guided tour of the day to day operations of life on the dairy farm, personally given by the Klein Family. There may even be a baby calf that needs to be bottle fed while you are there.
- **Falconer Winery** - Take the scenic trip to historical Red Wing Minnesota, relax and enjoy a wine tasting. Be sure to taste the award winning Port.



Day Three – Sustainable Farming / Winery Tour

- **Garden of Eagan** - Travel to Farmington for an educational tour given by Tina Diffley. See how a large organic vegetable farm operates along with the work she has done for the conservation of soil.
- **Broody Hen Farms** - Travel to West Concord, MN where you will learn how a Community Supported Agriculture farm gets started and how the small farmer is functioning in today's large commercial farm times. Learn the history of the farm and how a young woman took on the challenge of farming after being in the corporate world.
- **Cannon River Winery** - After a morning of getting your hands dirty farming, stop by the Cannon River Winery. Enjoy a wine tasting at the vineyard overlooking the Cannon River Valley. Drive into the town of Cannon Falls, MN and see how the wine is made and enjoy a glass or two before heading back to the hotel in Bloomington.



*Depending upon availability. To book this itinerary, visit our website at bloomingtonmn.org or contact Tony Cook at the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau Sales Department at 1-866-435-7425 or sales@bloomingtonmn.org.

