

What Every Grandchild Wants to Do

Day One

9:00 am- 10:00 am

Arrive at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and transfer to your Bloomington hotel just minutes away on a complimentary hotel shuttle. Bloomington offers 37 hotels with exceptional accommodations to suit every visitor's needs. With a complimentary shuttle offered to the Mall of America®, Grandparents arrive at the world's premiere retail and entertainment complex in the world with their grandchildren for a day of entertainment, excitement and pampering, dining, constructing and shopping.

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Begin your MOA adventure in Nickelodeon Universe®, the first Nick-themed amusement park in the world. Share smiles on over 24 rides on seven acres in the center of Mall of America. Be sure to stop and have your photograph taken with one of ten Nickelodeon characters appearing daily in the theme park. Also, while winding around the park, keep an eye out for the character statues hidden around rides. See how many you can have your photograph taken in front of before you leave.



Fun for Grandma and granddaughter after Nickelodeon Universe will be to stop into the brand new, 20,000-square-foot, American Girl retail store. There you will delight in seeing the complete assortment dolls, doll outfits, accessories and best-selling American Girl books. Be sure to pick up an incredibly delicious dessert in the Bistro. Inquire while there as to when events will be scheduled to participate in.



For Grandpa and grandson, take full control of sophisticated flight simulators that were used to train military pilots. Fly both modern F/A – 18 Hornet jets and classic WWII fighters such as the P-51 Mustang and F4U Corsair. It is a unique experience that gives you the feeling you are actually flying a real airplane.

To keep the excitement going inside Mall of America, stop into the other must-see stops inside Mall of America. The LEGO® Imagination Center lets kids play with the latest and greatest in Lego products, Underwater Adventures® Aquarium gets the grandkids face-to-face with sharks and other sea creatures and Moose Mountain Adventure Golf entice kids to challenge their grandparents to the lowest par on the mini golf course. NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway will get you adrenaline pumping as you race around a NASCAR track in a high-tech ride simulator.



5:00 pm-7:00 pm

After all of the excitement had around the mall, enjoy a bite to eat at the Rainforest Café. Where else can you eat a volcano while experiencing a tropical rainforest storm? Specialty menu items and a NEW kid's menu are available.

Day Two

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Ready to get wet? Head to the Water Park of America in Bloomington, MN. Entertaining water park fans of all ages with the only Flow Rider Surf Simulator in Minnesota and the Lake Superior wave pool and at ten stories tall and over a mile long families can take a ride on the raft ride, families will not want to miss this attraction. Grandma and Grandpa can take the grandkids to the on-site Split Rock Grille for an upscale family dining experience, with a kids menu.



2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

For your late afternoon/early evening entertainment, grab a seat on the Twin Cities Highlights Tour. This bus tour departs from Mall of America and whisks you around the Twin Cities. (Multilingual guides are available with advance notice.) Take in the Twin Cities' history and famous spots including Longfellow's legendary Minnehaha Falls, the homes and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald, the gangster hangouts of Ma Barker and John Dillinger, and the television home of Mary Tyler Moore. Also get a glimpse of Charles Schultz's (Creator of Peanuts Comic Strip) hometown of Saint Paul, and try to spot Snoopy and Charlie Brown statues.



6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

After returning to Mall of America from your Twin Cities Highlight Tour, hunker down in a cozy booth in Bubba Gump Shrimp Company and enjoy what Bubba himself prided himself on, SHRIMP! But, don't forget about the dixie-style baby back rib and scrumptious desserts. You better watch the movie before arriving for dinner, as the wait staff will try to stump you with Forest Gump movie trivia.

Day Three

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Start your last day in the Twin Cities by visiting the "must do" Twin City attraction, the Minnesota Zoo™ and view over 2,400 animals in their natural habitats. The Minnesota Zoo is one of the nation's largest zoos, making it a home to over 445 different species of animals. Russia's Grizzly Coast is a spectacular new exhibit that represents one of the world's last great wild places, the Russian Far East. Grizzly bears, sea otters and Amur leopards grace the brand new \$24 million dollar home. Grab a bite to eat in the Call of the Wild Food Court before you depart - Don't forget that souvenir from the gift shop.



Head back to Bloomington to take a relaxing walk through the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (it is located just minutes from the Mall of America). Try looking for the over 260 bird species with a tour guide in the 2,200 acre refuge. One hundred twenty one birds are known to nest at the refuge, including eagles. This is a great place to see and learn about the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, plus the area wildlife and migrating water fowl. This is no better place to connect with the grandkids and reflect on how exciting your trip to Bloomington has been and what memories you have shared together.

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