

# A Sport for Every Season

## Your First Day

Arrive at your Bloomington hotel just minutes away from the Mall of America and International Airport with free shuttles to both. Bloomington offers 36 hotels with exceptional accommodations to suit every visitor's and group's needs.

## Spring

The weather is starting to get nice and it's time for OUTDOOR BASEBALL! The Minnesota Twins Baseball team opens up their inaugural season at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. The light rail will take fans from Bloomington to the main entrance of Target Field. Grab a blanket and settle in for nine innings of baseball fun in the heart of Minnesota.



Before or after the game, stop in at one of the many sports bars located on First Avenue, just outside of the stadium. Walk from Target Field to Nicollet Mall for some shopping fun, great dining and entertainment options for every fan.

## Summer

Minnesota is the Land of 10,000 Lakes, so take advantage of a few of them while in Bloomington. Visit Hyland Lake Park Reserve for an energizing walk or bike around the 5.6 mile lake and stop a while to picnic, canoe or paddleboat. The kids can enjoy the Hyland Play Area where they can slide, swing and climb and the adults can partake in a round of Disc Golf.

Enjoy a minor league baseball game at Midway Stadium. The St. Paul Saints have been playing there since 1993 and have an extremely loyal fan base that once sold out 249 games consecutively. Bill Murray is one of the three owners of the team that has claimed players such as Darryl Strawberry, Leon Durham, and Jack Morris on their roster. It is a great affordable alternative for outdoor baseball on a summer day or night.



## Fall

Take it to the hardwood court at Target Center for a Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball game. See the young team take on the big names in the game in downtown Minneapolis. The team is fun to watch and always exciting, so hop on the light rail in Bloomington and head to the Warehouse District of Minneapolis to take in the game and some additional entertainment in the area.

Or head over to the new TCF Bank Stadium and enjoy the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers take on their Big Ten rivals. The stadium opened in Fall of 2009 after being without an on-campus stadium for 28 years. Enjoy the third-largest outdoor videoboard while catching a glimpse of downtown Minneapolis.



## Winter

What do you do when the weather turns cold in Minnesota - Go inside and have some fun! With winter sports in full effect, fans can catch an exciting Minnesota Vikings Football game in Minneapolis or a Minnesota Wild Hockey game in St. Paul. With both teams playing hot, in the cold weather, either team's ticket will be a hot commodity.



If you are in Minneapolis, stop in at The Depot, strap on your ice skates and take a spin around the indoor ice skating rink. This historic train shed has been voted one of the best places to ice skate in America, so it is a must-see with floor-to-ceiling glass windows showcasing the downtown skyline.



When in St. Paul, be sure to take a stroll up Seventh Street for some of the best grab-and-go food before the hockey game. Generally packed before a hockey game, this is one of the best places to converse with tried and true hockey fans, so arrive early to take in the scene. Be sure to make a stop in Rice Park to see the holiday light display or visit the Science Museum of Minnesota for a wonderful cultural adventure.

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