

## Senior Group - 2011

### DAY 1

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then jump on a **metroConnections City Tour**. From cosmopolitan downtowns to sparkling lakes, the Twin Cities Highlights tour shows you the sights and sounds of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Travel past the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre and the Minneapolis Sculpture Gardens; through the Kenwood residential area to see the television home of Mary Tyler Moore; past the Mall of America; stop at the legendary Minnehaha Falls and follow the Mississippi River past Fort Snelling into Saint Paul. From there you'll drive down stately Summit Avenue to see the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Paul, the State Capitol, the home and haunts of F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Governor's Mansion and the revitalized downtown area of Saint Paul including: Rice Park, Ordway Music Hall and the Landmark Center. With the group tour option, you can create custom tours specialized to your group's interest. There's simply no better way to see all that the Twin Cities have to offer. No wonder this tour has won the prestigious Minnesota Office of Tourism Travel Award! <http://www.metroconnections.com/transportationTours/GroupTours.php>



After you return back to your hotel, head to the **Mall of America** at your leisure. Enjoy tax free shopping at over 520 stores in the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the United States. Use a coupon from the Bloomington CVB to eat dinner at one of the 50 restaurants inside the Mall.

### DAY 2

**Paddleford Riverboats** offers a special four-hour trip from Harriet Island, St. Paul, up river through Lock and Dam #1 into Minneapolis and back. Lively banjo music and spectacular scenery. Enjoy plenty of sightseeing and historical narration. Pass through one of America's deepest locks. Save room for a big lunch of Roasted turkey breast with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, relish tray, salad, rolls and coffee. In the afternoon enjoy a snack. The tours are offered between June and October annually. The lunch (<http://www.riverrides.com/pages/public/lunchlock.html>) is available Mondays and Saturdays from 11am – 3pm and dinner (<http://www.riverrides.com/pages/public/sunset.html>) is available on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm – 9pm as an alternative.



Plan your trip around a **Twins Baseball** game. The weather is still nice and it's time for OUTDOOR BASEBALL! The Minnesota Twins Baseball team opens up their inaugural season at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis this year, but is guaranteed to be just as hot in 2011. The light rail will take fans from Bloomington and Mall of America to the main entrance of Target Field. Grab a blanket and



settle in for nine innings of baseball fun in the heart of Minnesota. Don't forget to try to amazing food!

### **DAY 3**

***Mall of America or Mystic Lake Casino***, one of the largest Midwest casinos is a perfect option for those who have had enough of shopping at the Mall. Prepare to dine on a magnificent selection of food at The Buffet in Mystic Lake. Tempt your taste buds with your favorite dishes from around the world. Try your luck, or to win back some of the money spent on shopping, on one of 4000 slot machines or take it a little easier by sitting down with a Bingo card, anxiously anticipating your numbers being called. Check out the entertainment calendar at Mystic Lake to see what superstar is performing during your visit at [mysticlake.com](http://mysticlake.com).



Enjoy an evening of sheer entertainment at the ***Chanhassen Dinner Theatres***, a perennial family favorite for American classic productions. The theatre is the nation's largest professional dinner theatre where nearly 200 plays have been performed on the stage. They just announced their 2011 lineup which includes *All Shook Up* until the end of January, *Jesus Christ Superstar* through July, and *Hairspray* starting in August. For group pricing and times, please visit <http://www.chanhassentheatres.com/groups/schedule-prices.asp>



### **DAY 4**

Enjoy a narrated motor coach tour developed by the ***Wabasha Street Caves***. The Gangster Tour is narrated by an actor or actress playing the part of a real-life gangster living in the Twin Cities. Among the historical terrain covered is the Twin Cities' gangster past during the 1920s and 1930s. You'll find out about Ma Barker and her gang and learn about the Mill City Mob. Visitors can also tour the Wabasha Caves, carved from sandstone and a former hideout. Some caves were even converted into a nightclub. <http://www.wabashastreetcaves.com/gangster.html>



Spend the afternoon at Minneapolis birth place, St. Anthony Falls and the ***Mill City Museum***, the Museum on the Riverfront. Built into the ruins of what was once the world's largest flour mill, Mill City Museum is located on the historic Mississippi Riverfront. Here, visitors of all ages learn about the intertwined histories of the flour industry, the river, and the city of Minneapolis. <http://www.millcitymuseum.org/group-tours>

