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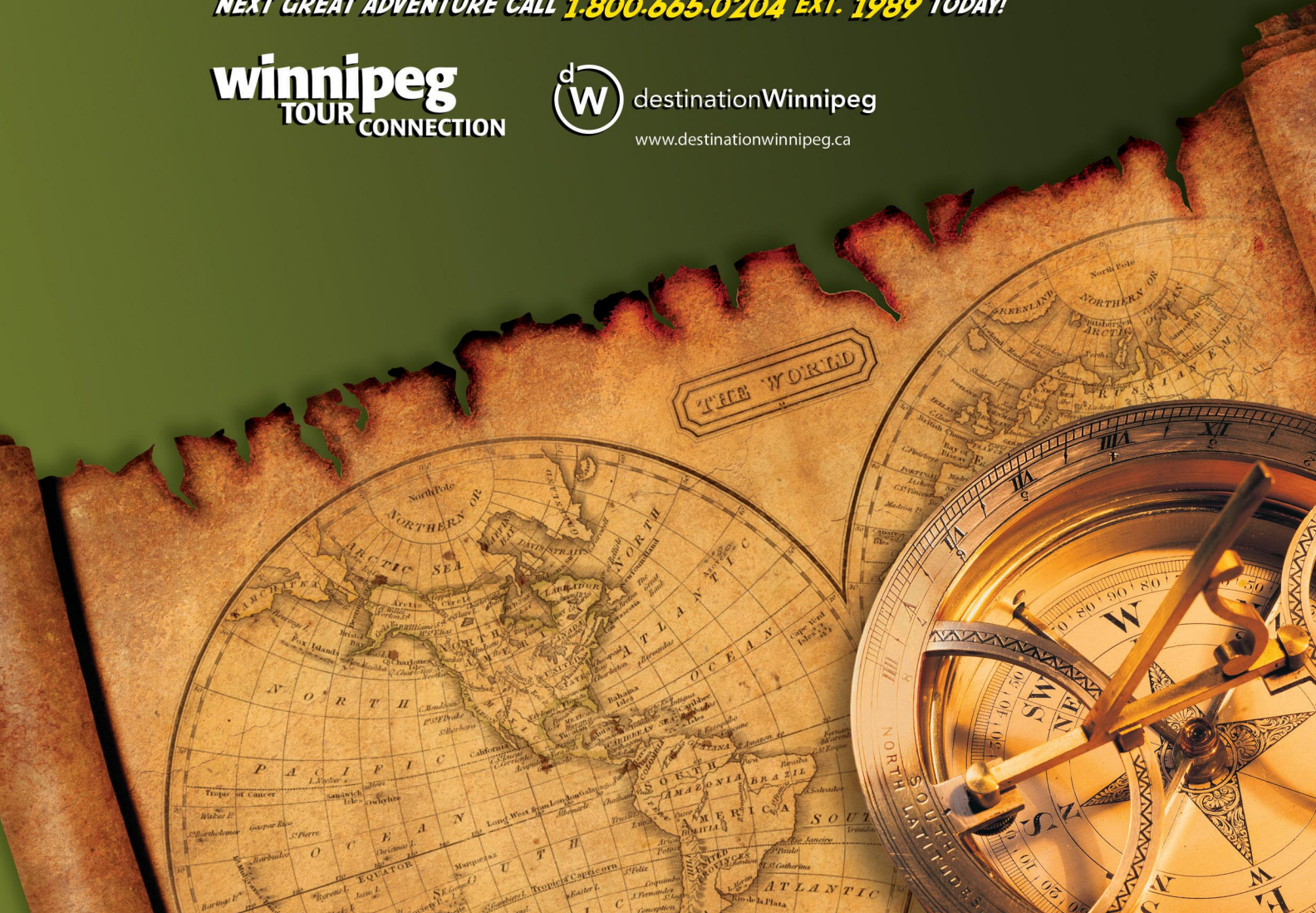
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Greetings Reader,

Since the last issue, lots has been happening as we prepared for Minnesota's 150th Birthday Party...the sesquicentennial feature for this issue.

We've been to the 2008 ABA Marketplace in Virginia Beach, two different state tourism conferences, some major holidays (where we looked for "group-friendly" festival opportunities for you), and even found time to publish the Explore Southern Minnesota Visitor Guide. It was gratifying to have so many tour operators at ABA thank us for Itineraries Minnesota, Magazine, and say that they loved all the great ideas they find for travel in this region.

We are excited to announce that the GREAT NORTH Group Travel Show has been scheduled to be held in Austin, Minnesota this coming fall on October 27th, with a FAM tour following on October 28th and 29th. Save these dates to attend, because you can expect to have great appointments with destination representatives from all over the upper Midwest...and Canada, too! See the ad on page three for more details and to register.

In this issue's TRAVEL TIPS, Carrie Donovan of the Roseville (MN) CVA goes deeper into why FAM tours are such a great way to develop itineraries...and establish working relationships with suppliers that go way beyond the normal everyday responsibilities of putting together tours. We encourage you to discover the benefits in this article, if you haven't already!

So as you discover ideas in this issue about great travel opportunities brought to mind by Minnesota's sesquicentennial, we want to again say "thank you" for bringing your groups to Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

Happy travels!

Heather Lahren and Mark Peterson  
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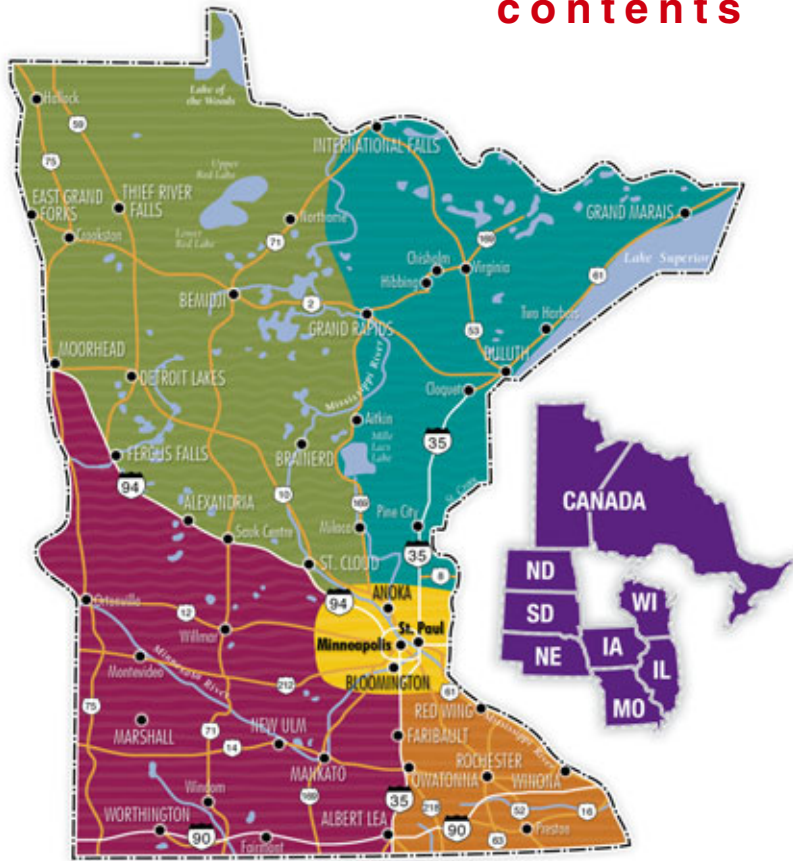
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*Celebrating 150 years!*  
As the Minnesota Capital's golden Quadriga announce the state's Sesquicentennial, visitors can expect celebrations in all corners of the state. Thanks to the Minnesota Historical Society for the 1958 photograph.

# FAM Tours... Serving Planners with *style!*

BY CARRIE DONOVAN

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Your own personal experiences will fill your coaches. Advance viewing of hotels, attractions, and restaurants is an important key to a successful tour. This allows you to have a better feel of what your group will experience, and any challenges and obstacles you may need to overcome prior to your arrival. By visiting the actual tour stops, you will be able to say, "I have been there, and it's great!"



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As a result, partnerships between a group travel professionals and planners like you can save precious time when it comes to researching and creating your itinerary.

So, whether planning group tours is your business or your job, the quality time you invest in FAM Tours is the ideal way to preview a destination when planning a tour. You'll be receiving the best advice possible from a local expert, and that's tough to beat. ●





### MINNESOTA STATEHOOD SESQUICENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN ----->

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For information, contact Jon Olson at 763-323-5789.



### FORT SISSETON HISTORICAL FESTIVAL ----->

june 6-8, 2008 – Lake City, South Dakota

**One of ABA’s Top 100 North American Events for 2008.** Annually, during the first full weekend in June, a historical festival is staged at Fort Sisseton. Each year, cavalry troops and infantry units converge on the fort’s grounds to form a military encampment complete with soldiers, women and children, and all the necessary tents, uniforms, horses, and memorabilia. The military is joined by fur traders and muzzleloaders, riflemen and crack-shots meeting amidst a teepee encampment with dozens of lodges and traders. Colorful costumes, tall tales, Native American hoop dancing, medicine shows, dance instruction classes, songs and music from the Civil War, and a military costume ball all help bring history to life.

For information, contact Katie Bogue at 605-448-5474.



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For information, contact Arlene Leonard at 712-542-2461.



### POLISH FEST ----->

june 20-22, 2008 – Franklin, Wisconsin

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For information, call 414-529-2140 or visit [www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org).



# Minnesota. Underground.

*150 years nearly perfectly preserved by Minnesota's History Center.*

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Unbelievably, the portion of the Minnesota History Center open to tours—impressive and awesome though it is—represents only a smidgen of the center's square footage. Two-thirds of the massive building resides underground. Imagine it. A warren of underground rooms heaped (in an appropriately organized manner) with the stuff of history: arrowheads, wagon wheels, a lumberman's kit, gunnysacks, boots, a lacy bonnet, books, hoe, pitchfork, ax, and that sweetheart dress for an evening sit-down around a 19th-century walnut dining table. Not that the Minnesota Historical Society has occasion to set a five-star dinner in their basement space. But if they did, 2008 would be the year.

Although Minnesota is a great place to visit any year, 2008 is particularly remarkable as it commemorates the state's sesquicentennial. (Easier to spell than pronounce.) Sesquicentennial is another way of saying 150th anniversary. To celebrate that special milestone, the Minnesota Historical Society has cooked up a year-long banquet of events perfect for a group tour.

Getting back to the Minnesota History Center, it is the official home of the Minnesota Historical Society—which boasts the largest membership of any state historical society in the nation.

"Because we're good," explains MNHS

program specialist Jim Mattson, who acts as liaison between the MNHS marketing department and the managers of nearly 30 historic sites and museums across Minnesota. "Some of the sites are held simply for preservation purposes, such as Indian mounds. But actively we have about 16 historic sites and museums for which we directly control the program."

That the MNHS is good may have something to do with time. Though it's not polite to tell a lady's age, the MNHS was founded in 1849 as the fifth act of the Minnesota territorial legislature, making the society older by nine years than the state it represents. In 1989, 140 years later, the society began construction on the Minnesota History Center, with its sleek stone walls, rotating gallery exhibits, two gift shops and Café Minnesota, overlooking downtown Saint Paul and the Mississippi River.

Rivers play a big role in this year's sesquicentennial events, says Mattson. "If you look back at Minnesota's history, it originated along the rivers—the Mississippi, the Minnesota and the St. Croix rivers. Because rivers provided a means of power and transport. Logs shipped downriver. Grains shipped downriver. It wasn't until the railroad came through that the focus changed."

It's also no coincidence that many of the MNHS's historic sites locate on rivers,

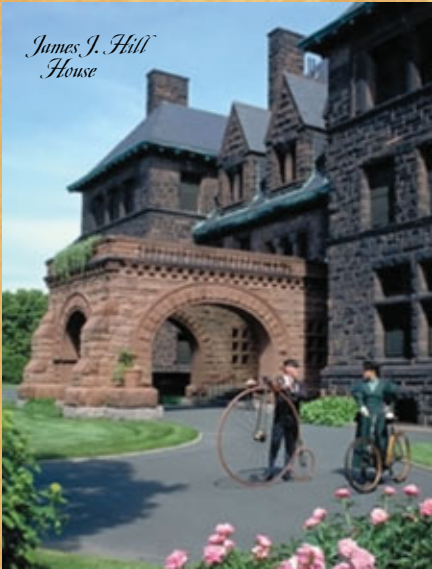
including the History Center and its neighbor the State Capitol. The group travel planner will want to keep these destinations in mind for May when Minnesota kicks off its May 11 birthday bash on the Capitol grounds with the Statehood Festival and Expo. Meet characters from Minnesota's past. Listen to music in the rotunda. Take a guided tour of the *Quadriga*, the golden horses on the Capitol roof (weather permitting).

And what's a festival without food? Sample vendor treats provided on the Capitol mall, or head down into Saint Paul for a taste of local hospitality. Café Minnesota at the Minnesota History Center offers self-service dining with a spectacular overlook. It's also a great place to take stock between exhibit tours.

Special for 2008, check out the History Center's "Minnesota 150" exhibit—150 people, places and things that define Minnesota. Thousands of Minnesotans nominated their favorite topics for inclusion: Bob Dylan, glaciation, the American Indian Movement, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (or BWCA for those in the know). And remember the old Burma-Shave billboards? Test your group's Minnesota knowledge with an interactive quiz game in the exhibit hall.

Also in Saint Paul, the James J. Hill House recognizes the contributions of one of Minnesota's Gilded Age industrialists. In

*James J. Hill House*



*North West Company Fur Post*



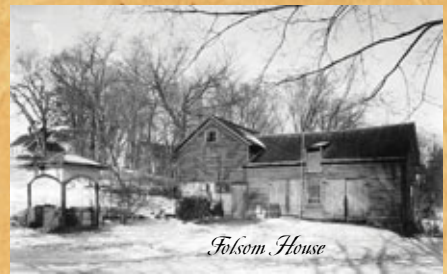
*Mille Lacs Indian Museum*



*Split Rock Lighthouse*



*Folsom House*



1878, James J. Hill solidified his empire with the creation of the Great Northern Railroad. His residence at 240 Summit Avenue was the most expensive house in Minnesota at its completion in 1891. The mansion incorporates five floors and 36,000 square feet of rugged red stone with 13 bathrooms, 22 fireplaces, 16 chandeliers and a 100-foot reception hall. Guides provide seasonal programming, including gaslight tours, Victorian ghost stories, art exhibits in Hill's two-story art gallery and walking tours of Summit Avenue.

Other big names in the nearby MNHS historic site tour are the **Alexander Ramsey House**, one of the best-preserved Victorian houses in America, and the **Henry Hastings Sibley House** in Mendota. At **Historic Fort Snelling**, situated at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers, costumed interpreters recreate camp life in the 1820s, when Fort Snelling was the furthestmost outpost of the United States and charged with the safeguarding of the lucrative fur trade.

Upriver in Minneapolis, find the Minnesota Historical Society's newest museum. **Mill City Museum** is a 12,000-square-foot tribute to Minneapolis's flour mill past.

"In planning the museum," says Mattson, "we struggled with the idea: Can we make flour a sexy program? What's

great about flour?"

Sexy aside, Mill City Museum boasts an imaginative reuse of architecture. The ruins of the Washburn A-Mill provide the outer shell for the brand new facility, which in warm months hosts a well-attended farmer's market and nighttime music series. Board the 8-story Flour Tower. Read about the personalities that turned a frontier town into the top flour producer at the turn of the century. Sneak a bite of wholesome flour goodness in the Baking Lab. Or step outside for a view of the bridge James J. Hill built—the Stone Arch Bridge—and St. Anthony Falls.

Yet as anyone can tell you, Minnesota is more than the Twin Cities. The MNHS has cultivated a number of historic programs in each of the state's four quadrants, with an eye to motor coach accessibility and group travel.

Southeast in historic River Bluff Country, discover the genesis of the Mayo Clinic system at the **W.W. Mayo House** in Le Sueur. **Historic Forestville** in Preston and **Harkin Store** in New Ulm recall the decline of river communities in the late 1800s when the railroad transferred commerce from waterways to railways.

Southwest, dip into Minnesota's prehistoric past at **Jeffers Petroglyphs**. Stone carvings, some dating back 5,000 years, recall the native peoples and culture

of pre-settlement Minnesota. While other nearby sites—**Lac Qui Parle Mission**, **Lower Sioux Agency**, **Birch Coulee Battlefield** and **Fort Ridgely**—retrace the history leading up to the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, also called the Dakota Conflict.

The **Oliver H. Kelley Living History Farm** in Elk River, **Charles Lindbergh's** boyhood home in Little Falls and the **Comstock House** in Moorhead form a straight shot northwest from the Cities. The Kelley Farm will greet the sesquicentennial with live chicks, goats, sheep, calves, kittens and piglets. On July 4, join in a game of Townball, a precursor to modern baseball.

The **Forest History Center** in Grand Rapids and the **Mille Lacs Indian Museum** in Onamia segue from Minnesota's wooded rural interior to Lake Superior's rugged shoreline, overseen by the keeper at **Split Rock Lighthouse**. **North West Company Fur Post** reconstructs a fur trader wintering post in 1804, while **Folsom House** in Taylors Falls and **Marine Mill** on the bluffs of the St. Croix River hearken back to Minnesota's timber harvesting era.

To honor 150 years of Minnesota statehood, the MNHS will offer free admission to all its historic sites and museums June 1. For more information about the MNHS and sesquicentennial events, call 651-259-3003 or visit [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org).

# Eyeing Itasca, from the inside out.

BY KATHLEEN SOMERS

Popular folklore suggests the name **Itasca**, the lake and the park from where the **Mississippi River** springs forth, was named after a legendary Indian maiden. The story goes that in mourning her lost lover she cried a river of tears forming the start of the Mississippi. Given the number of women I know, myself included, who have cried a river of tears over a lost lover, there may be some romantic inkling to believe this tale. However, the truth is that Henry Schoolcraft, mineralogist-explorer, is credited with making the first official record of the discovery of the Mississippi River's source. While he was there for only 3 hours, his visit changed the official course of both America's greatest river and of history itself. Schoolcraft derived the name from the Latin words for "truth" and "head" by linking adjoining syllables: ver**ITAS**CApud. And his journals of charting the Mighty Mississippi River may very well be a far more captivating reason to bring your group to tour the Headwaters of Itasca.

While having your picture taken at the **Mississippi Headwaters**, or strolling across the river at its narrowest point, is reason enough to come to **Itasca State Park**, don't think for a minute your trip is complete once the photo has been snapped. In fact, I can testify from personal experience that your group will feel cheated if you don't plan time for more of the many offerings available within this 32,000 acre Park boasting 157 lakes.

Did you know Itasca is home to *the largest Red Pine in the nation*? In fact, there's quite a story to be told about the towering Red, White, and Jack Pines of Minnesota's oldest state park. It was the natural, historical and inspirational values of these native Minnesota trees that led to the establishment of Itasca State Park in 1891. That, friend, is a tale filled with the kind of drama a good western movie is made of. The land ultimately to become one of Minnesota's most popular destinations was not owned entirely by the state. The bulk of the land, including the portion at the Headwaters was owned by railroads, logging companies and the Federal Government. The federal lands were turned over easy enough, and the state eventually appropriated funds to purchase the remaining land. But the struggle was over the trees... a most valuable resource. It took decades to resolve, and during that time loggers continued to harvest some of the largest stands of virgin Norway and White Pine in the United States.

In a particularly dramatic moment of the struggle between conservationists and loggers, a 24-year-old **Mary Gibbs** risked her own life when she stood up to the loggers who threatened to "shoot anyone attempting to open the

sluiceway and relieve the flooding." It began in 1903 when loggers dammed the Mississippi River and filled the flooded Lake Itasca with harvested logs. A brave Mary Gibbs, having recently been appointed park commissioner, served a warrant to loggers in spite of their death threats. It was a tense time, but eventually the dam gates were forced open, the flooding subsided and logging was ended in Itasca State Park in 1920. The details of this remarkable woman's stand to enforce the law as protector of Itasca, and her struggle against loggers, attorneys, and state officials as North America's first park commissioner, can be learned at the new **Mary Gibbs Visitors Center**.

There is ample parking at the Mary Gibbs Headwaters Center for your motorcoach. You can plan a minimum of 30 minutes to enjoy the year round outdoor interpretive displays, the large gift shop, restrooms, and a seasonal restaurant. From there it is just a short walk to the famous Headwaters, where you will want to plan at least 30 more minutes.

**Wilderness Drive** is a narrow, curvy, 11 mile one way loop. This scenic drive winds through remote and undeveloped areas of virgin pine and sparkling lakes. The route begins at the Headwaters parking lot and ends near the **Douglas Lodge** area. Allow a good hour (speed limit 20 mph) with no stops. Better yet, plan to enjoy some of the various sites and trails along the way and allow your group to stretch their legs in some of nature's most beautiful offerings. As part of the state's sesquicentennial celebration, you might want to arrange for a naturalist to be your step on guide where the focus will be directed towards some of the parks

interesting and often thrilling history.

**Preachers Grove**, named for a religious convention that once camped there is home to a stand of towering Red Pine dating back to 1714. Explore on foot or as a drive through. More points of interest include **Peace Pipe Vista**, the **Bison Kill Site**, **Indian Mounds**, and the old **Wegmann Cabin**. Another photo op waits at the nation's champion White Pine, or the state's record Norway Pine or Red Pine.

Excellent food priced reasonably, is just one reason to plan lunch at **Douglas Lodge**. Another is the Rustic Style design of this 1905 built structure located along the south shore of **Lake Itasca**. Originally called "Itasca Park Lodge", and built from peeled logs harvested from the surrounding forests, this oldest surviving building and part of the largest collection of log-constructed buildings in the state park system was named for Wallace B. Douglas, prominent figure in the efforts to save the areas timber.

It's an easy walk (or ride) from Douglas Lodge to the pier at Itasca Lake where the **Chester Charles II** is docked. This privately operated 3-deck boat, with a capacity for 141, would take your group on a two-hour cruise along the lake to the headwaters of the Mississippi. Have your camera ready as you are likely to spy Bald Eagles, and other wildlife.

Whether you choose to explore the park by bus, boat, bike or hike, Itasca is a famous natural and cultural landmark in North America. Easy to access just north of Park Rapids by 21 miles on Hwy 71, the park is a perfect motorcoach stop, for an hour, a day or even an overnight. ●

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## *Pig's Eye to 'Peanuts' to Post-It Notes...* Minnesota celebrates 15🍪 years

BY RICK PEARSON

**Logic--which is best, and rarely applied liberally--says that if you're going to visit someone, visit when they're having a party.**

Because few of us can look forward to being as spry and vital at 150 as the state of Minnesota is these days, then aiming your motorcoach toward the North Star State's sprawling celebration of 150 years of statehood seems like an entertaining and profitable idea.

After all, this kind of thing only happens every century-and-a-half. That's why there's a word for it: *Sesquicentennial* (don't worry, it shows up in spell checker; you can go bravely forward into preparing your promotional material).

"It's a great time for homecoming, or for visiting Minnesota for the first time," said Jane Leonard, Executive Director of the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission. "Communities are putting their best foot forward. It's just a perfect time to see Minnesota at its best."

Yes, Minnesota, the lake-laden place and wonderful folks who brought us Post-It Notes, Global Positioning, Hubert H. Humphrey, Prince and the 1980 Olympic Hockey Team. Charlie Brown, Bob Dylan, the Nut Goodie and Cheerios. Loni Anderson, Marshal Dillon, Bronco Nagurski and Lake Wobegon. The Pillsbury Doughboy, the first advertising jingle ("Have you *triiied* Wheaties?"), Hamms and Grain Belt Beer, Judy Garland, Sinclair Lewis, the Mayo Brothers and SPAM. Tidy Cat, the Tilt-A-Whirl and the first indoor World Series. The snowmobile, water skiing, Rollerblades and the pop-up toaster. The Coen Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, Captain Billy's Whiz Bang and a capital city that almost got named "Pig's Eye." Not to mention the largest ball of twine and the biggest ear of corn.

And, of course, holding a special place in the hearts and minds of tour operators everywhere: Greyhound Bus Lines.



“...you have all year to celebrate.”

The Minnesota Historical Society—an excellent tour stop anytime—has created the Minnesota 150, “The People, Places, and Things that Shape Our State”. The ongoing exhibit comes after more than 2,700 nominations were provided by Minnesotans in every corner of the state, as well as around the world. Nominations and the final 150 chosen cover a wide range of categories, from sports events to political figures and pop icons, to inventors and their inventions, to lasting examples of cultural traditions. (Note: for more detailed information read this issue’s profile article on page 9)

The scope and enjoyment of the celebration extend far beyond those specific days and weeks, though. All year long, communities and revered institutions statewide are looking backward fondly, offering a long, long list of intriguing things to see, hear and do. Many of them are chronicled in the pages of this issue of ITINERARIES MINNESOTA. And, throughout the year a calendar of events will be updated at the Sesquicentennial website, [mn150years.org](http://mn150years.org). That calendar can be searched by date, location or type of event (theater, sports, for example).

An additional events calendar is being prepared for each of Minnesota’s five “biomes” (natural areas). Not only is Minnesota the only state where as many as three biomes intersect—Coniferous, Deciduous and Prairie Grass—but also there are two more such natural areas. In the far northwest is a Tall Grass & Aspen area, and the extreme south-east is Driftless, land never covered by glaciers. These Biome calendars will feature individual areas each month. June is Tall Grass & Aspen. July Deciduous and Prairie Grass, August Coniferous and September Driftless.

### Statewide, the list of special events and projects is long, including....

The creation of Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commemorative medallions. Authorized by the State Legislature and minted by Wendells, Inc., six different medallions are available and are priced at \$5 each. Funds generated support the Sesquicentennial effort. All feature the

Sesquicentennial logo on one side, with the reverse being either the State Seal, the Minnesota State quarter or Minnesota’s Historical Society’s “Minnesota 150” logo. Painted versions of each are also available.

The medallions are minted in solid bronze, then given an antiqued finish to create a contrast in detail before finally being coated with a jewelers lacquer for lasting protection.

Special orders are available. As a Tour Operator you can order your own version of the medallion to present to your travelers to remember their trip with you. Call 1-800-WENDELLS (936-3355) for ordering information.

The Sesquicentennial Commission has issued grants to every county in the state for related projects. Some are for events specific to 2008, others are for projects that leave a lasting legacy, restoring a band shell or creating a teaching mechanism to study a community’s history, for example. All designated Minnesota “Historic Sites” will feature special programs and events every month.

The Department of Natural Resources has created 150 programs throughout the summer, including Geo-Caching adventures in every Minnesota State Park, many using Sesquicentennial medallions as the object of the GPS-led treasure hunts.

Beginning July 1 and ending at the State Fair on Opening Day, Orlin Ostby of Gatzke will honor a 50-year-old commitment by trekking 400 miles to Saint Paul with his family and a sturdy pair of oxen. In 1958, Delmar Hagen made the ox cart journey to celebrate Minnesota’s Centennial. Ostby, then a 16-year old farm hand working for Hagen, promised he would make the same trip for the Sesquicentennial. He and his family will follow the old Pembina Trail, an early pioneer route between Saint Paul and Winnipeg. The quality of that trail is still demonstrated today; Interstate 94 and Highway 10 essentially follow the same path. Their timetable and projected stops as they walk southward through the heart of Minnesota’s Vacation Country can be found at [mn150yrs.org](http://mn150yrs.org).

There’s a showcase for Minnesota’s “mental



agility” in downtown Minneapolis. The remarkable new Public Library—the state’s official patent library—is presenting an ongoing exhibit featuring Minnesota’s inventions and patents. Some are quirky, yes, and others changed the way we live.

A commemorative Minnesota stamp featuring a spectacular photo of the Mississippi taken near Winona will go on sale at the height of the May festivities.

Singer Ann Reed, this year’s Minnesota Public Radio troubadour, has traveled the state, performing and collecting ideas for a state song, which she will debut at Saint Paul’s Fitzgerald Theater (home of “A Prairie Home Companion”) May 3.

Warren Nelson’s “Old Minnesota Show, Song of the North” is traveling the state.

Recipes from all over the state have been submitted, and a Minnesota 150th Anniversary cookbook is scheduled to appear in bookstores in May.

Baseball’s Saint Paul Saints will host the American Association’s annual All-Star Game July 22, the theme being “150 Years of Baseball in Minnesota.” That element will be part of the Saints’ profile the entire season.

The list of engaging and entertaining stops keeps growing, even beyond what you’ll find in this issue. “Any group planning a tour should remember to check our website,” said Leonard. “Communities and organizations are adding events almost daily. “ Wait!!! We forgot Betty Crocker, Laura Ingalls Wilder, the Guthrie Theater, the Mary Tyler Moore house and K Rations.

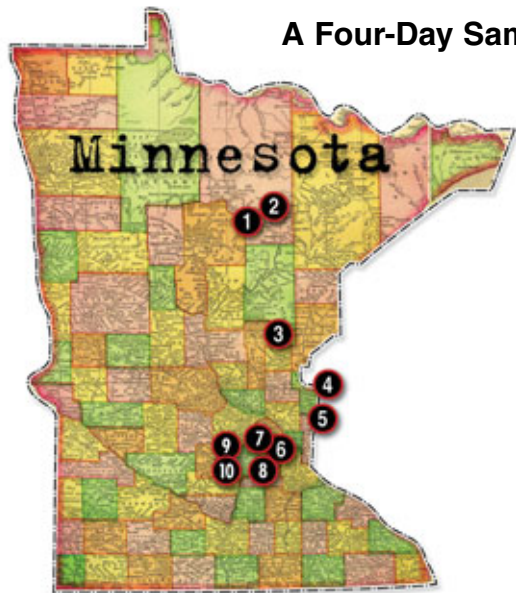
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### DAY ONE

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

10:30 - 3:00 pm

Join in the fun at the **33rd Annual Judy Garland Festival!** Be enchanted with a trip down memory lane on the yellow brick road with the help of the



remaining real - life munchkins from the classic movie... *The Wizard of Oz*. Enjoy Grand Rapids and all the festival events including a guest celebrity appearance, a film festival, collector's exchange and seminars. You'll tour Judy's childhood home and the adjacent **Children's Museum**. *Here's a test for you. What was Judy Garland's full name in real life? It was Frances Ethel Gumm.* Lunch on your own, so maybe **Auntie Em's** in Old Central School with choices of wrap sandwiches, soups, dessert and coffee.

**3 - 5:00 pm**

A visit to the **Forest History Center** offers a variety of exciting opportunities to explore Minnesota's forests and meet the people who lived and worked in them over 100 years ago. Go back in time as your group enjoys the Center's 1900 logging camp. Join in at



the logging camp for log rolling, sleigh loading, cooking demonstrations, storytelling and more. Call ahead for specific program schedules.

**5 - 6:00 pm**

Check into the **Sawmill Inn** where groups are given the red carpet treatment! Known for its unique decor and excellent customer service, your group will experience the enjoyable up-north atmosphere. The Cedars Dining Room offers exceptional casual and fine dining, while the catering department can plan a Lumberjack meal or a candlelight dinner especially for your group.

### DAY TWO

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th

7 - 10:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at the **Sawmill Inn** and head south by way of highways 2, 73 and 35W to **Pine City**. The 130-mile drive will be a wonderful opportunity for your group to enjoy some of Minnesota's magnificent up-north scenery.

**10 - 2:00 pm**

Arrive at the historic site of **The North West Company**



**Fur Post**, authentically reconstructed from the winter of 1804-05. Costumed guides help interpret the site and take visitors back to the days when furs were

traded here under the British flag. An expanded visitor center, featuring new exhibits, a Great Room, fireplace and retail space, opened here in 2003. At the



**ARROWHEAD & STONE TOOLS** event learn about the skilled art of making spear points and arrowheads and how modern flint-knappers have kept this ancient craft alive. This annual event attracts knappers from around the country who demonstrate their skills, the same used thousands of years ago by early residents to hunt wild game.

**2 - 4:00 pm**

Take the short drive to **Taylors Falls** and tour the home of lumber baron **W.H.C. Folsom**. Built in 1855, Folsom moved his family to Taylors Falls in 1850. He served as state representative for one term and state senator for six terms. Located in the **Angle Hill District** you may have the opportunity to also tour the **United Methodist Church** right next door - built in 1861, the second oldest church still in use in Minnesota. The Angle Hill District also features the oldest schoolhouse in Minnesota, built in 1852.

**4 - 6:30 pm**

Taylors Falls has options for group accommodations, too. Depending on your group's size, you could stay at the **Jail House B&B** or enjoy more traditional accommodations like the **Holiday Inn Express**. Whatever your choice your group will love this village on the beautiful **St. Croix River**.

**6:30 - 10:00 pm**

Dining aboard one of the historical paddlewheel boats is a delightful way for your group to spend the evening and learn about history from both sides of the river: Minnesota and Wisconsin. On either the dinner cruise or the picnic cruise you will enjoy a delicious meal, while viewing the beauty of the St. Croix River. The trip includes a narration while passing through the Dalles of the St. Croix.

### DAY THREE

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

7 - 8:30 am

Breakfast and then head south about 23 miles for some real trout fishing.

**8:30 - 10:15 am**

**Star Prairie Trout Fishing Farm** was established in 1856. You will want to be sure to set this special opportunity up in advance because they are not open to the public. Spend the morning relaxing along the side of the **Apple River** and Rainbow Trout fishing in cold, crystal clear spring water ponds. Poles and tackle are provided and there is no license or limit. Bait

is available at a minimal cost.

**10:15 – 1:00 pm**

Drive to **Osceola, WI** for another trip back into time! Enjoy the **St. Croix River Valley** the way it was meant to be seen - by rail on a vintage roundtrip railway car! Brunch will be served on this trip.

**1 – 2:00 pm**

A forty-five minute drive to a city rich in history and stories, **Saint Paul**, Minnesota's state capital. Saint Paul has preserved a past that includes distinctive period architecture, prompting the many stories that can be told about this great city.

**2 – 3:00 pm**

The **Cathedral of Saint Paul** welcomes over 200,000



guests and visitors annually. Recognized as an elegant historic landmark, it is a key structure in the history of Saint Paul, one of the most prominent buildings in the city, and is the fourth largest Cathedral in the United States. Placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1974, it is a grand example of classical Renaissance architecture and features four unique chapels finished in Italian marble, Shrines of Nations, (honoring some of the ethnic groups that settled the area), bronze grills depicting the life of the Apostle Paul plus many beautiful stained-glass windows.

**3 – 5:30pm**

Check in to the **Embassy Suites** of Saint Paul for your



stay in downtown Saint Paul. This upscale hotel is just minutes from many Saint Paul attractions, including: **Minnesota Historical Center, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Science Museum of Minnesota,** and the **State Capital buildings.**

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Dinner at **Jax Café.** Third-generation owned, Jax Café has been a local favorite since 1933. Once again reel in a Star Prairie rainbow trout from their trout pond in the lavish gardens or order live Maine lobster from their saltwater tank. Prime Rib, Tenderloin and New York Strip steaks are also menu staples. Oh, so good, and the service!

**7 – 10:00 pm**

Sunday night dancing at **Cinema Ballroom.** Waltz,

swing, tango, foxtrot, rumba and more. Dance to the sounds of Jerry O'Hagan and his Orchestra and bring back the ballroom days of yesterday! Dance lessons start at 6:15 pm.

## DAY FOUR

**MONDAY, JUNE 30th**

**7 – 9:00 am**

Complementary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning at the Embassy Suites Hotel. *Here you can get really egg-cited about breakfast!*

**9 – 11:00 am**

**Minnesota's State Capitol** is one of the Midwest's most spectacular buildings with its towering white marble dome, fluted columns, graceful arches and commanding statuary. Tour groups can request customized tours that emphasize either the building or state government. Some tours require a fee and may combine a tour with lunch in the restored **Rathskeller Café** during legislative sessions.

**11 – 2:00 pm**

The **Minnesota History Center** is located in the heart of Saint Paul. During Minnesota's Sesquicentennial, the Historical Society has created a wonderful exhibit: **Minnesota 150, "The People, Places, and Things that Shape Our State"**. A large sampling of Minnesota icons, plus what and who have contributed in the making of our state, reflects the broad history of Minnesota, from long before statehood to contemporary times. Minnesota 150 is just one of the many exhibits open at the History Center. Lunch at the **Café Minnesota** is known for fabulous food and choices. Some tasty examples include Farm to Fork, In-Balance, Low Fat, or Organic.

**2 – 5:00 pm**

Next, it's onto **Minneapolis!** In honor of Minneapolis's

150th birthday this year, too, Meet Minneapolis, the City's official convention and visitors association, developed a list of 150 favorite things to do in this Twin City. Be sure to take in the birthplace of Minneapolis, historic **St. Anthony Falls** and the **Stone Arch Bridge** on the riverfront with their spectacular



scenery as you take a leisurely stroll across the only Stone Arch Bridge on the entire Mississippi River.

**5 – 7:30 pm**

Time for dinner at **Gluek's Bar and Restaurant**, the oldest bar and restaurant in downtown Minneapolis - family owned and operated since 1934. Gluek's is a tradition and offers delicious American cuisine in a classic atmosphere.

Thank you for bringing your groups to Minnesota and the upper Midwest. This sample itinerary contains many ideas you can customize into a fascinating tour or package. For assistance in customizing your travel itinerary, or to answer your questions about regional tourism, contact an area CVB or Heartland Tours & Travel in the Twin Cities (MN) at 651-777-7170.

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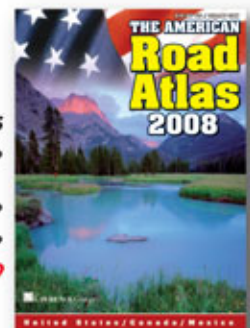
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sculptures, French cuisine, music and dance, there's something for every taste.

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If you like games of chance, Winnipeg offers two government run casinos within the city limits for your entertainment. **Club Regent Casino**, with a tropical vibe and 100,000 litre walk-through salt water Aquarium and the **McPhillips Street Station**, a turn-of-the-century inspired railroad theme reference to the railroad.

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(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

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Owatonna 651-583-2915
- 25-27 **8th Annual Bluff Country Studio Art Tour,**  
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### may

- 2-4 **100-Mile Garage Sale,**  
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- 2-5 **Ibsen Festival,** Lanesboro 507-467-2696
- 4-11 **Minnesota State Sesquicentennial  
Wagon Trail,** Cannon Falls 763-323-5789
- 10 **Austin Annual Area Rummage Sale  
& SPAMBURGER Day,** Austin 507-437-4563
- 16-18 **Syttende Mai Fest,**  
Spring Grove 507-498-5221

### june

- 7 **Rhubarb Festival,**  
Lanesboro 800-944-2670
- 7-8 **Wild West Roundup,**  
Northfield 507-210-6523
- 7-8 **Dakota Homecoming and Gathering,**  
Winona 800-657-4972
- 18-22 **Steamboat Days,** Winona 507-452-0735
- 26-29 **Lewiston Heartland Days,**  
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- 27-29 **Water Ski Days Festival,**  
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- 27-Jul 27 **Great River Shakespeare Festival,**  
Winona 507-474-7900

### july

- 3-5 **Grand Old Fourth,** Austin 507-437-4563
- 4 **4th of July Celebration,**  
Northfield 507-645-9268
- 15-20 **Rice County Fair,** Faribault 507-332-2470
- 25 **Riverboat Days Festival,**  
Wabasha 651-565-4158

### august

- 1-3 **Buffalo Bill Days,**  
Lanesboro 507-467-2696
- 1-3 **River City Days,** Red Wing 651-388-4863
- 12-17 **Steele County Free Fair,**  
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## Burma Shave Signs

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They were rather small, with red and with white letters. In a simpler time, when most people travelled what are now fondly known as the “blue highways,” they were a charming and whimsical treat as the miles passed by. Spotting the first sign meant everyone in the car would follow along, all the way to the final, expected payoff. Guaranteed. Yeah, the **Burma Shave signs** were peddling shaving cream (the first shaving cream in a can, by the way), but they were fun.

In 1925, **Clinton Odell** and his sons, **Allen and Leonard**, had a problem. The new product from their **Burma-Vita company** had been perfected as a means of applying shaving cream without a brush. “Burma Shave,” they called it, and it wasn’t selling, largely because no one knew about it.

Allen was the one who had the epiphany. He’d seen a series of gas station signs in Illinois, and suggested something similar for Burma Shave. Clinton forked over \$200 for reclaimed lumber, and the sons painted the first signs, posting them between Minneapolis and Albert Lea, and between Saint Paul and Red Wing. Allen negotiated with farmers for use of their land along the shoulder of the road, and Leonard dug the post holes. A hundred feet apart they were, for easy reading while cruising along at 35 miles an hour.

Within a year, sales had gone from almost nothing to \$68,000, and signs spread across the Midwest. Within a decade, more than 7,000 signs were distributed. By the early 1950’s, more than 35,000 of them lined the nation’s highways.

The expanding interstate highway system with its higher speed limits spelled the end of the Burma Shave signs. By the 1960s, they were left to dust. Some were rescued by collectors. Most were scavenged for barn shelving and such. But they’ve never been forgotten.

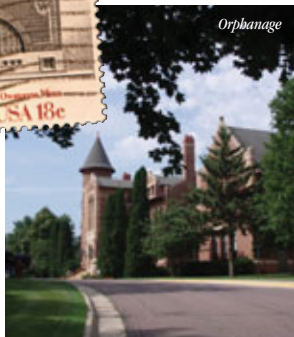
Collections of Burma Shave signs are apt to be found anywhere, but there’s a three-story wall full of them at the famous **House on the Rock** in **Spring Green, Wisconsin**.



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- 8:30 am - Learn about the Old Order Amish culture with knowledgeable guides from Amish Tours of Harmony. Visit Amish homesteads and browse their selection of handcrafted goods available for purchase.
- 10:30 am - Tour Slims Woodshed & Woodcarvers Museum, home to the largest woodcarving collection in the U.S.
- 11:30 am - Lunch at a local restaurant
- 12:30 pm - Check into Country Trails Inn & Suites for a very comfortable stay.
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- 3:45 pm - Sample Scenic Valley Winery's private label country wines made from local fruits, berries, and vegetables.
- 6:00 pm - Dinner at a local restaurant
- 8:00 pm - Enjoy an evening performance at the Commonwealth Theatre that will stir your mind, heart and your imagination.

## DAY 2

- 8:00 am - Complimentary continental breakfast and checkout of hotel
- 10:00 am - Tour Schech's Mill, the only original water-powered mill in Minnesota stone-grinding flour the same way it has been done since 1876.
- 11:30 am - Lunch at a local restaurant
- 12:30 pm - Drive the beautiful Apple Blossom Scenic Drive overlooking the gorgeous Mississippi River. Visit La Crescent, a unique scenic byway gateway, boasting three scenic byways. Let a step-on guide show you around this beautiful bluff region.
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## Red Wing River Ramble



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### DAY ONE

#### 10:30 – 12:00 pm

Arrive in **Red Wing**. Your first stop will be at the **Historic Depot in Levee Park**. This landmark, on the National Register of Historic Places is also home to Red Wing's Welcome Center.

#### 12 – 1:00 pm

Time for a sumptuous lunch at one of many group-friendly venues, from **Marie's Casual Dining & Lounge** to **Liberty's Restaurant & Lounge** or the charm of the Veranda in the renowned **St. James Hotel**, there are plenty of options available for any appetite and price range.

#### 1 – 2:30 pm

Off you go! This time you're heading to the top of the bluffs to visit the **Goodhue County Historical Society**. Named one of the best county museums in the Midwest, it also is home to one of the largest private collections of Red Wing Pottery in the world. Yes, there will be plenty of time for browsing the museum's well-established gift shop.

#### 2:30 – 3:30 pm

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the mid-1860's of creating handcrafted quality stoneware for the oven or microwave. Take a daily tour and see the various processes in the production of stoneware. Take time to shop at the factory store and watch their production floor through the large viewing window.

#### 3:30 – 5:00 pm

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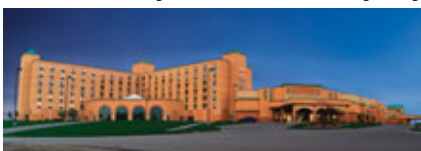
exciting complex of antique stores, specialty shops and restaurants.

**5 – 6:00 pm**

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**6 – 9:00 pm**

After some time to settle in, freshen up or explore nearby attractions, you're off to dinner, then one of many evening entertainment activities such as taking in a performance at the **T.B. Sheldon Theatre**, an evening **river boat excursion** or gaming



at nearby **Treasure Island Casino**. Afterward return for a well-deserved, comfortable night's rest.

### DAY TWO

**9 – 10:00 am**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel or a nearby restaurant before the day's activities.

**10 – 12:00 pm**

Your first stop is a scenic vineyard in one of Red Wing's picturesque valleys, **Falconer Vineyards**.



Take the winery tour, do some wine tasting, plus bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the picturesque view of the vineyard and surrounding bluff lands.

**12 – 12:30 pm**

Load the bus and head South on US-61 to **Lake City**.

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

Arrive in Lake City and step back in time to the 1800s when paddlewheel steamboats traveled the Mississippi with a sightseeing cruise of Lake Pepin on **Lake Pepin Paddleboat**.

**2:00 pm**

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But Slim doesn't just talk about woodcarving, he carves, too. His artistic works can be found from his museum to even the Antonin Dvorak Museum in the Czech Republic, where his carved bust of this world-renowned composer was given to the Dvorak family.

Make sure your group sees the many hobo signs at his museum...reproductions of special markings that hobos created during the depression to tell each other, for example, if a farmer was a friend who offered food and maybe even a bed.

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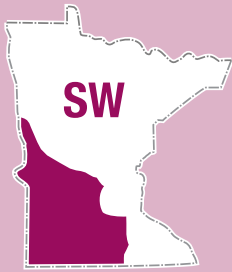
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## calendar of events

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

### april

- 18-19 **Southwest Minnesota Prairie Birding Fest 2008**, Luverne 888-283-4061
- 25-27 **Le Sueur County Pioneer Power 31st Swap Meet**, Le Sueur 507-931-2296
- 26-27 **Lac qui Parle Expo**, Appleton 320-289-1981

### may

- 2-4 **Mai Fest**, New Ulm 507-233-4300
- 3 **7th Annual Wings on the Prairie**, Windom 507-831-2220

### june

- 1-3 **National Brew Fest**, Mankato 507-625-4762
- 7 **Interlaken Heritage Days**, Fairmont 507-235-8585
- 8-13 **West Central Dairy Days**, Willmar 320-231-8112
- 11-14 **Windsurfing Regatta and Unvarnished Music Festival**, Worthington 507-372-2919
- 13-14 **51st Annual Invention Show**, Redwood Falls 507-627-2344
- 14-17 **Mountain Lake Pow Wow Festival**, Mountain Lake 507-427-2999

### july

- 3-4 **4th of July Celebration**, Albert Lea 507-373-3938
- 4 **Independence Day Celebration**, Morton 507-697-6912
- 18,19,25,26 **60th Song of Hiawatha Pageant** (final year), Pipestone 1-800-430-4126
- 18,19,25,26 **Wilder Pageant**, Walnut Grove 507-859-2174
- 17-19 **Sonshine Music Festival**, Willmar 320-235-6723
- 18-20 **Bavarian Blast**, New Ulm 507-359-2222
- 24-27 **Redwood County Fair**, Redwood Falls 800-657-7070
- 25-27 **Kolacky Days-Czech Festival**, Montgomery 507-364-5577
- 26-27 **Polka Days**, New Ulm 507-359-5095
- 29-Aug 3 **Freeborn County Fair**, Albert Lea 507-373-6965

### august

- 11-17 **Martin County Fair**, Fairmont 507-235-9576
- 15-17 **70th Annual Cornfest**, Ortonville 320-839-3284



Pipestone National Monument falls - Pipestone

## Pipestones Sacred Site, Quarry, and National Monument

Since 1937 the **National Park Service** has operated **Pipestone National Monument**, but the history of this sacred site goes back 3000 years. Squeezed between layers of ancient rock called **Sioux Quartzite**, which by the way is harder than steel and used for many of the buildings found in and around **Pipestone**, there exists a soft and easy to carve red mineral known formally as catlinite. But folks around here just call it pipestone, since that's what it's used for. It is said *The Great Spirit* formed a piece of the red stone into a pipe and smoked it. He then declared that His red skinned children must all smoke to Him through pipes made from the same stone, that the stone was to be used for "...nothing but pipes: and as it belonged alike to all tribes, the ground was sacred, and no weapons must be used or brought upon it." Indian Tribes have been gathering in peace from all over North America to quarry the pipestone in Southwestern Minnesota for at least 3000 years.

Only American Indians who have received a permit can quarry the valuable natural resource, but the National Park Service maintains the site available to visitors, offering an opportunity to explore American Indian culture and the natural resources of the tallgrass prairie. You will be treated to cultural demonstrations, such as local Indians making pipes, in the beautiful visitor center. You can interact with those demonstrating as they share personal experiences and the traditions they were taught for working and carving the pipestone.

Quarrying the pipestone is physically challenging work done with hand tools and age-old methods honoring centuries of tradition. Despite the arduous nature of the commitment, there exists a lengthy waiting list of Indians from many tribes to quarry in this sacred place. When you visit, you just might get a small sense of why this area is so special. You will also learn some fun and interesting facts. For instance, did you know that Pipestone National Monument was the first National Park Service area designated in Minnesota, signed into existence by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt?

## Final Curtain Call for *Song Of Hiawatha*

Sadly, after more than 500 performances, it is time for the final curtain call on the *Song of Hiawatha Pageant* held annually in Pipestone, MN. This year's performance dates are Friday and Saturday nights, the last two weekends in July (18-19, 25-26) and the first weekend in August (1-2). Make plans early, as they are sure to be sellouts! Bring your group of 25 or more during those pageant dates and stay overnight in Pipestone, Luverne or Lake Benton and you will be rewarded with a special *cash rebate of \$100*. Call the Pipestone CVB, 507-825-3316, for details or ticket information.



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## *A Visit to Czech to the Realm Just Down the Road*

This itinerary is best the weekend of September 20, 2008. You'll find it at coordinates I-17 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Your itinerary starts in the quaint town of **New Prague**, where residents are celebrating the annual **Do'zinky** (doe-shink'-key), a yearly Czech Harvest Festival to celebrate the year's crops. The Main Street is transformed into an open-air market with vendor booths covering the roads, while the scent of fresh Czech foods compliment your glass of authentic Czech beer. At noon, see the **Parade of Farm Pride** with a line-up of antique and modern farm equipment, cars, bands and horse-drawn units. Enjoy other special events planned for the day, including many demonstrators and entertainers.

2 – 5:00 pm

A short drive down the road you'll tour **Big Honza's Museum of Unnatural History**. Discover a place filled with unnatural attractions to tickle your funny bone. After enjoying stimulating Honzonian artifacts, the next stop is **Big Honza's Place**. The element of humor continues in this charming restaurant (even

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## History, Furry Friends, Fine Wine and German Hospitality!

This sample itinerary is best spring through fall. You'll find it at coordinates G-17 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

### 10 – 10:30 am

Welcome to **New Ulm**, "City of Charm and Tradition" as it's often called. This authentic German town has lots to offer, so let the folks at the Holiday Inn know you're here and let your adventure begin!

### 10:30 – 11:30 am

Your first stop is the **Wanda Gag House**, childhood home of Wanda Gag, renowned children's author and illustrator. Her most famous book was "Millions of Cats". Tour this 1894 Queen Anne style home, and see lithographs, illustrations, authentic artwork, and an exhibit of books created by Wanda and her family.

### 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Grab a bite to eat in one of New Ulm's fine places to dine.

### 1 – 2:30 pm

Enjoy a short ride northwest of town to see some furry little faces eager for your company at the **Rich-Nes Alpaca Farm**. Here you can learn about these special animals and everything their fur offers for warmth and fashion. Be sure to pick up a keepsake at the gift shop.

### 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Perhaps you've worked up a thirst by now, so let's head over to the **Fieldstone Vineyard** for a tour and wine tasting of these unique Minnesota wines, all made with Minnesota fruit and grapes. The 1930's renovated barn adds to the winery's charm, and the on-site gift shop showcases local artwork as well as wine and gifts.

### 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Board the coach to return to the **Holiday Inn** and freshen

up for dinner and the evening's entertainment.

### 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Dinner is only a few steps away at **Otto's Feierhaus & Bierstube Restaurant**, located inside the Holiday Inn. This German-themed restaurant offers tasty appetizers, ethnic specialties and BBQ ribs, plus a variety of entrees. And don't forget the award-winning **Green Mill Pizza**. Did we mention they love tour groups? Otto's also offers entertainment on certain nights.

*Or*, you could enlist the help of the New Ulm CVB and pre-arrange an evening with **The Concord Singers**, New Ulm's "Ambassadors of Good Will," performing their "festive German music" ranging from a concertina soloist to the 40-person male singing group.

For more information or to customize this itinerary for your group contact New Ulm CVB, 1-888-463-9856.

## Step Back in Time in Fairmont

This sample itinerary is best during late summer thru fall. You'll find it at coordinates G-19 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

### DAY ONE

#### 11 – 11:30 am

Arrive in **Fairmont**, located in the "Heart of the

Midwest." Check into a group friendly hotel.

### 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Enjoy outdoor dining at one of Fairmont's fine restaurants.

### 1 – 2:00 pm

Visit the **Martin County Historical Society & Pioneer Museum** to see authentic Fairmont area history, including a large collection of Indian relics and exhibits of pioneer life and a country school.

### 2 – 3:00 pm

Continue touring back in time with a visit to the **Red Rock Center for the Arts**. Take a look at the works of Minnesota architect Harry W. Jones who designed the building back in the late 1800s.

### 3 – 4:30 pm

Stroll through **Fairmont's Downtown Plaza**, making sure to stop at the area's farmers market to purchase some of their fresh wares.

### 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Return to your hotel to freshen up for dinner.

### 5 – 6:30 pm

Dine at the **Green Mill**, located in the **Holiday Inn** for your choice of fine dining favorites.

### 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Take in a memorable performance at the historic **Fairmont Opera House**. Call ahead for performances.

### DAY TWO

#### 7 – 8:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

#### 8 – 9:00 am

All aboard! Next it's the **Sisseton Sioux Transportation Model Railroad** with its 2,500 feet of track and 300 turnouts, every one of them remote-controlled.

#### 9 – 10:00 am

Court is now in session! Take a walk through the historic **Martin County Courthouse** and see why it's on the list of *Top 10 most beautiful courthouses in Minnesota*.

#### 10 – 11:00 am

Tour **Heritage Acres**, an Agricultural Interpretative Center located on the west shore of **Lake Sisseton**. Experience the heritage of past Midwest farms.

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### 9 – 10:30 am

Arrive in **Ortonville** and begin with a tour of the **Big Stone County Museum**, home to the *Charles Hanson North American Wildlife Collection*, one of the largest collections of waterfowl in the entire world.

### 10:30 – 12:00 pm

Take in the beautiful sights and sounds of **Big Stone State Park** with a stroll along the "Hiking Club Trail." This virgin prairie and lakeshore walkway is lined with occupied bluebird houses in the summer, taking groups through gracious woodlands and past the park's little known waterfall.

### 12 – 1:00 pm

Enjoy a hearty hometown lunch at an Ortonville restaurant by beautiful **Big Stone Lake**.

### 1 – 2:00 pm

Head Southeast traveling through the peaceful **Prairie Waters** countryside. Stop in the quaint, ethnic town of **Milan, MN**. Notice the Milan Mural on Main Street as you enter town.

### 2 – 3:00 pm

Your tour guide has arranged a visit to see an amazing and unique collection of vintage photographs and an

array of pioneer items from the area. It also is home to **Billy Maple Tree's**, a gift shop offering locally produced treasures.

### 3 – 3:45 pm

Hop back on your coach for a short ride to **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**.

### 3:45 – 4:30 pm

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## Out of this World and Back Again

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### DAY ONE

#### 8:30 – 10:30 am

Explore the **Planetarium of Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU)** along with the **Museum of Anthropology**, the **Natural Science Museum**, & the **SMSU Art Museum**.

#### 10:30 – 12:30 pm

Tour the **Landmark Bistro** and learn how this unique restaurant began at the Historic Hotel in downtown Marshall. Watch as the chefs prepare delicious meals for your group.

#### 1 – 2:00 pm

Head over to the **Lyon County Museum** and get absorbed in a history of the county. Browse the American Indian artifacts exhibit and enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream soda.

#### 2 – 3:00 pm

Next stop is the **Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**. Their new location and expanded gift shop display a variety of paintings, prints, pottery, jewelry, and carvings by area artists.

#### 3 – 5:30 pm

Shop downtown Marshall before checking into the **Best Western Hotel**.

#### 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Dine at **Shay's**, the hotel's restaurant, or **Applebee's** across the street.

#### 7 – 10:00 pm

Choose from an **SMSU Theater Production**, a performance by the **Minnesota Orchestra** or, if the timing is right, see the **Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant** for your group's evening entertainment.

### DAY TWO

#### 7:30 – 8:30 am

Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet in the hotel.

#### 8:30 – 10:00 am

Tour the **Schwan's Historical Museum** and enjoy some delicious **Schwan's Ice Cream**.

#### 10 – 11:30 am

Take a ride with the Red Baron in the **Imersa-Dome** at the **Red Baron Museum**. Then hop into the **MaxiFlight** simulator and see how it feels to fly a **Stearman Bi-plane** or dogfight in combat.

#### 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Savor the tantalizing tastes of ethnic foods at the **Mariachi Fiesta Mexican Restaurant** or at the **Hunan Lion Chinese Restaurant**. Head for home when your bellies are full!

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group, contact your tour operator or Andrea at the Schwan's Historical Museum, 507-537-8236.

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the restroom is a one-of-a-kind sight). Your personal guide for the museum and restaurant portion of the tour will be Dr. Monty Gomery, Ph.D. (Promulgator of Honzonian Data), a distinguished graduate of ISU (Imaginary State University).

#### 5 – 7:30 pm

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This year marks the 31st **Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant**, an annual outdoor drama based on the author's life in Walnut Grove. With permanent sets and extensive sound and lighting, the Wilder Pageant has been selected for the **Top Annual Group Tour Festivals & Events** for several years.

On three consecutive Saturdays in July (12, 19, 26), the **Walnut Grove Family Festival** will take place in Walnut Grove City Park during the

**Wilder Pageant**. Food vendors, crafters and a variety of activities are being planned. Twins Lindsey and Sidney Greenbush, better known as Carrie Ingalls of the 1970's Little House on the Prairie TV Series will appear in the park July 19. Historic bus tours of Walnut Grove will also be held in the afternoons.

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### april

- 4-6 **Bemidji Jaycees' Home, Sport & Travel Show**, Bemidji 218-444-4401
- 5 **Vergas Maple Syrup Fest**, Vergas 218-342-2091

### may

- 1-3 **Living History Days**, Deer River 218-246-9393
- 15-18 **Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds**, Detroit Lakes 218-847-9202
- 17 **The Natural Environment of Charles A Lindburgh**, Little Falls 320-616-5421
- 31-Jun 1 **8th Annual Street Faire at the Lakes**, Detroit Lakes 218-847-9202

### june

- 6-7 **Nisswa-stämman Scandinavian Folk Festival**, Nisswa 218-764-2994
- 12-15 **Prairie Fest 2008**, Long Prairie 320-732-4900
- 14 **Great American Think-Off**, New York Mills 218-385-3339
- 19-21 **Moondance Jammin Country Fest**, Walker 218-547-1313
- 22 **Swedish Midsommar Festival**, Bemidji 218-444-3469
- 26-29 **Granite City Days**, St. Cloud 320-251-4170
- 27-29 **Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival**, Moorhead 218-299-5452

### july

- 4 **July 4th Fireworks**, St. Cloud 612-940-6364
- 9-13 **112th Annual Hubbard Co. Shell Prairie Fair**, Park Rapids 218-732-4111
- 11 **International Day at Concordia Language Villages**, Bemidji 800-450-2214
- 11-20 **73rd Annual Northwest Water Carnival**, Detroit Lakes 800-542-3992
- 12-13 **Phelps Mill Festival**, Fergus Falls 218-739-5377
- 17-20 **East Ottertail County Fair**, Perham 218-346-7710
- 18-19 **Muskie Days**, Park Rapids 218-732-4111
- 25-27 **Blueberry Festival in Lake George**, Park Rapids 218-732-4111
- 30- Aug 3 **Beltrami County Fair**, Bemidji 218-444-8169

### august

- 1-2 **Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival**, Bemidji 218-444-3541
- 16-17 **Forestedge Winery Art Fair**, LaPorte 218-732-4111

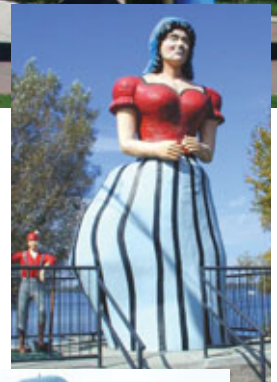
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# Viking Woods & Lakes northwestern minnesota

Paul Bunyan & Babe the Blue Ox - Bemidji, MN



Lucette - Hackensack, MN



## Paul Bunyan

There is no shortage of theories regarding the origin of **Paul Bunyan**. Some say he began as "Jean Bonjean," the hero of stories spun by French Canadian lumbermen. Others believe that he springs from Paul Bunyon, giant hero of 1837's Papineau Rebellion when French Canadians rebelled against their English queen. Others maintain he was born in a 1910 Detroit newspaper story. Beginning in 1914, though, he most definitely was the star of a series of advertising pamphlets for **Minneapolis' Red River Lumber Company**.

It's easy to recognize any assertions that are utter nonsense. They're the ones that claim he wasn't real. The truth is, he did everything everyone says he did and more. No self-respecting Minnesotan will tell you otherwise. You scoff? You think 18th and 19th century lumberjacks would sit around their campfires and bunkhouses and make up tall tales? You think all of Paul's lumbermen weren't named Sven? Or that he didn't have an upside down dog? Pshaw. Of course, he did. Because he was the magnificent super-sized lumberjack (63 axe-handles high, to be precise) who cleared entire forests and dug rivers and whose stomping footsteps created all our Minnesota lakes, and who was accompanied everywhere by **Babe the Blue Ox**.



Paul Bunyan - Akeley, MN

Some even say he is still around today, and that the whooshing of wind you hear high in the evergreens of a thick northern Minnesota forest isn't the wind at all. It's Paul, his axe swinging through the stillness.

One thing is certain, there are plenty of statues of him, and relating to him, around. In 1937, huge images of Paul and Babe were erected in **Bemidji**, where they stand today, and are said to be the nation's second most photographed objects. Soon after, another statue appeared in **Brainerd**, where he still sits greeting visitors. The 25-foot Paul in **Akeley** is kneeling, and folks can climb into the palm of his hand (another photo opp). **Lucette**, his sweetheart, stands in **Hackensack**, where she and Paul's marriage license is on display at the Chamber of Commerce office. **Ortonville** has his **anchor**, **Blackduck** his **rifle**, and he may be buried in **Keliher**. "May" be buried there. Hush, now. Hear that sound high in the trees?



## Three Museums Make Highway 10 a '10'

This sample itinerary can be customized for anytime of the year. You'll find it at coordinates D-9 & B-9 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

### DAY ONE

#### 10 – 1:00 pm

Begin your day in **Perham, Minnesota** at the **ITOW (In Their Own Words) Museum**. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to telling the stories of American Veterans "In Their Own Words" via Audio-visual exhibits and stunning documentaries. A deeply moving and inspirational tribute to our veterans, you will leave enriched and uplifted. Arrange for a special "mess kit" lunch, for an unforgettable experience.

#### 1 – 1:30 pm

Just a short drive up **Hwy 10** is **Detroit Lakes**, chosen to be "*Capital for a Day*" as part of the state's Sesquicentennial celebration.

#### 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Welcome to the **Becker County Historical Museum**, and a walk through history. Explore the county's early history as expressed through Native American artifacts. Visit "Old Three Legs" the most famous wolf in Minnesota and learn about his reign of terror. Complete your tour at a display that highlights our service men and women from Civil War time to the Iraq conflict. A real treasure trove!

#### 3 – 4:00 pm

It's time for homemade pie and fresh coffee at the **Main Street Café**.

#### 4 – 5:30 pm

Check in to the **Detroit Lakes AmericInn Lodge and Suites**, and be greeted with a warm welcome reception.

#### 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Dinner at **The Speakeasy** where you will feel you have gone back in time to a real 1920's speakeasy, complete with costumed wait staff and wonderful Italian cuisine. Bootlegging optional!

#### 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Detroit Lakes offers a variety of entertainment, dictated by the time of your visit. Consider relaxing to live entertainment at the **Historic Holmes Theater**, or maybe a nostalgic band at **The Pavilion on Big Detroit**. Come at **Water Carnival** or **Becker Country Fair** time, or treat your group to the **White Earth Indian Pow Wow** in June.

#### 10:00 pm

Back at the **AmericInn** there is "kid free" pool time where you can also relax in the large whirlpool or enjoy a dry steam after some laps in the pool. For simpler pleasures consider an ice cream bar in front of the lobby fireplace or a quiet game of checkers.

### DAY TWO

#### 8 – 9:00 am

Breakfast at the hotel includes make your own waffles.

#### 9 – 10:00 am

Continue on Hwy 10 to **Moorhead**.

#### 10 – 12:00 pm

Once there, head over to the **Clay County Museum**, located within the **Hjemkomst Center**. This beautiful facility hosts a variety of special exhibits and events, and is home to the **Hjemkomst Viking Ship**, permanently housed in the center, and was built by Robert Asp and his family and sailed to Norway in 1984.

#### 12 – 2:00 pm

Experience an English Pub when you lunch at **Ushers House** with its amazing view of the **Red River**.

#### 2 – 4:00 pm

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# MUSEUMS OF HIGHWAY 10

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## Park Rapids Lakes Area: Gateway to Itasca's Mississippi Headwaters



Headwaters of the Mississippi



Jacob Brower Visitor Center



This sample itinerary is best during the summer. You'll find it at coordinates F-9, F-8 & G-9 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

### DAY ONE

8 – 9:00 am

Arrive in **Park Rapids** just in time for breakfast at **Jack Pine Java** or **Bella Caffè**.

9 – 9:15 am

Leave Park Rapids and head north to **Itasca State Park**.

9:15 – 10:15 am

Stop at the quaint and delightful **'Summerhill Farm'**. Tour and shop each of the seven gift shops with its own special appeal and different varieties of gifts, decorative accessories, clothing and much more.

10:15 – 10:30 am

Continue your travel to **Itasca State Park**.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Tour the **Jacob Brower Visitor Center**. Pick up your park brochures and orient yourself on Itasca State Park established in 1891. Visit the **C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corp) Exhibit**. Gift shop is also available.

11:30 – 12:00 pm

Stop at **Peace Pipe Vista**, the overlook that gives you a wide-angle view of **Lake Itasca**.

12 – 1:00 pm

Lunch at historically impressive **Douglas Lodge**, where the view of the tranquil settings is second to none. The restaurant serves many wonderful entrees, several with a 'Minnesota' Flavor including walleye, wild rice or the famous blueberry pancakes.

1 – 3:30 pm

Take a guided tour aboard the historic **"Chester Charles"** on **Lake Itasca**. Another option is to go early and have lunch on the boat tour. Your group will be able to walk across the **Headwaters of the**

**Mississippi River** and visit the new **Mary Gibbs Headwaters Visitor Center** with its interesting displays, snacks and large gift shop.

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Leave Itasca State Park and stop at **Forestedge Winery** for a tour and tasting. This homegrown winery provides its visitors with a stroll along the nature trails, a pleasant wander through the gardens...and a taste of the 11 varieties of wine. After winetasting, step next door to the **Gallery for Original Arts and Fine Crafts**. Their **Art Fair** is August 16 and 17.

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Leave **Forestedge Winery** and arrive for dinner at **Brauhaus German Restaurant & Lounge**. Enjoy an authentic German dining experience presented by servers in traditional German attire.

7 – 9:30 pm

Leave the **Brauhaus** and arrive at **Long Lake Theater Performance**. Experience the theatrical presentations of a true community theater using local actors, stage managers and backstage support. Summer performances include: "The Nerd," "Gunmetal Blues," "Greater Tuna" and "Dog Logic".

9:30 pm

Overnight lodging is available at **C'Mon Inn, AmericInn Lodge & Suites & Super 8 Motel**.

### DAY TWO

8 – 9:30 am

Wake up and board the motorcoach to **Rapid River Logging Camp** for breakfast. Start your day in the same fashion that the lumberjacks did a half century or more ago. Enjoy their great pancakes and visit the **Cook Shanty**, where lumberjack cookies are baked daily in the same tradition used years ago. Tour the "Camp", where you can see equipment and methods, now laid to rest, but once used to move massive logs.

9:30 – 12:00 pm

Head back to **downtown Park Rapids** for a great shopping experience. Known for unique shops and its one of a kind items, and where people still park down the center of Main Street. Visit more than 55 unique stores offering everything from gifts, jewelry, collectibles, and items for the home or cabin, furniture, moccasins and more. Enjoy homemade candy, hand dipped ice cream cones or a malt at **Minnesoda Fountain**. Then board the bus to visit the **All Veterans Memorial Park**, a memorial in honor of all branches of the armed forces and all the wars in which they served.

12 – 2:00 pm

Now you're off to the **Northland Bison Ranch Tour** and enjoy a wonderful Buffalo Burger for a picnic lunch. Bison have been called the most important wild animals in the development of North America. This tour will bring your group up close and personal to these majestic creatures that once numbered in the millions and narrowly escaped extinction. Buses take you out in the field next to them, making them more accessible to everyone.

2 – 2:45 pm

Now head into **Akeley** for a visit to the **Red River Museum** to see a re-creation of Akeley and the **Red River Lumber Company** during the logging days. We will also visit the **Paul Bunyan statue** downtown for a photo opportunity in his huge hand.

2:45 – 5:00 pm

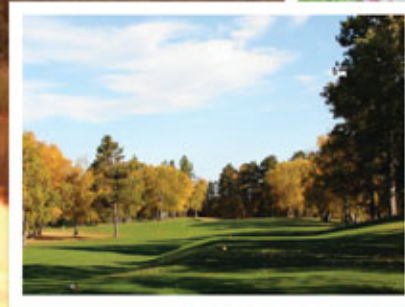
Your group will truly enjoy the live 2-hour musical review-style stage show combining a variety of lively music and comedy at the **Woodtick Musical Theatre Performance** in Akeley (mid-June – mid-September).

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## Long Prairie: History, Charm and Outstanding Theater

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### 9 – 10:00 am

Tour the **Christie Home Museum** and **Veterans' Memorial Park** in downtown **Long Prairie**. Now a National Historical Site, the Christie Home is a unique three-story Queen Ann style, Victorian home built in 1901, and contains the complete original furnishings of two generations of the Dr. George Christie family.

Veterans' Memorial Park, located across from the Christie Home since 2002, features a massive five-story high mural depicting the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The park features walls of veteran's names from several wars and a band shell for free Thursday Night Concerts in the Park from June 5 through August 21, 2008.

### 10 – 12:00 pm

Downtown shopping includes gift, furniture, antique, and thrift shops, followed by visits to the **Todd County Museum**, **St. Mary's Catholic Church** (an 1896 brick Gothic structure), the WPA built Post Office with a painted mural depicting wild rice harvesting and the **Old Todd County Court House** (1883).

### 12 – 1:30 pm

Arranged lunch at **Mikey's Café**. Or, eat on your own at several other restaurants and fast food places.

### 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Visit **Amish Farms** featuring furniture, cedar chests, baskets, leather goods, small crafts, lumber, log cabins, metal products and quilts.

### 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Visit **Leatherwood Vinegery** for an educational tour and tasting experience. Nancy Leasman, a noted local artist, and vintner husband, Ron, provide the tour.

### 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Relax over a cup of coffee at **LaRae's Coffee Shop**.

### 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Attend the summer musical production of the famous **Prairie Players**, directed by Lee Pittman, August 1-3 and 8-10, which includes two Sunday matinees. Check the Prairie Players Website, **www.prairieplayersonstage.com** for details. Dinner and theater evening/matinee group tours can be booked in advance.

The Prairie Players are in their 10th year of production, producing 36 theatrical presentations thus far. A Prairie Players theater production is a must-see experience.

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## 'Times Gone By' in the North Country

This sample itinerary can be customized for any time of the year. You'll find it at coordinates Chisholm J-7; Grand Rapids I-8; Bemidji F-7 and Fargo/Moorhead B-9 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

### DAY ONE

#### 9:30 – 12:30 pm

Start your group tour at **Chisholm's Ironworld Discovery Center**. Tour Ironworld's museum, sample ethnic cuisine, ride a vintage trolley back in time to the **historic Glen** location and see spectacular views of an open pit mine.

#### 12:30 – 1:15 pm

Board the bus and depart for **Grand Rapids** via Highway 169.

#### 1:15 – 3:30 pm

Tour the **Forest History Center** to see living history of a logging camp and board the moored river "wanigan," a floating cook shack used when logs and men headed downstream to the mills.

#### 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Depart for **Bemidji** via Highway 2 West, then get settled into a local hotel.

### 6 – 8:00 pm

For dinner, choose from the wide variety of eating establishments Bemidji has to offer.

### 8 – 10:30 pm

Now on to the **Paul Bunyan Playhouse**, located in the **historic Chief Theater**. Call ahead for the current production.

### 10:30 pm

Return to the motel for a good night's rest.

### DAY TWO

#### 8:30 – 9:00 am

After breakfast, check out of your motel and go see the **Paul Bunyan & Babe The Blue Ox Statues**. They are the second most photographed icons in the nation. So be sure to pose for a picture or two!

#### 9 – 10:30 am

Visit a Bemidji tradition and tour the **Bemidji Woolen Mills Factory/Outlet**. The Batchelder family has been making quality woolen garments since 1920.

#### 10:30 – 12:30 pm

Depart for **Itasca State Park**, home of the headwaters of the Mississippi via the **Great River National Scenic Byway** and oldest State Park in Minnesota. Your group

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▶ **Clay County Historical Society** ..... **218-299-5520**  
 Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Avenue North, PO Box 501 – Moorhead, MN 56561  
 www.info.co.clay.mn.us/history  
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▶ **Fargo Air Museum** ..... **701-293-8043**  
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tour options include:

**Option 1:** Tour **Park** via coach w/step-on naturalist;

step across the **Headwaters of the Mississippi River.**

**Option 2:** Boat tour of **Lake Itasca** and the **Headwaters of the Mississippi River.**

**12:30 – 1:30 pm**

Lunch options are available Mid-May to Oct within Itasca State Park.

**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Depart for **Fargo/Moorhead** via Highway 71 S to Highway 34 W along the **Lake Country Scenic Byway.**

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## calendar of events

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

### april

19 **Art for Earth Day Gallery Hop,**  
Duluth 218-722-4011

### may

2-3 **Gunflint Green Up,**  
Grand Marais 218-387-3191  
22-25 **Dylan Days,** Hibbing 218-262-3895  
30-31 **Birder's Spring Rendezvous,**  
International Falls 800-325-5766

### june

1 **Happy Birthday Minnesota – Open House,**  
Pine City 320-629-6356  
8-15 **Cambridge Swedish Festival,**  
Cambridge 763-689-1023  
20-21 **Corn & Clover Carnival,**  
Hinckley 320-384-7837  
21-22 **Land of the Loon Arts & Crafts Festival,**  
Virginia 218-749-5555  
26-28 **Annual Judy Garland Festival,**  
Grand Rapids 218-326-1900  
27-29 **31st Annual Polkafest,**  
Chisholm 218-254-7959  
28-29 **Park Point Art Fair,** Duluth 800-4du-luth

### july

4-6 **Duluth Fourth Fest,**  
Duluth 218-722-4011  
5-6 **Marble Centennial,**  
Marble 218-247-7653  
10-12,18-20,24-26 **Mississippi Melodie Showboat,**  
Grand Rapids 866-336-3426  
11-13 **Silver-Beaver Bay Days,**  
Silver Bay 218-226-4408  
25-27 **28th Annual Blueberry Arts Festival,**  
Ely 800-777-7281  
25-27 **North Shore Dragon Boat Festival,**  
Grand Marais 218-387-2372

### august

10 **Tamburitians,**  
Chisholm 800-372-6437  
13-17 **116th Itasca County Fair,**  
Grand Rapids 218-326-6470

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*Pasties in a Pail*

## Pasties (PASS-tee) in a Pail

Every day they labored, scraping mineral wealth from deep in the earth that travelled east by rail to forge steel that, in turn, forged a nation. They dug tunnels and carved massive open pits in the red ground, covered in rust-colored dust every day of their lives. They came from Yugoslavia, Scandinavia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Cornwall and Wales, and lived in company-built homes on the edge of the pits. Work was their icon, and they grabbed their lunch pails and hitched up to it like Percherons. Come to think of, they ATE like Percherons, too.

Food has always been at the center of Iron Range life. Families and social life centered on it, and meals that went down into the mines in lunch buckets became sources of community pride and conversation.

Among the most enduring of the lunch items was the **Pasty**, a meat-and-potato pie. It's been said the test of a good pasty is, "if you hold it in your hand and the juice runs off your elbow." A convenient hand-held meal, the pasty originated in Cornish mining towns, and today it is the region's TV dinner and afternoon snack.

Care to try one? At **Chisholm's Ironworld**, the largest museum complex in the region, an electric trolley ride will take you along the edge of the **Glen Mine pit lake** to the **Glen Location** where your group will enjoy "**Pasties in a Pail**," like the old miners did. Early homesteads, costumed performers, stories and music will accompany your journey.

Care to make one? Here's a recipe:

### Original Pasty

**CRUST:** 3 c. flour | 1 tsp. salt | 6 tbsp. water

*In a large bowl, combine flour, butter and salt. Blend ingredients until well combined and add water, one tablespoon at a time to form dough. Toss mixture until it forms a ball. Knead dough lightly against a smooth surface with heel of the hand to distribute fat evenly. Form into a ball, dust with flour, wrap in wax paper and chill for 30 minutes.*

**FILLING:** 1 lb. round steak, coarsely ground | 1 lb. boneless pork loin, coarsely ground  
5 carrots, chopped | 2 lg. onions, chopped | 2 potatoes, peeled and chopped  
1/2 c. rutabaga, chopped (can substitute turnip) | 2 tsp. salt | 1/2 tsp. pepper

*Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Divide the dough into 6 pieces, and roll one of the pieces into a 10-inch round on a lightly floured surface. Put 1/2 cup of filling on half of the round. Moisten the edges and fold the unfilled half over the filling to enclose it. Pinch the edges together to seal them and crimp them decoratively with a fork. Transfer pasty to lightly buttered backing sheet and cut several slits in the top. Roll out and fill the remaining dough in the same manner. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Put 1 tsp. butter through a slit in each pasty and continue baking for 30 minutes more. Remove from oven, cover with a damp tea towel, cool for 15 minutes.*



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munity as well as a scenic views of a former mine. Dine in their restaurant, The 43, and shop in the Museum Store. Every day at Ironworld is interesting, but plan your visit around Polkafest, Finn Days, All Slav Festival or the Tamburitzans performance and add a little song and dance to the experience. There are plenty of ways to learn about this unique region known as Minnesota's Iron Range. Group discounts are available. Call 800-372-6437 to learn more.




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## Discover Duluth's Area Treasures

This sample itinerary is best summer and fall. You'll find it at coordinates L-9 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

### DAY ONE

12:30 pm

Arrive in Duluth.

1 - 3:00 pm

Tour **Glensheen Mansion**, Minnesota's premier historic house museum. This 39-room historic mansion sits on 22 acres along the shores of Lake Superior. Groups should arrive 10 minutes prior to tour time.

3 - 3:30 pm

Check into **The Suites Hotel in Canal Park**, where you'll receive welcome gifts upon your arrival, and your group's luggage will be brought to their rooms.

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Enjoy the Welcome Reception at **The Suites Hotel**, then freshen up for the evening's activities.

5 - 6:30 pm

Visit the **Great Lakes Floating Maritime Museum**, **The William A. Irvin & Coast Guard Sundew**, offering tours of these two historic Great Lakes Vessels.

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Relax and enjoy dinner at one of Canal Parks many wonderful restaurants. All are within walking distance.

### DAY TWO

6:30 - 8:00 am

Free full, hot breakfast at **The Suites Hotel**.

8 - 9:30 am

Travel back to a time when ordinary people became heroes. At the **Richard I. Bong World War II Heritage Center** you'll learn about forces that pulled our country into war and immerse yourself in the story of America's Ace of Aces, Dick Bong. See the P-38 Lightning, a spectacular example of WWII aircraft.

9:30 - 12:30 pm

Board the **North Shore Scenic Railroad** for a one-way scenic train ride along the **North Shore of Lake Superior to Two Harbors, MN**. Group should board by 10:15 am. Have box lunches on the train.

12:30 - 1:00 pm

Depart Two Harbors for **Split Rock Lighthouse**.

1 - 2:45 pm

Tour Split Rock Lighthouse, a restored 1910 lighthouse overlooking magnificent **Lake Superior**. Enjoy the history of it and stop at the gift shop for memorabilia.

2:45 - 4:00 pm

Head south and stop at **Gooseberry Falls**. Visit the interpretive center/museum/gift shop and view the beautiful falls from the paved walkway. Naturalists are available to answer questions.

4:45 - 6:00 pm

Arrive in Duluth for dinner (reservations recommended).

6 - 8:00 pm

See the nation's only all-fresh-water aquarium **Great**

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### DAY THREE

8 - 9:30 am

Check out and enjoy breakfast at **The Suites Hotel**.

9:30 - 11:30 am

Tour **Fairlawn Mansion**, built in 1890 as the family estate of Martin Pattison, a lumber and mining millionaire and three-term mayor of Superior. This 42-room mansion recalls Superior's boomtown days as well as the mansion's unique 40-year history as a children's home.

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Board the boat at **Vista Fleet**.

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Experience the wonders of Lake Superior as you cruise next to 1,000-foot lake freighters and ocean-going vessels aboard the catered **Vista Lunch Cruise**.

2:00 pm

As you return to the Docks, be sure to stroll the **Lakewalk**; shop the unique stores, enjoy a special presentation at the **Lake Superior Maritime Museum**, watch foreign and domestic ships as they enter the harbor, or relax on a horse-drawn carriage before you leave Duluth and head for home.

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► **Ironworld** ..... 218-254-7959  
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# mystery tour

Put yourself to the test and guess where this tour takes place. Find the answer to this Mystery Tour on page 4 or on the Reader Response Insert.

This sample itinerary is best spring, summer & fall.

### 9 – 9:45 am

Wake up to the delicious taste of pastries at this bakery famous for an ethnic treat of the area; potica (pa teet za).

### 9:45 – 10:30 am

Drive by this music legend's childhood home, a folksinger whose 1962 "Blowin' in the Wind" set a standard for protest songs. On the way see the historic school he attended. This High School was constructed more than 80 years ago with an incredible auditorium, designed after the Capital Theatre in New York.

### 10:30 – 11:30 am

Take a journey through time at the birthplace of the bus industry in the USA. The story comes alive in the museum, through artifacts and memorabilia. Historical buses are on display.

### 11:30 – 12:15 pm

View the biggest operating, open pit iron ore mine in the world. It expands more than three miles long, two miles wide and 535 feet deep. A National Historic Site!

### 12:15 – 1:30 pm

After seeing the biggest iron ore mine view this largest freestanding statue in the USA. Standing 81 feet tall, this bronze and steel statue plays tribute to all who worked in the early mines.

### 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Experience the heritage of this area. Your group will tour permanent and traveling exhibits that explore the history, heritage and future of the region and its people. For lunch, enjoy traditional or modern fare, or special order a "pasty in a pail" like the miners of the area used to eat.

### 3:30 – 5:00 pm

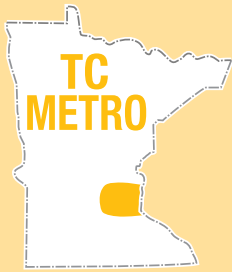
Recline comfortably while viewing the night sky inside this planetarium, or watch a stunning large format 70 mm movie on the 40-foot dome. Wherever you journey, deep into outer space or into the core of an erupting volcano, you will feel as if you are actually there!

### 5 – 6:00 pm

With fine dining opportunities, homespun "mom and pop" cafes, and unique ethnic restaurants, this area promises to satisfy the heartiest of appetites!

### What area does this tour take place?

Answer on page 4 or on the Reader Response Insert.



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BURNSVILLE, CHANHASSEN, CHASKA,  
EAGAN, EXCELSIOR, LAKEVILLE,  
MINNEAPOLIS, ROSEVILLE, SHAKOPEE,  
SAINT PAUL, STILLWATER

## calendar of events

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

### april

- 10 **Champions on Ice 2008 Tour**, Minneapolis 612-673-1300
- 12-22 **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Mpls 612-377-2224
- 19-20 **Scott-Carver Threshers Assoc Auction & Swap Meet**, Jordan 952-492-2062

### may

- 1-4 **Festival of Nations**, Saint Paul 651-647-0191
- 2-3 **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta**, Saint Paul 651-222-6347
- 16-18 **Art-On-A-Line 2008**, Saint Paul 651-646-8050
- 17 **Minnesota Scottish Fair Highland Games**, Farmington 952-470-6300

### june

- 1 **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Mpls 612-377-2224
- 3 **Summer Fete**, Bloomington 952-563-8700
- 3-4 **July 4th Funfest**, Eagan 651-675-5546
- 7 **Famous Dave's BBQ and Blues Festival**, Minneapolis 952-294-1299
- 8-15 **Buffalo Days**, Buffalo 763-682-4902
- 9-10, Jul 7-15, Aug 11-12 **James J Hill House: Nooks & Crannies Tour**, Saint Paul 651-297-2555
- 18-22 **Midsummer Days**, North Branch 651-674-4077
- 19-22 **Tater Daze**, Brooklyn Park 763-493-8154
- 28 **Burnsville International Festival**, Burnsville 952-895-4400

### july

- 3-6 **Taste of Minnesota**, Saint Paul 651-772-9980
- 4 **4th of July Celebration**, Elk River 763-441-3110
- 4 **Independence Day 1827**, St Paul 612-726-1171
- 12-13 **Dragon Festival**, Saint Paul 952-334-5626
- 13 **Norway Day**, Minneapolis 612-861-4793
- 13-15 **Auxiliary Summer Garden Tours/Brunch**, Chaska 952-443-1400
- 18-27 **Aquatennial**, Minneapolis 612-338-3807

### august

- 1-3 **Uptown Art Fair**, Minneapolis 612-823-4581
- 2-3 **Civil War Weekend**, Saint Paul 612-726-1171
- 16 **25th Annual Buffalo Arts & Crafts Festival**, Buffalo 763-682-4902
- 16-Sep 28 **Minnesota Renaissance Festival**, Shakopee 952-445-7361
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- 21-Sep 1 **Minnesota State Fair**, Saint Paul 651-288-4400

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Betty Crocker Kitchen - Minneapolis, MN



## Betty Crocker

Betty Crocker seems to have been around forever, but the truth is, she's never existed at all. Technically, she's in the same category as the Jolly Green Giant, another Minnesota-created character... although Betty's a whole lot more like your mom. Unless, of course, you're a vegetable.

Invented in 1921 by ad man Sam Gale, she originally was just a name used for signing form letters sent by the Washburn Crosby Company (the forerunner of General Mills) in response to questions about recipes and baking techniques. "Betty" was a common name perceived as friendly, and her surname was borrowed from William G. Crocker, the company's recently retired director. Employees were asked to submit her signature, and the winner is still in use today.

Three years later, she had a voice. WCCO Radio's *Betty Crocker Cooking School of the Air* was broadcast for 24 years, one of the longest running programs in radio history. In 1936, well-known artist Meysa McMein, whose work had appeared on the covers of McCall's and The Saturday Evening Post, was commissioned to paint Betty's first portrait. McMein blended the features of several General Mills Home Service Department staffers into a single face, an image that lasted for two decades.

By 1945 her reputation had grown to the point that Fortune magazine named Betty Crocker the second most popular American woman. At the height of that popularity, she was receiving 4,000 to 5,000 letters a day, including many marriage proposals. In 1959 she became a part of the history of the cold war when, during a cooking exhibition in Moscow, the Betty Crocker Kitchens were the setting for the infamous "kitchen debate" between Vice President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Over the years, styles have changed, and Betty has changed with them. Her image has been updated eight times, mostly recently in 1996, which--beyond her record as an enduring advertising symbol--also likely makes her the longest ongoing makeover of all time.

At the **Mill City Museum** in downtown Minneapolis your tour can see quite a collection of Betty Crocker memorabilia, including a toaster, mixer and—that ol' classic—an Easy-Bake Oven! You can electronically put together the 1921 puzzle that generated so many responses that Betty was born to answer them. And, in the media center, watch several Betty Crocker TV commercials from the 1950s.



## Spring Spectacular

This sample itinerary would work best March/April 2008 and 2009. You'll find it at coordinates K-7 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Planner distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

### DAY ONE

#### 1 – 3:15 pm

Arrive at **Como Park Zoo and Conservatory** for your "Behind the Scenes Tour." Enjoy an up-close encounter with animals and stroll through the many gardens of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, led by a member of the Como Education Staff.

#### 3:15 – 3:30 pm

Depart for your hotel in Roseville.

#### 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Arrive at **your hotel in Roseville** and take time to freshen up for this evening's activities.

#### 5 – 7:00 pm

Enjoy dinner in Roseville, choosing from a variety of options including **Axel's**, **Joe Sensor's** or **Granite City Brewery**.

#### 7 – 10:00 pm

Head for the **Hennepin Avenue Theater District**, where you can take in a theater performance at the **Historic State**, **Orpheum** or **Pantages Theater**. Afterward, head back to the hotel for a good night's rest.

### DAY TWO

#### 8 – 9:30 am

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, then head to **Ukrainian Gift Shop**.

#### 9:30 – 10:15 am

Arrive at the **Ukrainian Gift Shop**, which is home to the world's largest source of Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs) & Pysanky supplies. You will witness a demonstration of the making of Pysanky's and have time to shop in the gift shop.

#### 10:15 – 10:30 am

When the tour concludes, depart for **Custom Chocolates**.

#### 10:30 – 11:15 am

Your group is in for a sweet treat at Custom Chocolates! Enjoy free samples as you shop throughout the store.

#### 11:15 – 1:30 am

Depart for lunch at **Let's Cook** where you'll create your own lunch. This cooking school offers demonstrations and hands on cooking experiences for groups.

#### 1:30 – 2:00 pm

Depart for **Rosedale Center**.

#### 2 – 4:30 pm

Enjoy free time to shop at Rosedale Center, with more than 150 stores and **the Plaza**; the new lifestyle component which offers upscale retail stores, AMC movie theaters, and fabulous restaurants.

#### 4:30 – 5:45 pm

Depart Rosedale Center for your hotel in Roseville to relax before this evening's activities.

#### 5:45 – 6:00 pm

Leave the hotel for **North Heights Lutheran Church**.

#### 6 – 9:30 pm

Arrive at North Heights Lutheran Church for the performance of the **The Thorn**. Enjoy a delicious meal before the performance. Witness this amazing performance of a 450-person cast and choir in a show that includes live animals and spectacular special effects!

#### 9:30 pm

Depart Church for hotel in Roseville.

### DAY THREE

#### 9 – 10:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and check out. Before you depart you'll receive a special send-off...a complimentary rose for each traveler, courtesy of the **Roseville Visitors Association**.

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*Huzzah and Cheers for 38 years!*

This sample itinerary is designed for the 2008 MN Renaissance Festival, August 16-September 28, 2008. Open weekends, Labor Day, and Friday, September 26. You'll find it at coordinates D-13 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

**8:45 – 9:00 am**

Welcome to the **Minnesota Renaissance Festival!** Celebrate 38 years at our opening gate show as **King Henry** and his friends welcome you to the celebration.

**9 – 9:30 am**

Put on your 16th century best for the daily costume contest. The show begins every morning near the main ticket office, and first prize wins complimentary tickets.

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

Begin your journey through our 16th century village filled with over 275 nationally acclaimed artisans who boast wonderful handcrafted items.

**11 – 12:30 pm**

Visit any of the 12 stages and enjoy a variety of theatrical, comedy, and magic shows. Don't miss performances by the infamous **Tortuga Twins** and **Puke & Snot**.

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

Enjoy fantastic food and drink fit for a king (or queen) at eight common areas. Be sure to try our guest favorites

including turkey legs, queen's apples, scotch eggs, soup in a bread bowl and many other 16th century delights.

**2 – 2:30 pm**

Find a spot to watch the afternoon **Grand March Parade**. The Parade ends with a royal reception at the **Bakery Stage**, a perfect opportunity to catch the cast in action.

**2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Head down to the games area and throw tomatoes at the village idiot and climb the famed **King's Tower**.

**4 – 5:00 pm**

Catch the last armored jousting tournament! Cheer as they fight for the affections of the village's fair maiden.

**5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Rekindle your taste buds with a second round of fantastic food and drink.

**6:30 – 7:00 pm**

Unwind to the beat of the village drums as they beckon you towards the gate during the **Drum Jam** on Bad Manor Green.

**7:00 pm**

Bid farewell to the village as the cannon signals the end to another great day at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival!

For more information on this sample itinerary contact your tour operator or the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, 800-996-8215.

*Mall of America:  
Always No. 1*

This sample itinerary is best anytime of the year. You'll find it at coordinates J-10 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

**DAY ONE**

**10 – 6:00 pm**

Visit the **Mall of America**®, Minnesota's No. 1 attraction. Shop at more than 520 specialty stores which join four department stores; Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Nordstrom and Sears. And remember, there's no tax on clothing! Also experience one or all of the following:

Enjoy a high flying experience at **A.C.E.S. Flight Simulator** while you take full control of sophisticated flight simulators that are duplicates of models used to train military pilots.

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**Nickelodeon Universe** is the largest indoor amusement park in the nation and home to seven acres of fun with 30 remarkable rides. In 2008 new rides will rise from the park, including SpongeBob SquarePants, Rock Bottom Plunge and Splat-O-Sphere.

**6 – 8:00 pm**

Experience the best of the season by tasting seasonal wine and country cuisine at **Napa Valley Grille** or the **California Café** at Mall of America (MOA). Then check into the **Radisson Hotel Bloomington & Water Park of America** for the night, located across from the MOA.

**DAY TWO**

**11 – 1:00 pm**

After a full breakfast, visit the **Water Park of America**, America's largest indoor water park hotel. Surf on Minnesota's only Flow Rider Surf Simulator or catch a wave in the Lake Superior wave pool.

**1 – 3:00 pm**

Start your day off by relaxing your body and mind. The **Trillium Spa** provides a variety of treatments to ensure the ultimate guest experience and outstanding results.

**3 – 5:30 pm**

The search for great cuisine ends at the **Split Rock Grille**. Satisfy your taste buds with Minnesotan inspired recipes.

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Come and see the spectacular lights at the **Northern Lights Arcade!** With more than 100 redemption and arcade games, the arcade offers the best in-group fun!

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## Step back in time: Minnesota celebrates 150 years

This sample itinerary can be customized for anytime of the year. You'll find it at coordinates K-10 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of Itineraries Minnesota Magazine.

### DAY ONE

9 – 10:30 am

Shakopee's own hat lady will greet you and welcome your group to her fair city. Take an intriguing tour lead by **Genealogist Betty Dols** through the **Valley** and **St. Mark's Cemeteries**. She discusses prominent citizens from Shakopee's early days and directs attention to their graves and to the relation of the graves around them.

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Next stop is **Historic Murphy's Landing** where you'll experience the lifestyle and legends of the early years of Minnesota as you ride the trolley along history lane.

12 – 2:00 pm

During lunch your group will be entertained by the fun-loving **Czech Area Concertina Band**. Hear songs like "Beautiful Brown Eyes", or "Down in the Valley" and learn the history of the concertina and how they are made right here in the area.

2 – 4:00 pm

Head down 169 where the **Mudbaden Sanitarium** still

stands. Hear how people traveled many miles to receive sulphur mud treatments for those suffering from rheumatism and other ailments. In **Jordan, MN**, a little village nestled in the lovely **Minnesota River Valley**, hear the history of the area and stop at **Brewery Antiques**.

4 – 6:00 pm

Arrive at the **Cedar Ridge Arabian & Ames Percheron Farm** your guide boards the bus to take you on a tour of this beautiful facility. Add a wagon ride drawn by the magnificent Percheron Horses through 40 acres of trees, wetlands and wildlife.

6 – 8:00 pm

Step back in time and relive the days of the **Old West** at the **OK Corral Restaurant and Saloon**. Find yourself surrounded by authentic western memorabilia while enjoying the genuine Old West hospitality. Following dinner **Elaine and Friends** entertain the group with some special line dancing. Join them on the dance floor as they teach your group some special steps.

### DAY TWO

9 – 11:30 am

A costumed guide will join you to share some history and add a little humor to the day. The journey starts where Herman Strunk, a German immigrant, staked a

claim in 1854 for a brewery. The **Strunk Nyssen Brewery** holds lots of history.

Arrive at the home of Jeanne & Vernon Bjornberg who purchased the **Strunk Nyssen Home**. The Bjornberg's and their nine children completely gutted and restored this home to what it was in the late 1800's. Entrepreneur William Rahr of the Rahr Malting Co. founded the next stop in 1847 as the **Eagle Brewery**, the single largest malt production site in the world. A fascinating place to visit.

12:00 pm

Dine at **Stonebrooke Golf Course** where the food is exquisite and, no matter what the season, the view is beautiful.

1:30 pm

Back on the bus for a scenic drive through winding countryside to the **Crofut Family Winery & Vineyard**. Tours include a video presentation, tour of the vineyards, winemaking facility, cask room and bottling area with an expert guide. Conclude with a wine tasting. Be sure to bring proper identification.

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## Railroad, Theater, and Chocolate Tour

### Day 1

**4:30 pm** – Check into your hotel in Saint Paul; get ready for an evening out on the town!

**6:30 pm** – The Actors Theater presents a delicious dinner and show at the **Lowry Theater**, home to “We Gotta Bingo!” and “Song of Singapore.” Your group is sure to have a fun-filled night in downtown Saint Paul.

### Day 2

**8:00 am** – Start your day with breakfast and a grand tour of **Landmark Center** in downtown Saint Paul. This elegant building has a history that includes the famous Courtroom 317 and gangster trials. Today, Landmark Center is home to several unique museums and galleries; and provides gangster and general building tours.

**10:00 am** – Ride your coach to the **Minnesota History Center**, where you will have the opportunity to visit the “MN 150” exhibit. Experience the people, places and things that helped shape the great State of Minnesota. The Minnesota History Center will be home to the must-see “Vatican Splendors” exhibit coming in fall of 2008.

**12:00 pm** – Enjoy lunch at the Minnesota History Center, or any one of Saint Paul’s great group-friendly restaurants.

**1:30 pm** – Experience railroading in Saint Paul! Visit the Great Northern Railway’s historic **Jackson Street Roundhouse** and former steam engine maintenance facility. Your group will have the opportunity to see restored locomotives, freight and passenger cars, and cabooses.

**3:00 pm** – Your next train stop is at the **Twin City Model Railroad Museum** in Saint Paul. Tour an exquisitely detailed model panorama of railroads in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/Saint Paul from the 1930’s to the 1950’s. The building itself was constructed in 1885, and once housed a Northern Pacific Railway repair shop.

**4:30 pm** – Head just north of Saint Paul to Roseville and experience the Midwest’s most unique chocolate & confections at **Custom Chocolates**. Sample chocolates as you shop their variety of sweets including caramels, toffee, gift baskets, and of course chocolate! Your group will receive a state-shaped or holiday themed chocolate treat as you board your coach.

**6:30 pm** – End your night in Saint Paul on the Mississippi River. Enjoy dinner and a show on the **Minnesota Centennial Showboat**. Moored at Harriet Island Regional Park on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, the Showboat is truly an eye-catching attraction on the Downtown Saint Paul riverfront. Inside, guests are sent back in time by the interior’s Victorian-era decor and grand staircase. But the Showboat’s richest feature is its intimate 225-seat Jewel Box theater.

### Day 3

**9:00 am** – Breakfast and check out of hotel.

**Thanks for bringing your group to Saint Paul!**

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**P**lymouth Playhouse celebrated patron number 250,000 in February during the hit musical comedy **Church Basement Ladies**. Winners Laine Freiberg and J. D. Hohmann of Sartell, Minnesota joined the cast on stage for the recognition ceremony. Producer/Director Curt Wollan and Author/Humorist Janet Letnes Martin, co-author of the best-seller *Growing Up Lutheran*, were on hand to make the presentation. Gifts were provided by Kowalski's Stores and Scandinavian Marketplace, and also included a Play & Stay Overnight Package from the Best Western Kelly Inn, Green Mill Restaurant and the Plymouth Playhouse for a return to see the sequel, **Church Basement Ladies 2: A Second Helping!**, which premiered



the second week in March.

"It was unbelievable for both of us," Freiberg said. "We loved the show, loved the theater...we feel very fortunate to be a part of this special evening." A member of the Celebration Lutheran Church of Sartell, she works for St. Cloud Orthopedics.

The highly successful **Church Basement Ladies** opened at the Plymouth Playhouse in September of 2005 and played to more than 250,000 theatergoers during its 1,123-performance, two-and-a-half-year run. The show also has toured nationally with dates in 58 cities in 11 states, including last year's stops at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, Circa 21 in Rock Island, Illinois, and at the nationally acclaimed New Theater Restaurant

in Kansas City, Kansas, all starring William Christopher (Father Mulcahy from TV's M\*A\*S\*H) as Pastor. The national company will resume its tour in August, visiting Madison, Chicago and Des Moines, all with Christopher reprising his role.

**Church Basement Ladies** is produced by Twin Cities-based Troupe America, Inc. Its creators are Drew Jansen, composer/lyricist, with book by Jim Stowell and Jessica Zuehlke, and Curt Wollan directing. The show was inspired by the books of Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson, including their best-seller *Growing Up Lutheran*.

For further information contact Linda Twiss at **Troupe America, Inc.**, 612-333-3302 or 651-269-4993.

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- Catch one of more than 75 acts on seven free entertainment stages.
- Check out nearly 70 rides from around the globe at Mighty Midway and Kidway.
- Browse through the shops at Heritage Square or the International Bazaar.

### Afternoon is the best time to...

- Meet Princess Kay and see the famous butterhead sculptures.
- Choose a snack from the menu of 350 foods including more than 50 foods on-a-stick.
- Stroll through Minnesota's largest juried art show in the Fine Arts Center.

### Evening is the best time to...

- Go to extremes on Adventure Park's rides.
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*Star Wars* fanatics will have a chance to relive the magic of the epic Saga. They’ll climb aboard a real world hovercraft and feel what it was like for Luke Skywalker to defy gravity. They’ll also enter a Jawa sandcrawler, meet C-3PO, and listen as he debates the merits of R2-D2 with real-life roboticists.

A *Star Wars* exhibit wouldn’t be complete without its other beloved characters. Included are authentic costumes and props such as Princess Leia’s famous white dress (“Aren’t you a little short for a stormtrooper?”), Darth Vader’s menacing black attire (“The Force is strong with this one”), a full-sized R2-D2 (“bleep-blat”), a Chewbacca costume (“Let the Wookiee win”), Han Solo’s rogue outfit (“Never tell me the odds”), a full-size stormtrooper uniform, and a real Yoda puppet (“Do or do not; there is no ‘try’”).

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## Holy Bucking Broncos: Rodeo Time in Buffalo!

This sample itinerary works best June 18-21, 2008 during the Buffalo Rodeo. You'll find Buffalo at coordinates H-14 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map, distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

### DAY ONE Thursday, June 19

**4 – 6:00 pm**

Check into the **Country Inn by Carlson** in Buffalo.

**6 – 7:30 pm**

Get your boots on and head over to the **Pork Chop Feed** at the Buffalo rodeo grounds. Enjoy a real cowboy meal with pork chops, beans, potato salad and chips!

**7:30 pm**

Watch kids age 5-8 complete in the **Mutton Bustin' Contest**, a hilarious sheep-riding event for all.

### DAY TWO Friday, June 20

**10 – 12:00 pm**

Grab a coffee or latte at **Buffalo Books & Coffee** and shop downtown Buffalo's antique and specialty stores.

**12 – 1:00 pm**

Lunch is at Buffalo's beautiful **Wild Marsh Golf Club**.

**1 – 4:00 pm**

Finish your downtown shopping, take a stroll on the beautiful **Buffalo Lake Walk** to the **Parkshore Pavilion**.

Then look for hidden treasures at the **Buffalo Nickel, Annie's Attic**, and **Waldon Woods** antique stores.

**4 – 6:00 pm**

Stop by the hotel to freshen up.

**6 – 7:30 pm**

Tonight's treat is a finger lickin' good Barbecue beef dinner at the **Rodeo Grounds**.

**7:30 pm**

The **54rd Annual Buffalo Championship PRCA Rodeo** begins. There's fun for everyone with high-flying rodeo action and rodeo dances on Friday and Saturday nights.

### DAY THREE Saturday, June 21

**8 – 10:00 am**

Enjoy a real **Chuckwagon Breakfast** after checkout.

**10:00 am**

Tour **Wright County Historical Society** before leaving.

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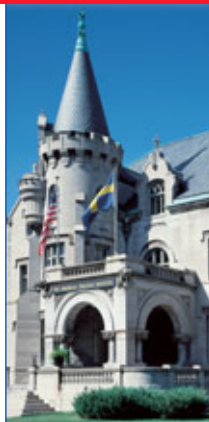
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### Animals & Art in the Cities

This itinerary is best enjoyed May 1-4, 2008. You'll find it at coordinates J-12 & I-8 on the 2008 Annual Group Travel Map distributed in the Fall 2007 issue of *Itineraries Minnesota Magazine*.

#### 9 – 12:00 pm

Start your day off right by spending some time at the ever-appealing **Minnesota Zoo**, where you'll experience one of the biggest and best Amur Tiger exhibits in the United States. In the "World of Birds" Show, see more than 15 different birds including a Keel-billed Toucan and Eurasian Eagle Owl. Or stroll down the newly renovated Minnesota Trail for a closer look at local wildlife.

#### 12 – 1:00 pm

Have a small lunch of anything ranging from appetizing salads to pizza and sandwiches at the **Call of the Wild Café** overlooking the Zoo's central lake. For dessert you can enjoy any number of ice cream treats served here or at one of the many food kiosks around the zoo.

#### 1 – 3:00 pm

Take in a "Larger Than Life," movie at the **IMAX Theater**, located right on the Zoo's campus. You have your choice of a traditional IMAX film or a beautifully re-mastered feature film. At half a football field in size, the screen almost guarantees you'll get lost in whichever film you choose.

#### 3 – 3:30 pm

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#### 3:30 – 6:00 pm

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#### 6 – 8:00 pm

An old fashioned burger and ice cream shake is just what you need to top off this busy day. At **Andy's Garage Café** you'll enjoy just that, while taking in the fun, nostalgic atmosphere and listening to live 50's music. Just a short drive from The Minneapolis Institute of Arts!

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**2006:** Travel and Leisure, a national travel magazine, named Minneapolis as the "Where to Go Next" city for 2006. The magazine cited cutting-edge art and architecture, including the new Guthrie Theater and downtown public library, expansions of the Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Art, along with booming riverfront development, museums, theaters, restaurants and new hotels as reasons for "style-driven" travelers to visit and enjoy the city.

**2007:** Minneapolis--like Zurich, Tokyo, and Krakow--made Frommer's 2007 list of "Top Travel Destinations in the World" thanks, in part, to the addition of critically acclaimed buildings such as the new Guthrie Theater, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Children's Theatre, flourishing theaters, freshly-themed restaurants and new hotels.

*It sounds like 2008 will be a good year for Minneapolis!*



## ITINERARIES *Midwest*

### upper midwest regions

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MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, WISCONSIN

### calendar of events

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

#### central canada

- May 3-4 **Folklore Festival 2008**,  
Thunder Bay 866-831-1144
- Jun 14-23 **Red River Exhibition**, Winnipeg 204-888-6990
- Jul 9-12 **Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival**,  
Winnipeg 204-943-7464
- Jul 18-20 **World Lily Festival**, Neepawa 204-476-8811

#### illinois

- Jun 13-15 **National Road Spring Festival 2008**,  
Effingham 217-342-5310
- Jun 20-22 **7th Annual Great Galena Balloon Race**,  
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- Jul 9-12 **National Pow - of the black wow XIV**,  
Danville 217-442-2096

#### iowa

- Jun 14 **Reimen Gardens Rose Festival**,  
Ames 515-294-2710
- Jun 27-29 **Des Moines Arts Festival**,  
Des Moines 515-286-4950

#### missouri

- Apr 3-May 4 **World Fest**, Silver Dollar City 800-475-9370
- Apr 5, 19 **Spring Wildflower Event**,  
Salem 573-548-2201
- May 9-11 **Fiesta Kansas City**, Kansas City 816-472-6767

#### nebraska

- Jun 6-8 **Taste of Omaha**, Omaha 402-346-8003
- Jul 10-13 **87th Annual Oregon Trail Days Celebration**,  
Gering 308-436-6886

#### north dakota

- Jun 14-15 **Kite Fest**, Jamestown 701-252-3982
- Jul 18-26 **North Dakota State Fair**, Minot 701-857-7620

#### south dakota

- Jun 20-22 **Oahe Days Arts Festival**, Pierre 800-962-2034
- Jul 24-25 **Riverfest/Belle Fourche Crazy Days**,  
Belle Fourche 605-891-2676
- Jun 27-28 **Festival Of Presidents**, Rapid City 800-487-3223

#### wisconsin

- Jun 6-8 **Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival**,  
Little Chute 920-788-7390
- Jul 17-20 **Festa Italiana**, Milwaukee 414-223-2808

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# Making the journey the destination upper midwest

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum - Burr Oak, IA



## Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway

The impact of Laura Ingalls Wilder truly is historic and worldwide.

The author of *Little House on the Prairie* and the six other novels that make up what is known as the "Little House" series began late in life to write about her family as it was during her childhood in the 1870s and 1880s. Encouraged by her daughter Rose, Wilder was 65 when her first "Little House" book was published, and they have been continually reprinted ever since. The TV series *Little House on the Prairie* aired from 1974 to 1983, and has never not been in reruns, firmly making **Walnut Grove, Minnesota**, a part of television history and American culture.

In 1874, seven-year-old Laura Ingalls and her family traveled by covered wagon from Wisconsin's big woods to the prairie of Walnut Grove. The Ingalls' first home was a one-room sod dugout in the banks of **Plum Creek**.

Today in Walnut Grove, the **Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum's** collections are housed in a series of interesting buildings. An 1898 depot exhibit relates the history of Laura through artifacts from the Ingalls era including Laura's handmade quilt.

Additional exhibits include an 1880's style "little red school house," an ecumenical chapel with artifacts from local churches, and an onion-domed 1890 home with early 1900's period furnishings. Other exhibits include memorabilia from the TV series, the Kelton doll collection containing 250 dolls dating from the 1870's, and artifacts from early Walnut Grove businesses and agriculture.

The **Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway** was established in 1995 along **Highway 14** from **Lake Benton to Mankato**. More and more towns became incorporated as the highway grew longer, eventually tracing the full length of the places she lived in and wrote about in her novels. The highway now includes five Midwestern Laura Ingalls Wilder sites: **Pepin, WI, Burr Oak, IA, Spring Valley** and **Walnut Grove, MN, and De Smet, SD**.

The Highway follows **Highway 14** across most of Minnesota and into eastern **South Dakota**. At **Rochester**, it branches off to follow **Highway 66** to the north, and **Highway 63** to the south. Many of the small towns and communities on the **Laura Ingalls Wilder Highway** invite you to stop in and visit while making your Wilder tour.



*Welcome to  
Thunder Bay*



This itinerary is best from late spring to early autumn.

**DAY ONE**

**10 – 1:00 pm**

Known for their award winning Gouda cheese, **Thunder Oak Cheese Farm** offers a chance to watch the entire cheese-making process in operation (call ahead for the production schedule). Afterward, “Take a Walk Through the Past” at **Founders’ Museum & Pioneer Village**, a recreated 1900s heritage village with artifacts on display throughout the site. Arrange for a homemade lunch in the village’s **Community Hall**.

**1 – 3:00 pm**

See the “Niagara of the North.” **Kakabeka Falls** plunges 131 feet into a deep gorge. A barrier-free boardwalk and observation pods along the gorge’s rim provide spectacular views. A great group photo opportunity.

**3 – 4:00 pm**

Check into one of the city’s many group-friendly hotels.

**4 – 6:00 pm**

Take the guided walking interpretive tour for groups at **Fort William Historical Park**, one of Canada’s top ten historic sites. This is one of the largest living history sites on the entire North American continent. Custom-designed tours with a skilled guide are available year round.

**6:00 pm**

Enjoy a **Voyageur’s Feast** hosted by historic characters who tell rollicking stories about the fur trade in 1815.



*Founders' Museum*



*Kakabeka Falls*

**DAY TWO**

**9 – 10:00 am**

East of Thunder Bay is “canyon country.” Try canyon sky-walking on Canada’s longest suspension footbridge at **Eagle Canyon Adventures**.

**10:00 – 12:30 pm**

Down the highway, urban prospectors can dig for the sparkling purple stone in the “pick-your-own” rock field at **Amethyst Mine Panorama** (Canada’s largest amethyst mine.)

**12:30 – 2:30 pm**

Break for lunch at one of Thunder Bay’s restaurants.

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

See the “Sunken Garden” at **Hillcrest Park**, featuring more than 70 varieties of flowers plus a splendid view of the harbor.

**3 – 5:00 pm**

**Thunder Bay Art Gallery** offers Anishnaabe Painting Workshops. View the exhibitions, hear about spiritual totems, and create a painting in this unique artistic style.

**5 – 7:00 pm**

Bon appetit! Thunder Bay offers a wide variety of dining.

**7:00 pm**

Enjoy a first-class gaming experience at **Thunder Bay’s Casino**. Motorcoach gaming packages are available.

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## "Beautiful Fork" in the River

SD

This sample itinerary is best Aug. 11-Oct. 19, 2008 however other dates and activities can be accommodated.

### 10 – 12:00 pm

Start off the morning in **Belle Fourche, SD** at the **Geographic Center of the Nation Monument**. Designed by a local artist and created from South Dakota granite, the compass rose design measures over 21-feet across. Nearby is the historic **Johnny Spaulding Cabin**, which was built in 1876 and is furnished with period artifacts. Permanent museum exhibits at the adjacent **Tri-State Museum** highlight the story of the old west in this tri-state area.

### 12 – 1:30 pm

Enjoy lunch at one of the many eating establishments

available. From soups and salads to heartier fare like the famous "Rancher Tips," there is something for everyone. Rather have a picnic? Arrange to have a meal catered or grill buffalo burgers, featuring locally raised product.

### 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Stroll the historic downtown area and take in the many antique and specialty shops along the way. Watch Jack create handmade cowboy hats the old fashioned way on 100-year-old hat blocks. Don't want to walk? How about a horse drawn wagon to take you through the downtown founded by Seth Bullock. A step-on guide will bring the exciting past of Belle Fourche back to life for everyone to enjoy.

### 3 – 5:00 pm

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### 5:00 – 6:30 pm

It's time to check into your room. Unpack, freshen up and get ready to enjoy the evening's activities.

### 6:30 – 10:00pm

Head to dinner at one of the local restaurants and then the evening's activity is your choice. From gaming in nearby **Deadwood** to spending time with real rodeo personalities, like four-time PRCA world champion **Marvin Garrett**. You have options on how you would like to spend your evening.

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