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Saint Paul Skyline

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“If you don’t like Saint Paul, you’ve got a screw loose.”

Brian Williams, Anchor, NBC Nightly News

AWARDS

- Transit System of the Year** - Metro Transit | APTA (2016)*
 - Top 10 Best Airports** - MSP International | Inbound (2016)*
 - No. 2 Rated Park System in USA** - Park Score Index (2016)*
 - Best Ballpark of 2015** - CHS Field | Ballpark Digest (2015)*
 - Best Local Food Scene** | 10Best – USA Today (2015)*
 - World’s Friendliest Cities** | Travel + Leisure (2015)*
 - 19 Event Worth Traveling For in 2015** – Red Bull Crashed Ice | CNN (2015)*
 - Most Romantic North American Getaway** - Saint Paul | 10Best - USA Today (2014)*
 - Top 500 World’s Best Hotels** - The Saint Paul Hotel | Travel + Leisure (2014)*
 - Top 10 US Destination** - Saint Paul | LonelyPlanet.com (2013)*
- To see our whole trophy case go to visitsaintpaul.com/awards*

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F. Scott Fitzgerald

FAST FACTS

POPULATION

304,442 (2016) – 2nd most populated city in Minnesota
16th largest metropolitan area in the United States

GEOGRAPHY

56.18 total square miles
51.98 square miles of land
4.20 square miles of water
770 feet above sea level

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: 13

Public: 4 Private: 9

WEATHER

Annual Average Precipitation: 32.04”
Average Temperatures: Avg. high, 56.6 degrees F | Avg. low, 37.5 degrees F

SALES TAX

7.625% (6.875% statewide)
*There is no sales tax on apparel or shoes in Minnesota

LODGING TAX

13.625 %

FAMOUS SAINT PAULITES

Loni Anderson Actress	F. Scott Fitzgerald Author
Richard Dean Anderson Actor, MacGyver	Garrison Keillor Author and Host of A Prairie Home Companion
Herb Brooks 1980 Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Coach	Joe Mauer All-Star Baseball Player
Warren E. Burger Supreme Court Justice	Paul Molitor Hall of Fame Baseball Player

MINNESOTA FACTS

Settled: 1858
Capital: Saint Paul
State Bird: Common Loon
State Tree: The Red Pine
State Fish: Walleye
State Flower: Pink and White Lady’s Slipper
Population: 5,519,952 (2016 Census estimate)
Lakes: 11,842
Geographic Area: 86,943 square miles
Water: 7,326 square miles covered by water
Annual Visitor Statistics (Metro Area)
2016: 32.5 million
2008: 17.9 million
2000: 11.1 million
1990: 4.5 million



SAINT PAUL SNAPSHOT

Saint Paul is Minnesota's capital city and the older "twin" of Minneapolis by 13 years. Together, they make up the Twin Cities, but alone, *Saint Paul is a laid back city. It doesn't want to be like any other place in the world and it isn't.* These cities, as far as twins go, are like Schwarzenegger and DeVito - some have said Minneapolis is an Appletini, and Saint Paul is a fine Scotch.

Speaking of Scotch, Saint Paul is the original home to 3M, makers of Scotch Tape™, a gangster history that includes police shootouts with John Dillinger, a flourishing craft beer scene and Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion. I bet you've never seen Post-it Notes, Dillinger, craft beer and Garrison Keillor in the same sentence, but that's just the beginning of what makes Saint Paul special.

We're especially fond of our architecture. *This includes the longest stretch of preserved Victorian architecture in the United States on Summit Avenue;* the Cass Gilbert designed State Capitol, which touts the second largest unsupported marble dome in the world. Along with historic buildings, of which 104 are on the National Register of Historic Places, we also have the Historic Lowertown District which was added to the register in 1983 and has recently become a bustling hub of restaurants, pubs, outdoor concerts, the Green Line light rail system and a minor league ballpark opened in 2015.

While our many historic buildings didn't exactly embrace sustainability back in the early 1900's, *Saint Paul is geeky about going green.* From solar panels on our parking ramps, attractions and convention center, to electric car hookups, green definitely means GO in Saint Paul. Buildings on both sides of the Mississippi

River are heated and cooled by the District Energy Co-Gen plant (most recognized for its use of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy conservation methods) and composting programs are set up throughout the city. We also have Nice Ride – a bike sharing program that will get you around town.

Iconic brands? I'm sure you've heard of Target or Best Buy? Both of these billion dollar companies trace their first stores to Saint Paul. Additionally, 3M, Kemps, JW Hulme (check out their bags at Barney's in New York) and Pearson's Candy all call Saint Paul home.

Naturally, Saint Paul is the capital city of the headwaters state of the iconic Mississippi River. *We have more miles of riverfront – 26 - than any other city on the entire stretch of the river.* Not to mention those miles of riverfront are lined with biking trails and eagle nests.

You might say we are a city with nature. And we could provide you with an image gallery as wide, deep and long as the Mississippi River, to prove it.

Finally, it was the fifth floor of our iconic Landmark Center where Minnesota congressman Andrew Volstead led the local office of the

Prohibition Bureau. If his name sounds familiar, there's a good reason for that – he's the fella who wrote the Prohibition Act. But that's so 1919 - we'll have an ice cold *Summit Extra Pale Ale waiting – it's been a staple for craft brew enthusiasts in Saint Paul since 1986.*

So there's a snapshot of Minnesota's capital city. We're proud of who we are. We don't want to be like any other place in the world and we really aren't.

F. Scott Fitzgerald, an author and Saint Paul native, wrote "This Side of Paradise" in his Summit Avenue home.

WHAT'S NEW

WHAT'S NEW

Minnesota Children's Museum
Palace Theatre
Capital City Bikeway
Super Bowl
Hotels
Restaurants
Breweries



WHAT'S NEW (OR ALMOST NEW)

Minneosta Children's Museum

The Minnesota Children's Museum will reopen in June after a \$30 million expansion. It will include 10 new exhibits, including a four-story vertical adventure, laser maze, carpet skate park, green screen climbing wall and more. There will also be more amenities such as a new cafe and coffee bar.

The Palace Theatre

The Palace Theatre is a historic Saint Paul venue, which opened as a vaudeville house in 1916. Closed to regular use since 1977, with a short stint hosting "A Prairie Home Companion" in 1984, the City has revived the Palace Theatre into a 2,800-capacity concert venue for contemporary music. Expected to attract more than 100,000 people downtown annually, the Palace Theatre will fill a need in the current entertainment venue market by offering a contemporary music venue twice as large as Minneapolis' First Avenue.

Here's What's Cookin'

Saint Paul-Minneapolis was voted best local food scene by 10Best – USA Today in 2015 as new restaurants continue to pop up. A few major Minneapolis restaurateurs have recently opened up shops in Saint Paul, including fried chicken specialist Revival, West 7th's newest spot for Mexican food, Pajarito, and Red River Kitchen seasonal food truck operation at City House, a former grain elevator building located on the Mississippi River. Saint Dinette, Mucci's Italian and pic-centric Handsome Hog have all frequently been called three of Saint Paul's best new restaurants.

A Few New Brews

Five years after Minnesota passed the tap room law, microbreweries continue to pop up throughout the Twin Cities area. Saint Paul now has 12 breweries with more on the way. Recent openings include Black Stack Brewing and Lake Monster Brewing -- both located in/near the Midway neighborhood. Barrel Theory, Culhane, Stacked Deck, 12twelve Eyes and Yoerg all plan to open breweries/taprooms in Saint Paul in the near future.

Capital City Bikeway

The Capital City Bikeway is a system of off-street bicycle trails in downtown Saint Paul. The bikeway network will connect to existing trails, effectively placing a majority of downtown within a few blocks of a bike and pedestrian trail. The first segment of the Capital City Bikeway will be completed along Jackson Street by the end of 2017.

Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is coming to Minnesota in 2018. The game will be located at U.S. Bank Stadium on Feb. 4, 2018, but many of the surrounding events will be located in Saint Paul. For more info, go to www.visitsaintpaul.com/sb52

Where to Stay

Hyatt Place St. Paul Downtown opened in the former Saint Paul Post Office and Custom House building on Kellogg Boulevard in the September of 2016. It overlooks the Mississippi River and has 149 sleeping rooms. Saint Paul's Hampton Inn & Suites opened November of 2016 on West 7th Street, one block from the Xcel Energy Center and Saint Paul RiverCentre. The complex includes the Hampton Inn with 160 sleeping rooms as well as two new restaurants and condominiums.

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon
North Star Bicycle Festival

ART

Saint Paul Art Crawl
Minneapolis/Saint Paul International
Film Festival

BEER & FOOD

Oysterfest
Beer Dabbler Winter Carnival
St. Paul Summer Beer Fest
Summer Beer Dabbler

CULTURE

Festival of Nations
Rondo Days Celebration
Twin Cities Pride Festival
Irish Fair of Minnesota
St. George Greek Festival
Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival
IndiaFest
Dragon Boat Festival

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Twin Cities Oktoberfest
Minnesota Hmong New Year
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

MUSIC

Twin Cities Jazz Festival
Ordway's Summer Dance Series
Music in Mears
Nine Nights of Music Series
Concrete and Grass Music Festival
Blues Festival

SUMMER FUN

Grand Old Day
Flint Hills International Children's
Festival
Back to the 50s Weekend
Minnesota State Fair

WINTER FUN

Wells Fargo WinterSkate & Tree
Lighting Celebration
Saint Paul Winter Carnival



International
Children's Festival

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

North Star Bicycle Festival | June

This world class pro race combines a family-fun festival with exciting break-neck speed racing. The race takes place in the heart of the city and races past iconic spots including the Landmark Center, The Saint Paul Hotel and Rice Park. Not only can spectators get right up next to the action but the expo features the latest gear and gadgets, info on clubs, events and much more! Admission is free.

www.naturevalleybicyclevestival.com

Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon | October

Marathon weekend is full of fun activities for all ages. Races range from the Toddler Trot to the marathon which is known as the "Most Beautiful Urban Marathon in America." Race events kick-off Friday and continue until Sunday afternoon. This event is a popular spectator sport and the course is full of race fans cheering on the runners from Minneapolis to Saint Paul.

www.mtcmarathon.org

ART

Saint Paul Art Crawl | Spring in April, Fall in October

Saint Paul Art Crawl is sponsored by The Art Collective, which is the active voice of artists in the Lowertown community. The Art Collective empowers artists of all genres through expanding connections and inspirational spaces in which to create and grow. During Art Crawl, Saint Paul artists open their studio doors for the public to come view and purchase their artwork. Admission is free.

www.stpaulartcrawl.org

Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Film Festival April

The largest film festival event in the upper Midwest, and one of the largest and longest running film festivals in the country, the MSP International Film Festival annually presents some 200 feature length and short form narrative and documentary film from 60+ countries around the world to growing numbers of attendees every year.

www.mspfilmfest.org

BEER & FOOD

Oysterfest | October

Oysterfest is an all-day celebration of the bivalve held both inside and outside of the Meritage restaurant in downtown Saint Paul to mark the beginning of oyster season. The festivities include live music, a celebrity chef-shucking contest, the launch of Oyster Stout from Saint Paul's own Summit Brewing and much more. Admission is free.

www.meritage-stpaul.com/oysterfest

St. Paul Summer Beer Fest | June

The annual St. Paul Summer Beer Fest is an outdoor festival with sampling from 100 breweries in a commemorative tasting glass, live music, food, educational seminars, a silent auction benefiting the YMCA of Saint Paul and the fun atmosphere of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

www.stpaulsummerbeerfest.com

Summer Beer Dabbler | August

Enjoy craft beer sampling from more than 50 local, regional and national breweries, gourmet food trucks, live music and many more surprises to be announced. Enjoy sipping your favorite brews on the field at Midway Stadium.

www.thebeerdabbler.com/festivals/summer-beer-dabbler

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Beer Dabbler Winter Carnival | February

The annual Winter Carnival Beer Dabbler brings a large variety of micro and craft brews from regional and national breweries to over 5,000 people. Gather outside to enjoy craft brews in the chill of winter.

www.thebeerdabbler.com/festivals/winter-carnival

CULTURE

Festival of Nations | May

At the Festival of Nations, 90 different ethnic groups from around the world share their foods, crafts and traditions that form the mosaic of our American culture. This event is one of the nation's largest and longest-running multi-ethnic events.

www.festivalofnations.com

Rondo Days | July

Rondo Days celebrates the best and brightest of Minnesota's African-American stories, achievements and culture. It reunites a dispersed people, welcomes new neighbors and encourages everyone to be mindful of the extent to which neighborhoods nourish our souls. Admission is free.

www.rondoavenueinc.org

GermanFest | June

It is important to celebrate the heritage of the German people, since there is such a strong German presence in Minnesota. The purpose of this event is to feature the many aspects that make up German culture: music/song, dance, children's games, clothing, local customs, community programs and art, along with food and drink.

www.germanfestmn.org

Twin Cities Pride Festival | June

The Pride Festival features over 400 exhibitors, 40 food and beverage booths, 20 sponsors and 300,000+ visitors participating in this free celebration of the GLBT community.

Admission is free. www.tcpride.org

Dragon Boat Festival | July

Lake Phalen Park comes alive with two days of colorful, traditional dances and music to showcase the performance arts of Asia. Dances range from ceremonial to theatrical and are as varied as the colors on the performers' authentic costumes. Admission is free.

www.dragonfestival.com

Irish Fair of Minnesota | August

The nation's largest free celebration of Irish heritage takes place at beautiful Harriet Island Regional Park each August. Listen to music, watch the dancers and even enjoy a pint or two at the annual Irish Fair. Admission is free. www.irishfair.com

St. George Greek Festival | August

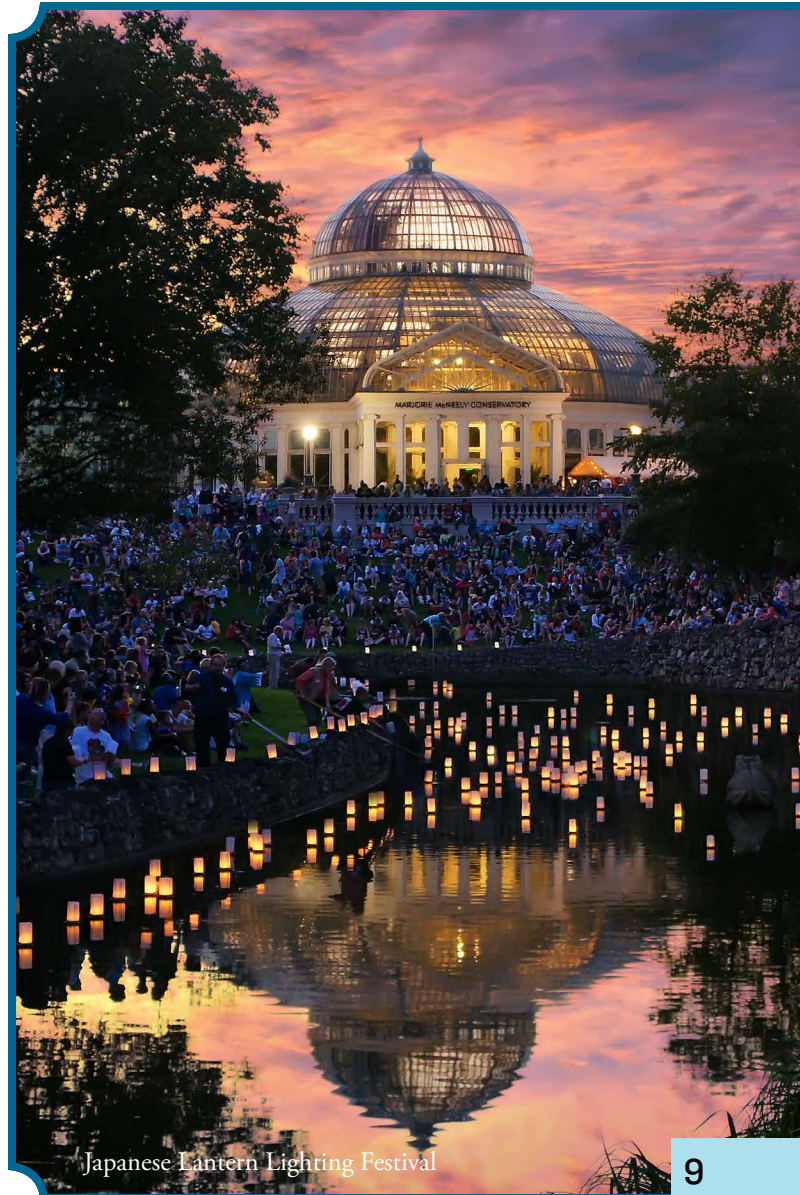
If you love great food and drink, and like to sample ethnic pastries, then don't miss the St. George Greek Festival in Saint Paul. The World's Finest Greek Festival. will feature a greek café, bazaar, the Greek Dancers of Minnesota, music, kids activities, church tours and more. Admission is always free.

www.stgeorgegoc.org/greekFestival.html

IndiaFest | August

IndiaFest is the joyful celebration of the rich culture and heritage of India, by the Asian Indians with all Minnesotans. Celebrate India's Independence Day in Minnesota, where all nationalities are invited to experience the tastes, sights and sounds of India. Admission is free.

www.iamn.org/festival



Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival | August

Bonsai, martial arts, singing, dancing, drumming, delicious food and other aspects of Japanese culture, will be featured at the annual Como Park Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival, a family-friendly event, reminiscent of Japan's annual Obon holiday on the grounds of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in Como Park. Admission is free.

www.comozooconservatory.org

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta | May

Saint Paul's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in District del Sol features food, live music and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy. This award-winning outdoor festival has become the largest Hispanic/Latino event in Minnesota. Admission is free.

www.cincodemayosaintpaul.com

Twin Cities Oktoberfest | October

Twin Cities Oktoberfest is all about beer, brats and everything great about being German. It's two days of non-stop fun and entertainment for all.

www.twincitiesoktoberfest.com

Minnesota Hmong New Year | November

Lao Family Community of Minnesota is proud to help host the Minnesota Hmong New Year. This day has a deep cultural significance to the Hmong community. It is a celebration of accomplishments during the past year and a time to welcome a new beginning. Celebrate the Hmong New Year with food, dance, music, entertainment and more.

www.laofamily.org/mnnewyear

LuckyPalooza | March

Saint Paul's annual block party celebration of green on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day combines music, food and fun on historic West 7th Street.

visitsaintpaul.com/lucky

St. Patrick's Day Parade | March

In 1851, Saint Paul held the state's first ever St. Patrick's Day parade to celebrate Irish heritage. The city's parade stands as one of the longest running and most decorated St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the nation. Admission is free.

www.stpatsassoc.org

MUSIC

Twin Cities Jazz Festival | June

One of the largest free events in the upper Midwest, Twin Cities Jazz Festival attracts thousands of people to Mears Park in downtown Saint Paul annually to celebrate Jazz music for three days in the popular Lowertown neighborhood. Admission is free.

www.hotsummerjazz.com

Ordway's Summer Dance Series June-August

This weekly dance event offers free dancing and music in Landmark Plaza in downtown Saint Paul. The series highlights a different music genre and dance technique every Thursday with basic lessons by professional dance companies and live music by local bands. Admission is free.

www.ordway.org/summerdance

Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest | July

What started out in 2003 as "Famous Dave's BBQ and Blues Festival" has evolved to become the Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest. This Lowertown neighborhood festival, now in its third year, has added a night of funk on Friday, July 22, followed by a day/night of blues on July 23. This is a free event.

www.lowertownbluesfestival.com

Nine Nights of Music Series | July-August

The popular series presents the rich and vibrant rhythms and sounds of Minnesota's multi-cultural community at free outdoor performances at the Minnesota History Center. Bring a chair, blanket and a picnic, or purchase food from the History Center's Cafe Minnesota. Admission is free.

www.minnesotahistorycenter.org

Comedian and actor Bill Murray is part-owner of the St. Paul Saints.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Music in Mears & Rhythm in Rice | June–September (Thursday & Friday Nights)

These free 12-week concert series feature local musicians, food, beer and wine, movies and much more on Thursday nights in Lowertown's Mears Park and Friday nights in downtown Rice Park. Admission is free.

www.musicinmears.com

SUMMER FUN

Grand Old Day | June

Saint Paul's annual first rite of summer, Grand Old Day, takes place along historic Grand Avenue and features activities for all ages including: sporting events, Grand Old Day Parade, an Entertainment District with over 20 local bands, an Art District showcasing regional artists, a Family Fun District, a Sporting District, and over 140 outdoor food and merchandise vendors. With more than 275,000 people, it's the largest free one day event in the Upper Midwest. Admission is free.

www.grandave.com

Flint Hills International Children's Festival | June

This multi-day festival brings Rice Park and Landmark Plaza to life with family-friendly events, food and fun! The parks around the Ordway fill with free arts activities, art exhibits and performances on the festival's two outdoor stages and in the surrounding parks. Admission is free.

www.ordway.org/festival

Back to the 50s Weekend | June

Only in Saint Paul will you find over 12,000 slick hot rods in one location. Over 125,000 spectators join in on the action and cruise down to the State Fairgrounds to feel the vibe of America's past golden ages each year. The 2015 event marks the 42nd anniversary of the car show. www.msra.com

Minnesota State Fair | August -September

The Minnesota State Fair is the second largest state fair in the country. Known as the "Great Minnesota Get-Together," this celebration highlights Minnesota's finest agriculture, arts, entertainment and all the food on a stick that you can imagine.

www.mnstatefair.org

WINTER FUN

Saint Paul Winter Carnival

January-February

This annual celebration of winter takes place throughout the city of Saint Paul with the crowning of royalty, snow sculptures, a parade, a beer festival and other unique events. Join the over 125 year tradition of the coolest celebration on earth at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. Admission is free.

www.winter-carnival.com

Wells Fargo WinterSkate & Tree Lighting Celebration

November-February

Rice Park, located in the heart of the city, captures the spirit of the holiday season with the lighting of a tree as tall and bright as the iconic Rockefeller Center tree in New York City. Skaters of all ages and skill levels are invited to experience the unique urban setting of downtown Saint Paul at this free outdoor ice rink located across from Rice Park. Admission is free. Skates are available for a small fee, or they are free with a Wells Fargo card.

www.wellsfargowinterskate.com



Grand Old Day

THINGS TO DO

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Como Town
Fitzgerald Theatre
History Theatre
Ordway Center for Performing Arts
Park Square Theatre
Penumbra Theatre
Xcel Energy Center

GUIDED TOURS

Alexander Ramsey House
Cathedral of Saint Paul
Historic Fort Snelling
James J. Hill House
Minnesota State Capitol
Padelford Riverboats
Summit Brewing Company
Segway Tours
Wabasha Street Caves

HISTORIC LANDMARKS & MUSEUMS

Como Zoo & Conservatory
Indian Mounds Park
Landmark Center
Mickey's Diner
Minnesota Children's Museum
Minnesota History Center
Minnesota Museum of American Art
Minnesota Transportation Museum
Rice Park
The Saint Paul Hotel
The Schubert Club Museum
Science Museum of Minnesota
Twin Cities Model Rail Road Museum
Union Depot

AREA ATTRACTION

American Swedish Institute
Chanhassen Dinner Theater
Guthrie Theatre
Midtown Global Market
Minnesota Renaissance Festival
Minnesota Zoo
Target Field
TCF Bank Stadium
Valleyfair
Walker Art Center



Xcel Energy Center

THINGS TO DO

Arts & Entertainment

Como Town

Located adjacent to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, Como Town Amusement Park is a family-fun experience for kids ages 2 to 12. Enjoy more than 18 rides and attractions including all-time favorites and new, interactive rides that can't be found anywhere else in the Upper Midwest. The Soaring Eagle, an exhilarating new zip line attraction, gives visitors a new perspective of the park and zoo from 85 feet in the air.

www.comotown.com

Fitzgerald Theater

Build in 1910, the Fitzgerald Theater is Saint Paul's oldest theater. The theater is committed to programming that reflects the audience and mission of Minnesota Public Radio. This 1,000-seat theater acts as MPR's largest broadcast studio and hosts authors, artists, dance concerts, corporate events, and radio hosts to create intellectually stimulating programs that delight and enlighten a vast public radio community. fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org

History Theatre

Since 1978, the History Theatre has entertained, educated and inspired through creating, developing, and producing new and existing works that explore Minnesota's past and the diverse American experience. Its work provides a unique lens which links our past to the present, explores our common heritage, and illuminates our understanding of what it means to be American. History Theatre is a three-time IVEY Award winning theater, and is recognized nationally as a leader in producing historical work. www.historytheatre.com

Ordway Center for Performing Arts

Adjacent to Saint Paul's beautiful Rice Park, the Ordway Center for Performing Arts hosts some of the Midwest's finest performing arts programs. Touring Broadway musicals,

comedies, dramas, dance routines and musical performances bring joy to the faces of the crowd. The elegant and traditional space of the Ordway Center has brought a true tradition of brilliance to the city of Saint Paul while attracting audiences from all across the country. www.ordway.org

Park Square Theatre

Park Square Theatre enriches the community by producing and presenting exceptional live theatre that touches the heart, engages the mind, and delights the spirit. Park Square opened in 1975 in an 80-seat walk-up in the Park Square Court building. With the move to the Historic Hamm Building in 1997, they began a strong relationship with Actors' Equity Association (the union of professional actors and stage managers), and became Saint Paul's top employer of local stage talent.

www.parksquaretheatre.org

Penumbra Theatre

The Penumbra Theatre was founded in 1976 by Artistic Director Lou Bellamy to create a forum for African American voices in the Twin Cities' well-respected theater community. Through its commitment to provide realistic, inspirational works that redefine the consciousness of its audience, the Penumbra Theatre quickly garnered praise and a loyal following. Penumbra Theatre creates professional productions that are artistically excellent, thought provoking, relevant, and illuminate the human condition through the prism of the African American experience. www.penumbraetheatre.org

Xcel Energy Center

Xcel Energy Center is regarded as one of the finest arenas in the world. The one-of-a-kind, multi-purpose facility is home to more than 150 sporting and entertainment events and approximately 1.7 million visitors each year. Xcel Energy Center encompasses 650,000 square feet with four separate concourses and four seating levels plus a press level. In 2008 the building played host to the 2008 Republican National Convention and looks forward to bringing the 2018 NCAA Men's Frozen Four to the State of Hockey. www.xcelenergycenter.com

THINGS TO DO

Guided Tours

Alexander Ramsey House

Explore the unexpected at the Alexander Ramsey House, a Victorian-era home filled with thousands of original family items and furnishings. Through special events and programming visitors can immerse themselves in life from the 1870s. Guides tell stories based on the family's letters, diaries and photographs. The home was built by Alexander Ramsey, Minnesota's first territorial governor.

sites.mnhs.org/historic-sites/alexander-ramsey-house

Cathedral of Saint Paul

Constructed from 1907 to 1915 as the mother church for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, the Cathedral has become a treasured landmark, a venue for cultural events and a serene place for meditation. The magnificent exterior recently underwent a \$35 million restoration, including the copper dome that soars 306 feet high. The interior of the Cathedral is a decorative masterpiece containing unique pieces of sacred art, including three rose-stained glass windows and four large mosaics. Free tours are offered daily at 1pm.

www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

Historic Fort Snelling

Discover an 1820s military outpost once the focus of a small settlement but now at the center of Minnesota's Twin Cities metropolitan area. This restored stone fortress opens its gates to welcome you to frontier life. Imagine that the year is 1827, and as costumed guides greet you, that you've just arrived via steamboat up the Mississippi River. www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling

James J. Hill House

The tour of the James J. Hill House helps you imagine family and servant life in the Gilded Age mansion of James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railway. Completed in 1891, the historic red

sandstone residence is well-known for its rugged stone exterior, massive scale, fine detail and ingenious mechanical systems.

www.mnhs.org/places/sites/jjhh

Minnesota State Capitol

See the Minnesota Legislature in action in the historic House and Senate chambers. Original furnishings and vivid colors of the restored Senate, House, Supreme Court and Rathskeller Cafe add to your experience of this working masterpiece by acclaimed architect Cass Gilbert. Free tours are offered daily.

www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc

Padelford Riverboats

The Padelford Riverboats on Harriet Island offer general sightseeing tours that showcase the beauty of Saint Paul and its surrounding areas with a historic narration pointing out areas of interest along the way. The hour and a half sightseeing tours highlight a variety of locations as you swiftly drift along the mighty Mississippi. In addition to the daily sightseeing cruises Padelford Riverboats offer a variety of lunch, brunch, dinner and happy hour cruises as well. www.riverrides.com

Summit Brewing Company

Summit has been brewing passionately crafted beer since 1986. Summit brews a range of beer styles from the award-winning Extra Pale Ale to the bold Unchained Series. They offer free tours and samples of their award-winning beer. The brewery's beer hall is open on Fridays & Saturdays from 3-9pm. Pints and flights are available for purchase and local food trucks are onsite.

www.summitbrewing.com

Segway Tours

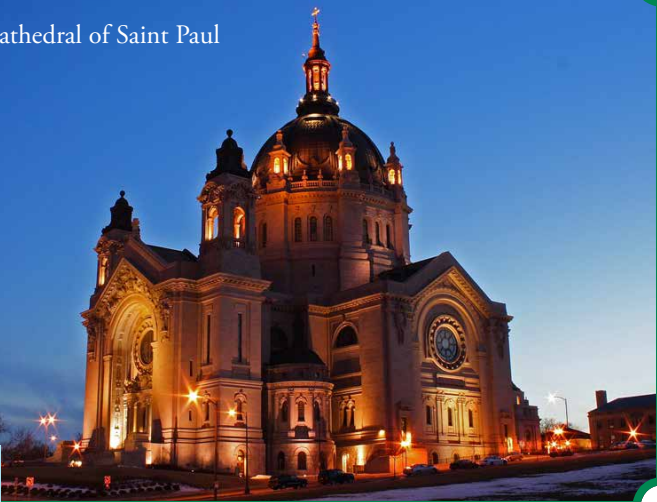
Ride a Segway as you enjoy the quiet grandeur of Saint Paul, rolling through the Summit Hill neighborhood without breaking a sweat. Let the Segway do the work as you cover several miles accompanied by a professional guide. Experience various sights of the city while stopping at historical points of interest. Every tour starts with training on how to operate a Segway safely, followed by a 6-7 mile beautiful historic route that lasts around 3 hours. www.magicalhistorytour.com

Wabasha Street Caves

Come hear and see the history of the Wabasha Street Caves. You will explore the original mined caves and see the finished caves (once a romantic night club called The Castle Royal). Hear the legends of the gangster massacre and ghostly lore in the most unique setting from Chicago to San Francisco.

www.wabashastreetcaves.com

Cathedral of Saint Paul



THINGS TO DO

Historic Landmarks & Museums

Como Zoo & Conservatory

The FREE Como Zoo and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory offer a year-round close up look at the wonders of the plant and animal kingdoms. Como Zoo exhibits large cats, polar bears, gorillas, giraffes, sea lions and much more. The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory houses a spectacular collection of rare tropical orchids, palms and stunning year-round flower shows. Visitors can avoid parking hassles with a free shuttle service.

www.comozooconservatory.org

Indian Mounds Park

Perched atop Dayton's Bluff, Indian Mounds Regional Park overlooks the mighty, twisting Mississippi. In the fall, the landscape is breathtaking while the summertime yields lush green lawns perfect for leisurely family outings or romantic strolls along the park. The park is home to at least two burial sites from two different Native American cultures, the Kaposia and the Hopewell. www.stpaul.gov



Minnesota History Center

Landmark Center

Saint Paul's historic Landmark Center, completed in 1902, originally served as the United States Courthouse and Post Office for the state of Minnesota. Now owned and supported by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the Landmark Center serves as a cultural center for music, dance, theater, exhibitions, public forums, and hosts countless special events. Guests can take a self-guided tour to learn about the building's history for free or choose from various guided tours are offered throughout the year. www.landmarkcenter.org

Mickey's Diner

Mickey's Diner is a 50' x 10' classic Art Deco diner car restaurant that was installed in downtown Saint Paul just before World War II. It looks much like it did then and is still open 24 hours a day. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 as the only building of its kind in Minnesota. It is shown in several Hollywood movies, including The Mighty Ducks, Jingle All the Way, and A Prairie Home Companion.

www.mickeysdiningcar.com

Minnesota Children's Museum

For more than 30 years, Minnesota Children's Museum has embedded the research on play, creativity and child development into its interactive learning environments and programs. Open-ended experiences are designed for children to explore, discover, immerse, imagine and connect. Infants through 10 years old can explore seven galleries packed with hands on activities and enjoy special events. www.mcm.org

Minnesota History Center

The Minnesota History Center is an interactive museum with both permanent and changing exhibits. They also host concerts, lectures, family days and other special events throughout the year. It is also the home to the Minnesota Historical Society library and archives. Constructed of Minnesota granite and limestone with marble accents, the History Center's spaces offer classic flair with grand vistas of the State Capitol, Cathedral of Saint Paul and the downtown Saint Paul skyline.

www.minnesotahistorycenter.org

Minnesota Museum of American Art

The Minnesota Museum of American Art (MMAA) was founded as the St. Paul School of Fine Arts in 1894, and formally incorporated in 1927, when it began collecting works of art for instructional purposes. From the 1950s on, under the name Saint Paul Art Center, it pursued an avid program of exhibitions—including biennials of drawings, craft, and contemporary art—and assembled an esteemed collection of paintings, work on paper, sculpture, and craft. The collection includes 4,000 works of art that tell a rich and unique story of American Art, the region, and the museum itself. www.mmaa.org



Mickey's Diner

THINGS TO DO

Minnesota Transportation Museum

For years, the Minnesota Transportation Museum has delighted visitors with its extensive and exciting history lessons. The Jackson Street Roadhouse location, situated in a former steam engine maintenance facility to the Twin Cities, gives a thorough railway history of both local and regional lines while showcasing the nation's oldest forms of transportation. Old time transportation charms, like the genuine roadhouse turntable, ancient steam engines and railway operating equipment give rich historical flavor and background to both the young and old.

www.mtmuseum.org

Rice Park

Flanked by the historic Landmark Center, the Ordway Center, The Saint Paul Hotel and the James J. Hill Reference Library, Rice Park offers tranquility amidst the hustle and bustle of the city. At lunchtime in the summer, Rice Park transforms into an outdoor cafeteria where downtowners can enjoy the various diverse cuisines of the local food truck scene. Featuring a stunning fountain, ample shade, and benches, Rice Park offers a scenic and calming setting to enjoy a quick bite or a few chapters from a best-seller from the library.

The Saint Paul Hotel

When visitors and travelers stay at the Saint Paul Hotel, they are not just lying back in the beds of a common establishment: they are making themselves comfortable in the luxurious accommodations of a Saint Paul landmark that was first built in 1910. Since the early Saint Paul days of gangster hideaways and industrial development, the Saint Paul Hotel's style and

sophistication has helped it to become the torch holder of Saint Paul establishments and a historic icon in the heart of downtown. www.saintpaulhotel.com

The Schubert Club Museum

Minnesota's earliest arts organization, The Schubert Club, launched The Schubert Club Museum the autumn of 1882. Governor Ramsey's daughter Marion Ramsey Furness, along with some music-loving friends, formed "The Ladies Musicale" and eventually changed their name to honor Franz Schubert. Today, the Schubert Club Museum has been visited by nearly a quarter million students, musicians, visiting artists, and music lovers from all over the world. Along with concerts and educational programs, it has become an integral part of The Schubert Club's mission. www.schubert.org

Science Museum of Minnesota

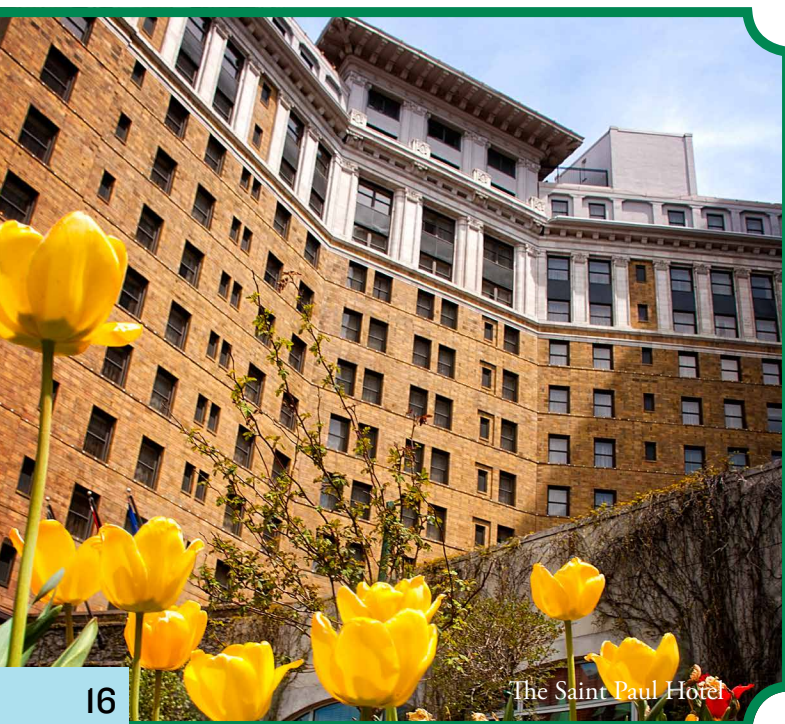
The Science Museum of Minnesota located in downtown Saint Paul is known worldwide for its interactive exhibits, dynamic traveling exhibitions and international distribution of large format films. The museum's 70,000 square feet of exhibition space includes galleries covering the topics of paleontology, physical science and technology, the human body and peoples and cultures of the Mississippi River. The Science Museum has the only Convertible Dome Omnitheater in the U.S., providing another form of science education to an audience of more than a million people every year. www.smm.org

Twin City Model Railroad Museum

Located in historic Bandana Square, the Twin City Model Railroad Museum is an exquisitely detailed model panorama of railroads of the Twin Cities during the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. This was a time when both steam and diesel engines shared the rails. The Twin City Model Railroad Museum is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide family entertainment for the young and old alike, while preserving this era of Minnesota railroad history. www.tcmrm.org

Union Depot

The Union Depot was originally completed in 1926 and was fully restored in 2012. The 33-acre site has been transformed from a defunct rail station to an active transit center in the heart of Saint Paul. The Depot is open 24 hours a day and hosts numerous public events daily. The Union Depot hosts many transit options that connect the downtowns of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, as well as to the MSP Airport and Mall of America. www.uniondepot.org



THINGS TO DO

Area Attractions

American Swedish Institute

The American Swedish Institute, founded in 1929, serves as a gathering place for people to share stories and experiences around universal themes of tradition, migration, craft and the arts, all informed by enduring ties to Sweden.

www.asimn.org | 11 mi - 18 km

Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres is committed to delighting its audiences and creating life-long memories with a high quality, end-to-end theatre, dining, and service experience. Over 10 million guests have visited Chanhassen Dinner Theatres since it opened in 1968.

www.chanhassentheatres.com | 26 mi - 42 km

Guthrie Theatre

The stunning Jean Nouvel-designed riverfront home for the nationally-renowned theater company opened in July 2006 and has already earned numerous design awards. With three theaters, 11 bars and lobby space offering breathtaking views of the surrounding area, the bold blue building has laid the groundwork for continued growth in the Mill District.

www.guthrietheater.org | 9 mi - 14 km

Midtown Global Market

Midtown Global Market is an internationally-themed public market with groceries, great food and unique gifts. It exists to develop and maintain a public market that builds upon economy, social, and cultural assets within the surrounding communities and welcomes the diverse peoples of this community to share and celebrate together the healthy foods, arts, crafts and other aspects of their heritages.

www.midtownglobalmarket.org | 10 mi - km

Minnesota Renaissance Festival

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is an interactive outdoor event which focuses on recreating the look and feel of a fictional 16th Century "England-like" fantasy kingdom. It operates during weekends from mid-August until the final week in September in Shakopee, a suburb of the Twin Cities. The festival features over 700 entertainers, 275 crafters, and 120 food booths.

www.renaissancefest.com | 36 mi - 58 km

Minnesota Zoo

Founded in 1978, the Minnesota Zoo connects people with animals and the natural world. Cutting-edge exhibits provide exciting experiences for visitors with animals and their habitats, introducing them to 504 species from around the globe. Conservation programs protect endangered species and preserve critical ecosystems at the Minnesota Zoo.

www.mn zoo.com | 17 mi - 27 km

Target Field

Target Field opened in January 2010 and is home to the Minnesota Twins baseball team. Located in downtown Minneapolis the open-air ballpark seats 39,021. Target Field was awarded LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, only the second LEED-certified professional sports stadium in the US, and hosted the 2014 MLB All-Star Game.

minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/ballpark | 10 mi - 16 km

US Bank Stadium

Home of the 2018 Super Bowl, U.S. Bank Stadium is a \$1 billion venue that is scheduled to also host the 2019 NCAA Final Four, 2020 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships and the ESPN X Games in 2017 and 2018.

7 mi - 11 km

Valleyfair

Valleyfair Family Amusement Park opened its gates in 1976 with 20 rides and attractions spanning 26 acres, and has since expanded to be the largest amusement park in the upper Midwest with over 50 rides and water attractions over 125 acres. Valleyfair's normal operating season runs daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day and some weekends in May and September. There is also a "ValleySCARE" event centered around the Halloween holiday.

www.valleyfair.com | 25 mi - 40 km

Walker Art Center

Formally established in 1927, the Walker Art Center began as the first public art gallery in the Upper Midwest. The Walker is a contemporary art center and is considered one of the nation's "big five" museums for modern art and is recognized internationally as a model of a multidisciplinary arts organization and as a national leader for its innovative approaches to audience engagement.

www.walkerart.org | 11 mi - 18 km



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HISTORY BUFF

Tour, relax and enjoy where history has been made and explore the richness that Saint Paul has to offer.

Eat:

- Mickey's Diner - Breakfast
- Degidios - Lunch
- Mancini's - Dinner ▼



Stay:

- Saint Paul Hotel - Top 500 hotel in the world ▼



Play:

- Wabasha Caves - Gangster tours
- Landmark Center - Prohibition signed ▼
- MN History Center - 427,000 square feet of history awesomeness



HOCKEY FAN

As the capitol city of the State of Hockey, there is plenty to see, do and explore for every hockey fan.

Eat:

- Downtowner - Breakfast
- Eagle Street - Lunch ▼
- Tom Reid's - Dinner



Stay:

- Hampton Inn & Suites - New hotel 1 block from best arena in hockey ▼



Play:

- Xcel Energy Center - Go Wild! ▼
- Hockey Lodge - Best spot to get your Wild gear
- Herb Brooks statue - Miracle on Ice Coach



FAMILY FUN

From burgers and baseball to diners and dinos Saint Paul is the perfect place for some family fun.

Eat:

- Day By Day Cafe - Breakfast
- Cossetta's - Lunch
- Green Mill - Dinner ▼



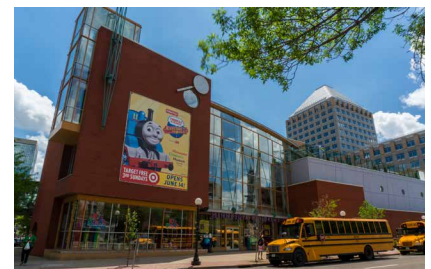
Stay:

- Hyatt Place - New hotel in former post office/custom house building. ▼



Play:

- Children's Museum of Minnesota - Where fun and education meet ▼
- Science Museum of Minnesota - Dinos, science & more
- Padelford Riverboats - Explore the River on an authentic paddlewheeler



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OUTDOOR NUT

The mighty Mississippi isn't the only offering in Saint Paul for the outdoor nut inside all of us.

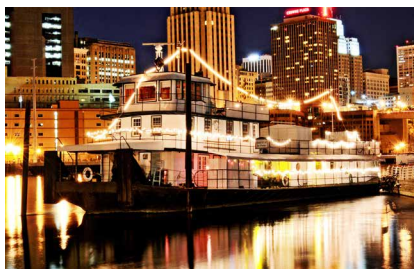
Eat:

- St. Clair Brolier - Breakfast ▼
- Barrio - Lunch
- Burger Moe's - Dinner



Stay:

- Covington Inn B&B - Sleep on the Mississippi...literally ▼



Play:

- Fort Snelling - learn military history from before the Civil War-WW II
- Segway Tour - Explore the history of Saint Paul on two wheels
- Nice Ride Bikes - Leave your bike, you're covered all over town. ▼



BEER AFICIONADO

Craft beer and Saint Paul are becoming as synonymous as peanut butter and jelly.

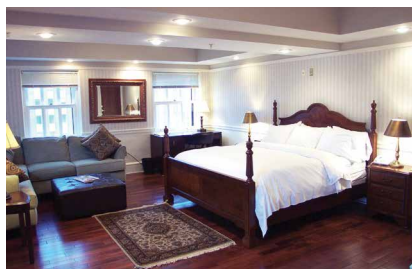
Eat:

- Neighborhood Cafe - Breakfast
- Happy Gnome - Lunch ▼
- Great Waters - Dinner



Stay:

- Hotel 340 - A boutique hotel that is like no other in Saint Paul ▼



Play:

- Summit Brewing Co. - Saint Paul's original craft brewery ▼
- Flat Earth Brewing Co. - Tours and tastings
- Beer Dabbler Store - Craft beer goods from all over Minnesota



GIRLFRIENDS

Saint Paul is the perfect escape for some well needed R&R at one of the many B&B's.

Eat:

- Buttered Tin- Breakfast
- Salut - Lunch ▼
- Moscow on the Hill - Dinner



Stay:

- Cathedral Hill B&B - Quaint, quiet, perfect ▼



Play:

- Grand Ave - Shop 'till you drop on this historic avenue ▼
- Primp - Cheap | Local | Boutique in the charming Cathedral Hill area
- Cooks of Crocus Hill - Cooking classes for all skill levels



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The Sound of Music
Top Ranking Stadium Experience

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Arts & Entertainment

The Sound of Music

Lowertown, in downtown Saint Paul's southeast quadrant, is an artists' quarter filled with beautiful work spaces in former warehouses, hip cafes and fine restaurants on the ground floor levels in nearby buildings. In the center of Lowertown you will find Mears Park, an urban space with tranquil sense. This trendy park is the pulse of the Lowertown music scene; the outdoor stage welcomes a variety of musical events annually.

Twin Cities Jazz Festival, Lowertown Music Fest, Music in Mears, Concrete and Grass Music Festival and Lowertown Blues Festival are just a few of the major events that draw more than 125,000 people to Mears Park and the Lowertown entertainment district each year. 2014 introduced a new event – For the Love – Saint Paul's first hip-hop festival.

Nearby the Ordway Summer Dance series is held Thursday nights during the summer months in Landmark Plaza and the History Center hosts 9 Nights of Music Tuesday nights during the summer months.

Top Ranking Stadium Experience

Xcel Energy Center in downtown Saint Paul, home of the Minnesota Wild (NHL), has been recognized as one of the best venues worldwide for sports, concerts and special events. ESPN The Magazine has ranked the venue six times among the top three for "Best Stadium Experience" and in 2013 Stadium Journey named it "Top NHL Arena." In addition to hockey, Xcel Energy Center has been nominated nine times (2001-03, 2005-10) for "Arena of the Year" by leading concert-industry publication Pollstar magazine and recognized

with various awards for their efforts to become a regional leader in sustainability. The building underwent a major renovation in 2012 adding 24 loges on the west end of the arena and underwent a \$6 million dollar project in 2014 that included new outdoor marquees and ribbon displays, a brand new 19 x 37.5 custom HD LED center-hung scoreboard stretching blue line to blue line. All seats in the arena are scheduled to be replaced in 2015.

Saint Paul's five-mile long skyway is the second longest continuous skyway system in the world.

Family

The Joy of Shopping

Minnesota truly invented shopping as it is known today. The first enclosed mall; the country's trendiest discount retailer; the largest shopping complex in the country and home to the first Target and Best Buy stores. We know how to shop. And the most compelling reason to shop here - there is no sales tax on clothing and shoes in Minnesota. Mall of America (11 miles from downtown) is the nation's largest indoor shopping and entertainment complex with over 520 retail stores, 50 restaurants, indoor theme park, aquarium and wedding chapel. The Grand Avenue and Selby Avenue areas in Saint Paul has an eclectic mix of popular brands and unique boutiques.

Saint Paul Budget Friendly Tours

You can spend an event-filled day in Saint Paul without spending very much cash. Here are some ideas for free activities and tours in Saint Paul. Start your day with the largest FREE zoo in the upper Midwest; the Como Zoo & Conservatory is full of gorillas, giraffes, lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Next, visit the Cathedral of Saint Paul for a public tour of this elegant landmark. Guided tours take place Monday - Friday at 1 pm. Then, catch a tour at the Minnesota State Capitol to learn about the capitol's history, art and architecture. Tours are 45 minutes long and are available every day of the week. Take a 10

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minute hike, hop on a Nice Ride bike or catch the bus back to downtown Saint Paul and browse around the Landmark Center, home to the American Association of Woodturners gallery and the Schubert Club. (Metro Transit bus system offers downtown routes starting at \$.50 one way.)

We Don't Monkey Around

Animals aren't the only thing hanging out in our zoos after hours. For over 20 years the Music in the Zoo concert series has been offering a unique outdoor concert experience for music lovers of all tastes at the Minnesota Zoo. The Weesner Family Amphitheater at the Minnesota Zoo plays host to bands from all around the United States over 15 times a year. Como Zoo also offers a full slate of music to help beat the "winter blahs" with the Music Under the Glass series. This free eight-week music series starts in January.

Food

All in the Family

Many restaurants have come and gone in Saint Paul over the years but three have leaned on family tradition to stay open for a combined 245 years. O'Gara's Bar & Grill, Mancini's Char House & Lounge and Cossetta Eatery and Pizzeria are all still run by second and third generation family members. O'Gara's opened in 1941 by James Freeman O'Gara to "provide a wholesome atmosphere for conversation and camaraderie." Dan O'Gara now follows his father Tim as the third generation owner of this classic Irish pub. Nick Mancini opened the doors to Mancini's in 1948 when St. Paul's Italian neighborhood was still thriving only blocks away, along the Upper Levee. 65 years later Nick's sons John and Pat provide the same great char broiled steaks and service with a personal touch. Cossetta's celebrated 100 years in 2011 and added an \$11 million expansion that includes an expanded eatery, new fine dining experience (Louis Ristorante) and an impressive Pasticceria. Owner Dave Cossetta is "passionate about this brand" that his great grandfather Michael started 100 years ago. These three restaurants are a testament to the fact that family runs deep in Saint Paul.

Once You Go Craft, You Don't Go Back

The craft beer scene in the Twin Cities is still booming with no signs of stopping. With the total now over 35 breweries and brewpubs in the metro, the Twin Cities are garnering a lot of attention for their craft beer selection; Matador Network recently ranked Saint Paul in their 2013 list for Top Beer Towns in America. New to the beer scene is Bad Weather Brewing, Lake Monster Brewing and Tin Whiskers Brewing. Many of these breweries are opening on sites located near the newly opened Green Line that connects downtown Saint Paul to downtown Minneapolis and the MSP Airport.

Speaking of Airports...our love of craft beer starts upon arrival. Over 15 regional and local breweries are showcased throughout the concourses, including Saint Paul's largest, Summit Brewery. Thrillist named it the #2 Best US Airport for Beer Snobs list in 2013. If your love for beer extends beyond drinking it we also have you covered. Check out the Beer Dabbler store to pick up gear from your favorite brewery. Enjoying a local beer with your meal is not hard to accomplish in Saint Paul!

It's What's Inside that Counts

Saint Paul is home to the Juicy Lucy – a hamburger cooked medium with molten cheese and other things stuffed inside. Groveland Tap, Bennett's Chop & Railhouse, The Nook,

Shamrock's and the Blue Door Pub have all put their unique fingerprint on the burger including jalapenos and pepperjack cheese at Groveland Tap and a full menu of different burgers at Blue Door Pub including one with mozzarella soaked in coconut milk and topped with pickled carrots, cucumbers, red onions, and ginger. No matter where you're from, you can't leave Saint Paul without having a Juicy Lucy.

Patio Party

Patios at Saint Paul restaurants have become coveted destinations for patrons from spring until early fall. One restaurant has taken this idea to a whole new level and created a year-round patio. Pat Beamer, owner of Patrick McGovern's Pub, enclosed his patio with retractable walls and roof, and added four additional 20 foot heaters, which makes his popular summertime patio available all year. Other popular spots include Burger Moe's, Great Waters Brewing, and the Liffey which is known for its roof-top terrace. Just outside of the downtown area, nestled in a cozy neighborhood on Cathedral Hill, is W.A. Frost and its expansive patio reminiscent of European outdoor eateries.

The original name of the settlement that became St. Paul was Pig's Eye.



Summit Flight

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Walleye & Wild Rice

Looking to taste some local fare while in Saint Paul? It doesn't get any more Minnesotan than wild rice and walleye. The walleye is the state fish of Minnesota and more walleye is eaten at Tavern on Grand in Saint Paul than anywhere in the state. There are several ways to order walleye including baked or beer battered but if you just want to try it, order some walleye fingers off the appetizer menu at many places throughout the city. Additionally, wild rice is the official state grain and has high nutritional value and taste. You can find it as a side with many meals or it can be ordered in the form of wild rice soup.

History

History and Mystery

The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, known as the Prohibition Amendment (1920-1933) mandated the shutdown of breweries and distilleries and ended the lawful production of alcoholic beverages creating a vacuum that was filled by the unlawful production, sale, and control of "bootlegged" products and lawless allied activities. Lawlessness and the corruption of officials and police — the unintended consequences of the legislation— infected many American cities, especially Saint Paul.

The city became a center of operation and a haven for such notorious gangsters as John Dillinger, Babyface Nelson, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, and the Barker gang, whose activities extended to robbing banks, holding up mail trucks and trains, and kidnapping and holding their hostages for ransom. Saint Paul's gangster tours take you to the sites of nightclubs, kidnappings, and gun battles associated with the 1930's gangsters. See the sites where the gangsters lived it up as they planned and executed some of the most notorious crimes ever perpetrated in the upper Midwest. Your guide takes you past the most infamous gangster hideouts and the famous nightclubs where many gangsters spent time socializing with the public.

Now That's a Stretch

Saint Paul is known for preserving its past and this is no more evident than a stroll down Summit Avenue. This five mile avenue, connecting the Mississippi River to the cusp of downtown, is the longest stretch of intact Victorian architecture in the United States. Summit Avenue boasts a collection of mansions, places of worship, schools, bed & breakfasts and is a popular trail for runners and bikers. Some famous residents of Summit Avenue over the years include F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Garrison Keillor. Walking tours of Summit Avenue area are available.

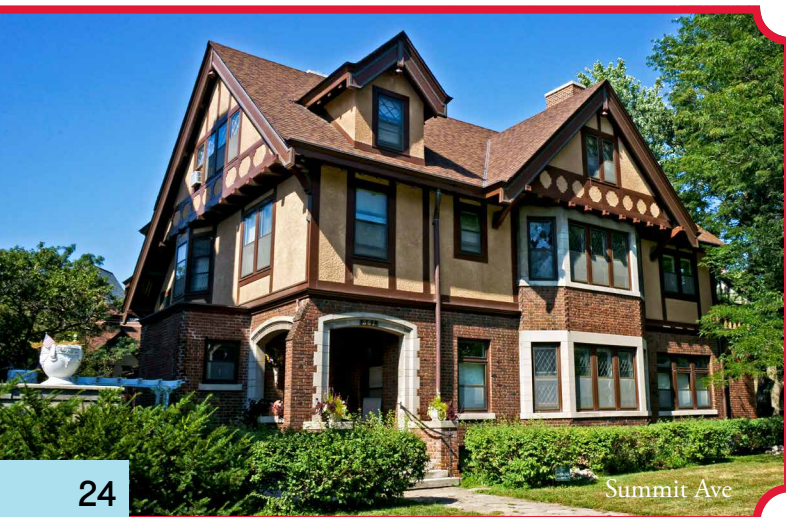
River of Dreams

The Mississippi River creates a perceived geographic dividing line between the eastern and western United States, and the source of the river can be found in northern Minnesota. Saint Paul is actually the most northern port on the Mississippi River and was instrumental in moving lumber and products from north to south during early settlement days in the United States. With 26.2 miles of riverfront, Saint Paul has the most riverfront of any city on the Mississippi River. Not only can nature lovers enjoy the river through various cruises offered by the Padelford Riverboat company, but Stand Up MN gets right on the water with paddleboard tours, yoga and team building activities and Minnesota Adventure Company offers guided kayak tours.

A Uniquely Diverse City

The Saint Paul area boasts one of the largest Hmong and Somali populations in the country, as well as other diverse ethnic groups. More than 95 different languages are spoken in the Saint Paul public school system. The Science Museum of Minnesota exhibits the largest number of Hmong artifacts in the U.S. The Penumbra Theatre Company in Saint Paul is Minnesota's only professional African American theatre, and one of only three professional African American theaters in the nation to offer a full season of performances.

Saint Paul celebrates diversity each year with a variety of cultural festivals including Rondo Days, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Festa Italiana, Festival of Nations, Dragon Boat Festival, Irish Fair of Minnesota, IndiaFest, Greek Festival, and the Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival. For full descriptions of each festival see the festivals page.



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Uniquely Saint Paul

Spend a Night Floating on the Mississippi

The Covington Inn, Minnesota's only floating Bed & Breakfast, is permanently moored on the Mississippi River in downtown Saint Paul. The Covington offers quiet relaxation just across the river from the hustle and bustle of downtown life. The historic renovated towboat, built in 1946, has all the comforts of home including private bathrooms, gas fireplaces, air conditioning and awesome river views.

The Covington extends to all its guests the elegant comfort once reserved aboard historic work vessels for company executives and VIPs. The boat is trimmed stem to stern in mahogany, brass and bronze. Windows and portals in the boat's tiered design draw light into each room. Sleeping quarters feature a mix of ingenious built-in cabinets with simple furnishings from the Covington's work era. Salvaged fixtures, nautical antiques and historic art provide tasteful reminders of the River and the Inn's past life.

Circus Juventas - From Saint Paul to the Circus

The largest youth circus program in the United States is located in Saint Paul and serves more than 1,000 students each year. Circus Juventas' elaborate, colorful, high-energy Cirque du Soleil-style shows regularly draw audiences of 25,000 annually. Staff and coaches of Circus Juventas are from all over the world including some of the most acclaimed in the industry. Circus Juventas has a spring recital and 20 spectacular performances of a big summer show that each run for several weeks.



Circus Juventas

OTHER STUFF

SAINT PAUL STATUES

F. Scott Fitzgerald
Vision of Peace
Herb Brooks
Peanuts Characters
New York Life Eagle
Hubert H. Humphrey
The Source

SAINT PAUL DINING AROUND THE WORLD

MAPS

GREEN WITH ENVY OVER TRANSPORTATION



Peanuts

SAINT PAUL: STATUES

The city of Saint Paul stakes claim to being a hand-crafted city with great characters of both fact and fiction. Around the city you will find statues dedicated to those people, events, and beliefs that help make Saint Paul the city that it is.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

F. Scott Fitzgerald was born on Cathedral Hill in Saint Paul in 1896. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century, most famous for his novel, *The Great Gatsby*. Sculptor Michael Price created this statue of F. Scott Fitzgerald in 1996 as St. Paul celebrated Fitzgerald's centennial birthday. F. Scott Fitzgerald's statue is located in the northeast corner in Rice Park.

Vision of Peace

Swedish sculptor Carl Milles, was deeply impressed by a Native American ceremony he witnessed in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Memories of that ceremony were a dominant influence when he created the statue, "Vision of Peace". It is located in the entrance of Saint Paul's City Hall.

Herb Brooks

Herb Brooks coached the US Hockey Team to a gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics. It depicts his reaction after winning the "Miracle on Ice" game. The gold medal winning coach's statue is in front of the east entrance of the Saint Paul RiverCentre in downtown.

Peanuts

Charles Schulz was an American cartoonist, best known for the comic strip *Peanuts*. He grew up in Saint Paul where his black and white Pointer gave him the inspiration for Snoopy. For five summers after Schulz's death in 2000, artists all over Saint Paul designed and displayed individual renditions of *Peanuts* characters. The bronze statues can be found in Landmark Plaza and Rice Park located in downtown Saint Paul.

New York Life Eagle

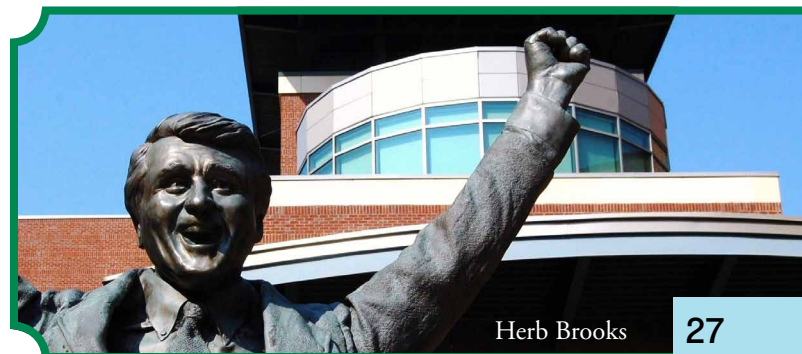
The New York Life Eagle is the oldest commissioned statue in the city. Designed by Augustus Saint Gaudens and carved by his brother, Louis Saint Gaudens, the sculpture was commissioned by the New York Life Insurance Company for its downtown St. Paul headquarters in 1890. The sculpture was saved from the building's destruction in urban renewal of the 1960's. With support from the New York Life Foundation, it was restored by Public Art Saint Paul in 2004 and relocated to Summit Lookout Park, surrounded by "stately mansions built early in the century".

Hubert H. Humphrey

Humphrey, a former senator, presidential candidate and vice president, is known as the "happy warrior," a politician who could compromise and negotiate across political lines. The statue is on the State Capitol lawn, and Bill Clinton was at the unveiling.

The Source

The Women's Institute of Saint Paul donated "The Source", created by artist Alonzo Hauser in 1965. The woman is said to depict the park as, "the source of cultural, political, educational, and natural resources in our area". The sculpture and fountain is the centerpiece of Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul.



Herb Brooks



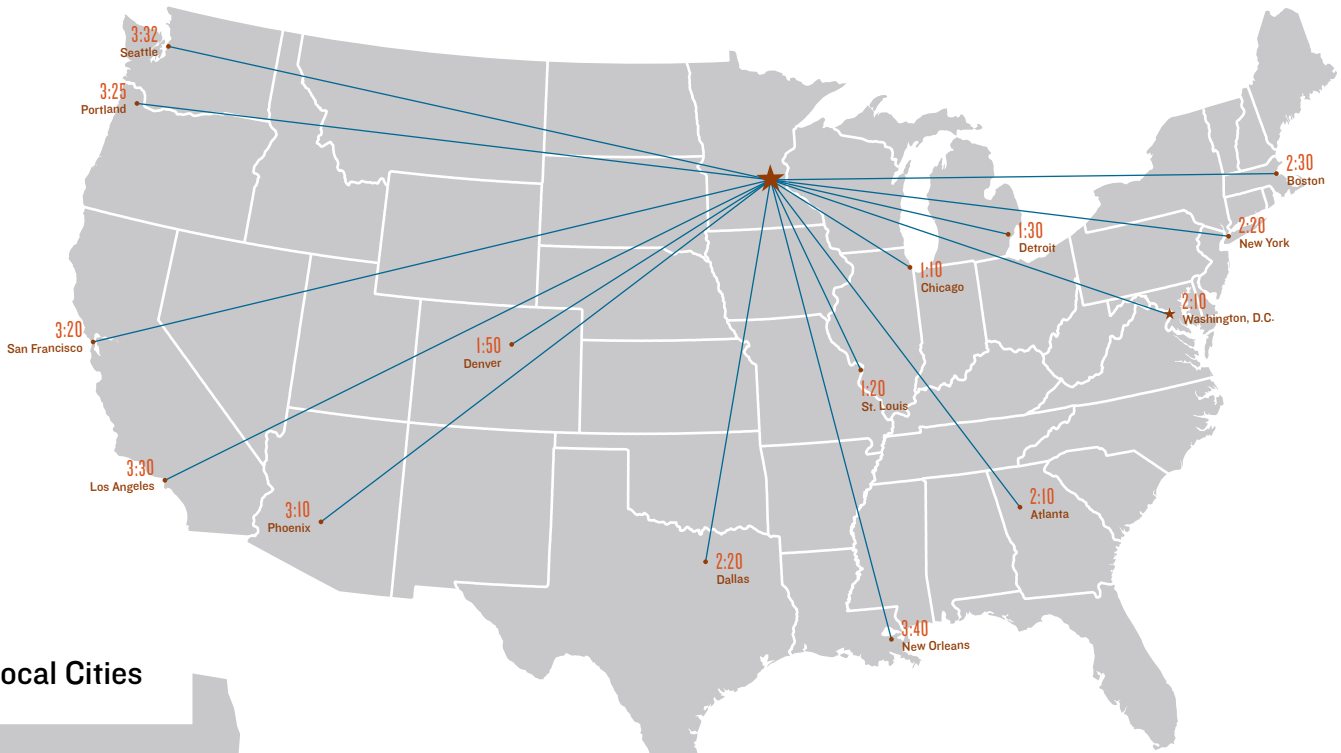
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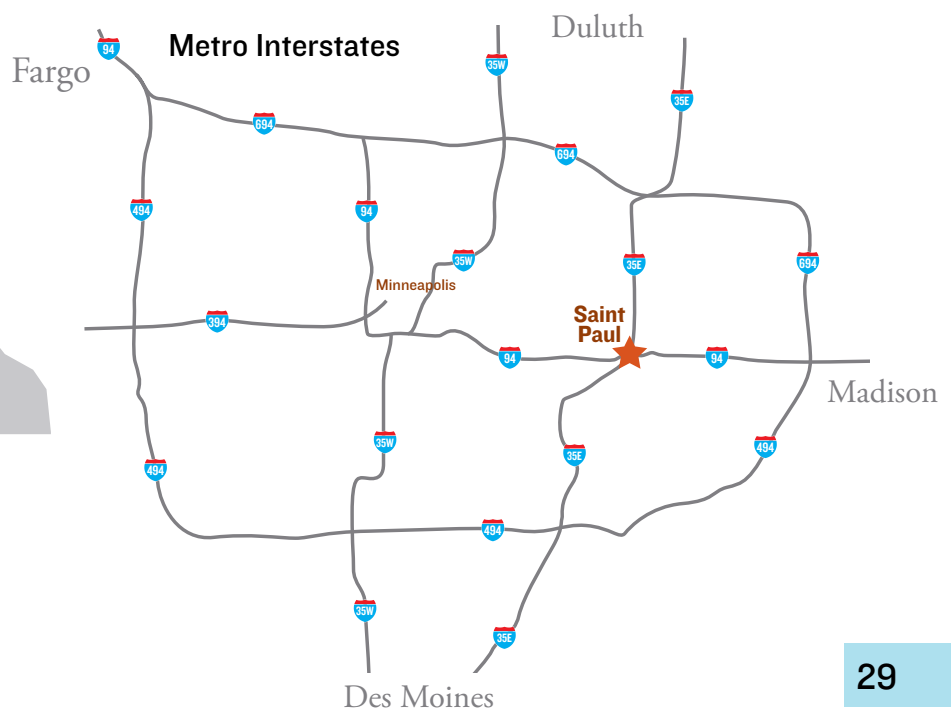
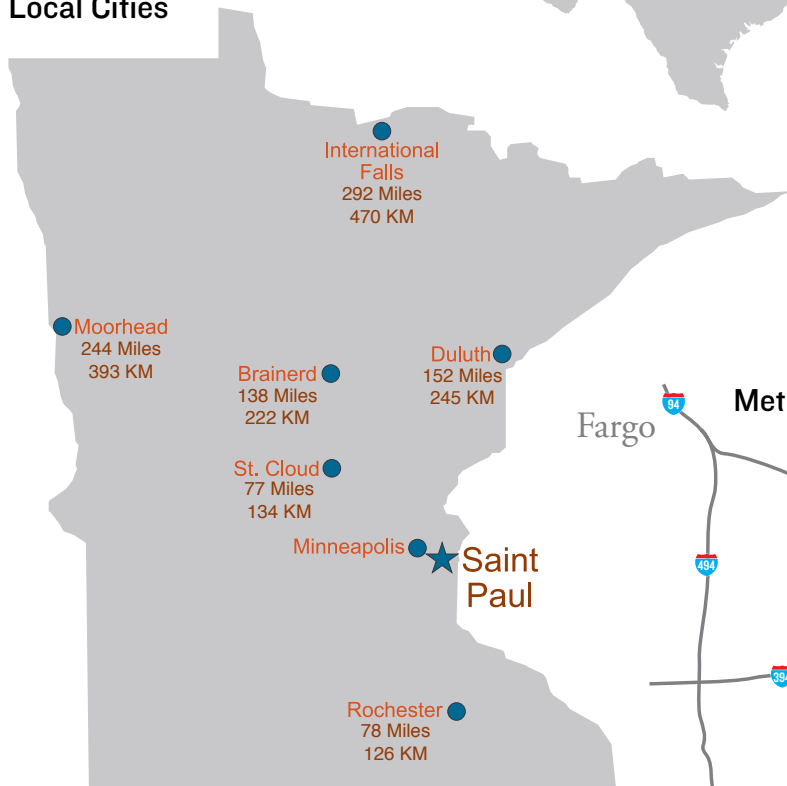
Minnesota's capital city in the upper Midwest isn't just full of steak and walleye restaurants. In fact, visitors to Saint Paul will find a diverse collection of cuisine types including Afghani, Nepali, Russian and Greek - just to name a few. Restaurants in Saint Paul serve up cultural cuisine from all over the world all within the city limits. Enjoy a trip around the world while dining in Saint Paul and don't worry about bringing a passport – just be sure to bring an appetite!



Flight Times to Saint Paul

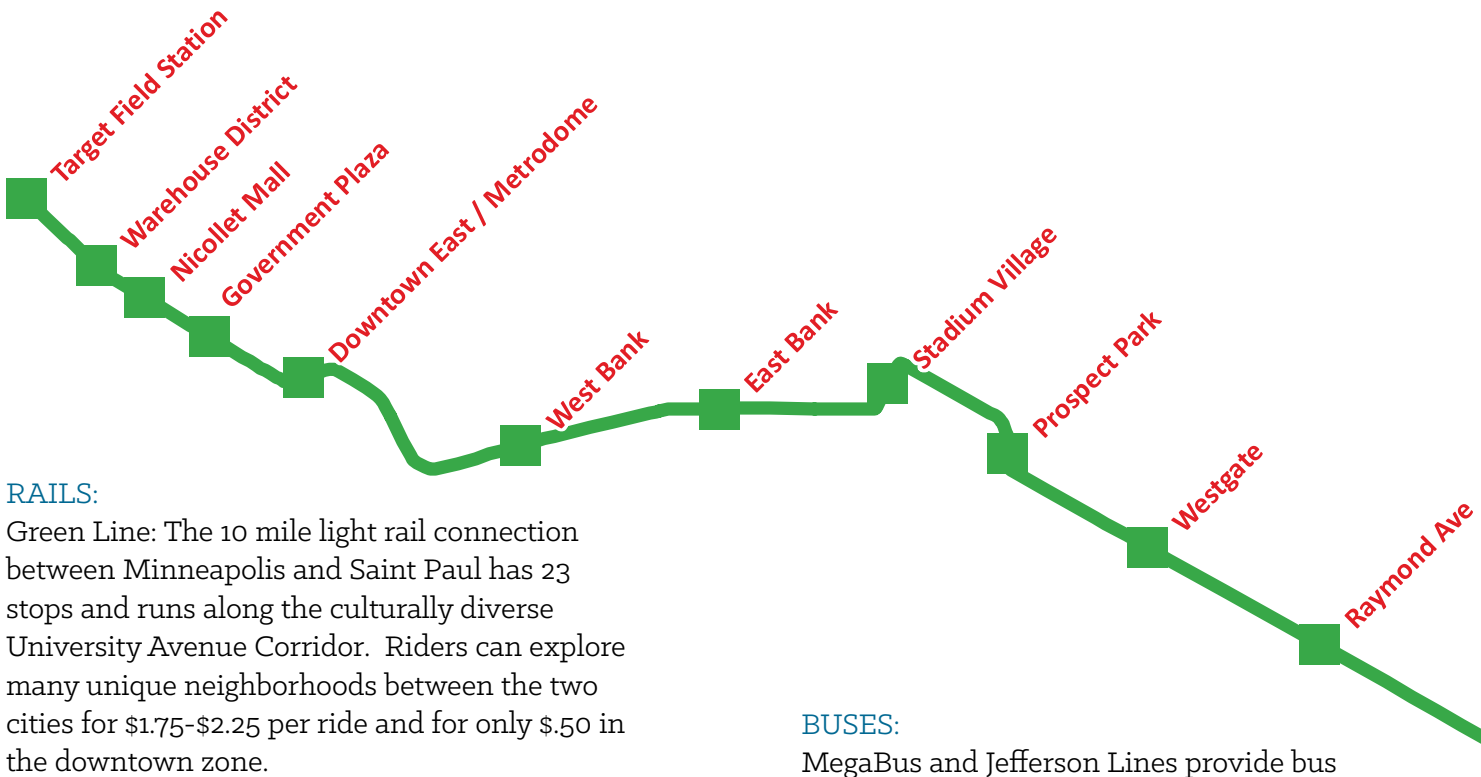


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GREEN WITH ENVY OVER TRANSPORTATION

Saint Paul's vast collection of transportation options to get to and from the city as well as all around it while you're here have some cities green with envy. From the brand new Green Line light rail system that connects the Twin Cities to the Nice Ride bike share system that has more than 120 stations of green bikes throughout the city, Saint Paul has a mode of transportation for you. And if you want to just walk, we understand – Saint Paul is one of the most walkable cities in the upper Midwest. Check out the various options to get here, and around, below.



Amtrak: Union Depot is the new home for passenger rail service as the official Amtrak station in the Twin Cities. Amtrak connects visitors from coast to coast providing the one-of-a-kind journey only rail travel provides.

BUSES:
MegaBus and Jefferson Lines provide bus service from Union Depot to Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and more while Mega Bus provides affordable intercity travel to Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago. Metro Transit operates more than 885 buses for 123 different bus routes throughout the Metro area daily.



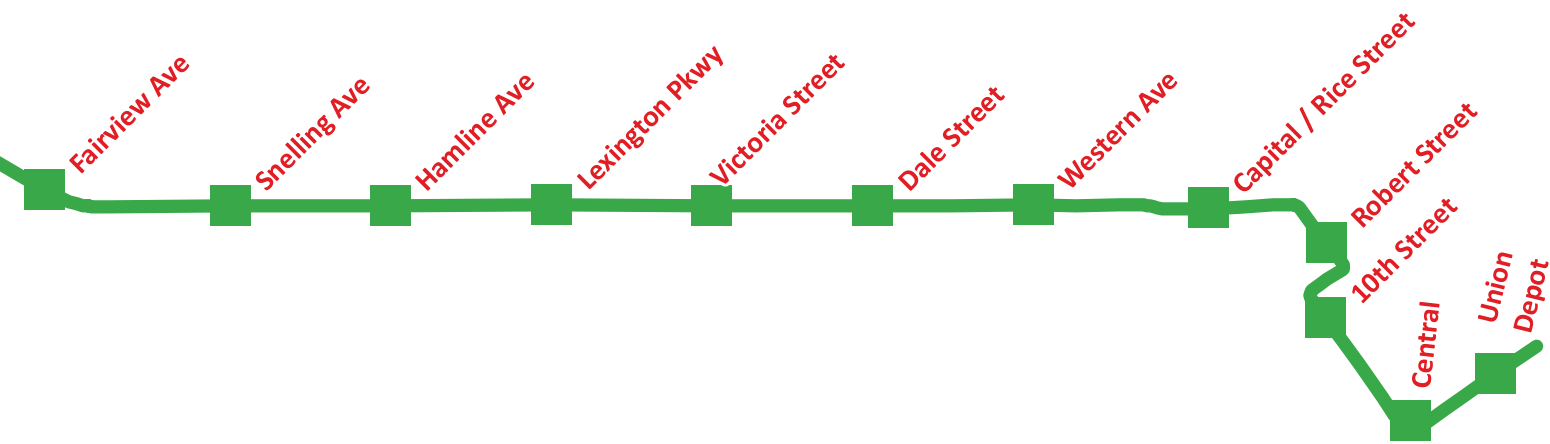
CARS:

Hertz recently opened a car rental agency in Union Depot in Lowertown. Uber and Lyft are also available in Saint Paul along with traditional taxi cab service.



BIKES:

Nice Ride is a bike sharing system in Saint Paul providing access to three speed bikes. Visitors can find bicycles in the most highly trafficked areas of the city.



AIRPLANES:

The Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is located 8 miles from downtown Saint Paul. It is a Delta Air Lines hub operating an average of 1,250 flights daily. The airport is annually named one of the best airports in the country by Travel + Leisure for its commitment to cutting edge restaurants and unique retail options.

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