

Cooking Up A Culinary Masterpiece in Bloomington, Minnesota

Day One

Arrive at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and transfer to one of the 37 phenomenal hotels on the "Bloomington Strip", which are just minutes away on a complimentary hotel shuttle. Conveniently located between downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul, being in the center of it all has its advantages!

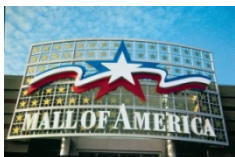
Evening

Begin your culinary tour of the Twin Cities by trying your hand at whipping up your own dish at *Mothersauces* in Richfield, MN (mothersauces.com). Explore the culinary arts through savory recipes, spicy articles, diverse discussion and culinary classes tailored just for you, where you can grow in an endeavor of blending culinary arts into a well-balanced dish of education and entertainment. Classes include Cooking 101, Cooking Once, Eating Twice and 30 Minute Appetizers. Open for evening classes to enjoy your culinary creations.



Day Two

Take the complimentary shuttle from your hotel to Mall of America® to enjoy a piping hot cup of coffee from locally-owned Caribou Coffee. Locally based Caribou Coffee offers a variety of hot and cold drinks that will get your day off to an incredible start.



10:00 am-12:00 pm

No matter what your interests are, the Mall of America has something for everyone! For the electronic guru, visit the brand new Best Buy at Mall of America, for the label shopper, visit Burberry, Coach, Brighton Collectibles and the major department stores of Macy's, Bloomingdales, Nordstrom and Sears.

12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Satisfy your hunger at one of the fifty fast food and dine-in restaurants inside Mall of America. Take a load off and rest your shopping bags and grab a bite at one of the many unique restaurants there – Twin Cities Grill, Cantina #1, Tucci Benucch and Famous Dave's BBQ. At any one of these restaurants you will find a meal served with "Minnesota Nice".

2:00 pm -5:00 pm

Work off your delicious meal by taking in the attractions inside the mall. Visit Nickelodeon Universe® and go on the brand new Avatar Airbender or Splat-O-Sphere for thrills and chills. While in the theme park, feed your growl at EATS. Head under the ocean at Underwater Adventures® Aquarium where you will come face-to-face with more than 4,500 living sea creatures and touch sharks. Play a round of golf at Moose Mountain Adventure Golf or catch a flick in the newly renovated Theatres at Mall of America™ to round out your Mall of America experience.



Evening



After relaxing at your hotel in preparation for your evening activities, take a trip on the Hiawatha Line Light Rail Transit into downtown Minneapolis to explore the wonders of that area. With more dining options than can be listed in the heart of downtown, some suggestions include Palomino's, Bellanotte, Rossi's Steakhouse Tavern Jazzroom, Solera and Zelo. Make a night of it downtown and hang out for some incredible local entertainment at the Dakota Jazz Club, Fine Line Music Café or Shout House Dueling Pianos. The Hiawatha Line Light Rail Transit will bring you back to Bloomington before 1:00 am.

Day Three

Morning

Grab breakfast at your hotel then take a short drive to Edina will take you to *Cooks of Crocus Hill* (cooksofcrocushill.com) for a multitude of class options to suit every skill level. With a roster of instructors to teach interesting cooking events, picking which class to participate in will be a tough decision. From stews and sushi to chocolate and seasonally-inspired classes, be sure to register early, as the classes fill up within days so check the website for availability.



Lunch

Culinary students at the Le Cordon Bleu College will prepare you a three course meal to fill your stomach. Open only for lunch, reservations need to be made between 11:30 am and 12:45 pm for the Minnesota Room. Reservations can be made by calling 651.286.2400.



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