

Minneapolis Activities:

Riverford Paddleboats:

3 ½ hr typical rental, does not include ½ hr boarding time which they give as part of the package. Take in all the sights the budding season has to offer on the mighty Mississippi! Cruises board a half-hour before departure and the ticket-office is open one-hour before departure. Available 2pm-3:30pm; Saturdays & Sundays

Dinner Theater Cruise

Hop on board the majestic jewel of the Mississippi and join the University of Minnesota Showboat Players for a royal comedy you are sure to adore. Triumph of Love by Pierre Marivaux follows a princess on her quest to return her crown to its rightful owner – the young scholar Agis. But Agis has been taught to loathe and distrust women since birth. Disguised as a man, the princess hopes to win his trust and restore his crown, but not before falling completely and hopelessly in love with him. Punctuated by the Showboat's signature Vaudeville-style musical interludes, this noble adventure of concealed identities, confused affairs, and one confounded love triangle is sure to be the crowning glory of your summer!. Available Wednesday – Saturday at 8 pm

Website: www.riverrides.com

Approximate cost per person: \$20 - \$30

Minnesota Zoo

Coral Reef Dive Show

Our spectacular floor-to-ceiling underwater viewing allows you to watch aquarium staff SCUBA dive with the sharks and tropical fish of the Coral Reef. Dive shows are daily at 10:30 a.m. (limited capacity).

KAYTEE World of Birds Show

Soaring hawks, talking parrots, majestic owls, and many more rare and beautiful feathered creatures delight and amaze Zoo guests.

Monorail

Catch a birds-eye-view of the Northern Trail and *Russia's Grizzly Coast*! Trains run daily throughout the year.

Shark Feedings

Watch the savage beauty of our sharks and other marine life during their scheduled feedings. Shark feedings are at 3:00 p.m. daily. Discovery Bay shark feedings are at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Website: www.mnzoo.com

Approximate cost per person: \$16 - \$23

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory are free, but do need help from visitors. They ask that visitors consider making a voluntary donation of \$2 for an adult and \$1 for a child to help care for their plants and animals. They appreciate your support and want you to know that everyone is always welcome whether or not you choose to make a donation. Parking is free.

Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden

May 1 - September 30

The Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden is a living symbol of the peace and friendship that exists between Saint Paul and its sister city Nagasaki, Japan. A renowned landscape designer in Nagasaki, Masami Matsuda, created the garden according to time honored Japanese design principles using plants and trees that are hardy in Minnesota. Infused with true Japanese design, the garden is meant to delight your senses.

Summer Flower Show

May 8–October 4 10am-6pm

The Summer Flower Show displays the greatest plant diversity of any of the Sunken Garden Flower Shows, as well as the longest duration. Roses, Statice, Geraniums, Asiatic Lilies, Heliotrope, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias and Caladiums are some of the floral features, representing a rainbow of colors, bloom sequence, form and fragrance.

Sunken Garden Closed May 3 – May 7.

Cafesjian's Carousel

May 1 - September 6

Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Operated by volunteers, the 68-horse carousel was built in 1914 and rescued from auction in 1988 for \$1.1 million, ten minutes before the first horse was to be auctioned.

www.ourfaircarousel.org (<http://www.ourfaircarousel.org/>)

ComoTown

Weekends beginning May 1, Open Daily May 9 - September 6

Como Town, the family amusement park at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, will open on Saturday May 1st with a few new attractions. Kids and adults will be thrilled on the wide variety of kid friendly rides including the Screamin' Dragon Roller Coaster, The Tornado and The Kiddie Grand Prix. They will also enjoy the new attractions inside HodgePodge Park, a super jungle gym that gives kids the chance to climb, slide, swing and bounce. In 2010, HodgePodge Park will feature a Splash Zone and interactive village, complete with a School House, Police Station and Fire Department.

www.comotown.com

Website: www.comozooconservatory.org

Approximate cost per person: \$2

St Paul Saints Game

Lots of promo things available. The saints are a family friendly event, lots of goofy goings on.

Website: www.saintsbaseball.com

Approximate cost per person: \$12-\$16, ice cream \$2

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

They have a gluten free menu and three GF dessert options, appetizers too

Website: www.chanhassentheatres.com

Approximate cost per person: \$25 - \$61

Science Museum of Minnesota

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Words That Changed the World

Now through October 24, 2010

Explore the greatest archaeological find of the 20th century—the Dead Sea Scrolls, which include the earliest known texts of the Bible. These 2,000 year-old, authentic text fragments are steeped in scientific, religious, and cultural significance. The Science Museum's exhibition offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness something truly remarkable.

Omnitheater Film

Arabia reveals a unique culture, a history full of adventure, an environment of extreme challenges, a people of strong faith, and a chance for a film to bridge cultures and reduce misunderstanding between peoples. Visit the lost city of Madain Saleh and explore its ancient tombs; travel back in time to the Islamic Golden Age where Arabian science and scholarship flourished; and experience the *hajj*—the largest single human gathering on Earth

Top off your trip to the Science Museum with a visit to the National Park Service's Mississippi River Visitor Center. Located just inside the museum's Kellogg Boulevard entrance, the Visitor Center is staffed by rangers from the National Park Service who will share information about the 72-mile corridor called the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and offer tips on canoe trips, biking and hiking trails, and more. See exhibits about river biology, culture, and history. And browse through a wide-selection of merchandise relating to the river and to the United States' National Park System.

Website: www.smm.org

Approximate Price per person: \$11 - \$17

Guthrie Theater

Tours

There are many ways to explore this "21st century dream factory," including backstage tours, self-guided audio tours and an in-depth architectural tour.

Dollhouse

Friday, June 25, 2010, 7:30 PM

McGUIRE PROSCENIUM

Runs MAY 22 - JULY 11, 2010 (Opens on Thursday, May 27) Nora seems to have it all: a successful husband, three adorable children and a beautiful condo in Lincoln Park, Chicago. But what looks like the perfect life is woefully incomplete, propped up by dark secrets and bitter betrayals. From Henrik Ibsen's groundbreaking masterpiece A DOLL'S HOUSE, playwright REBECCA GILMAN crafts a clever and insightful update that Variety called "savvy, droll, and deliciously caustic." This contemporary adaptation brings the timeless issues of Ibsen's classic to the 21st century with a sharp eye for social satire and moments of deliciously dark comedy coupled with taut and powerful human drama. Directed by WENDY C. GOLDBERG.

Website: www.guthrietheater.org

Approximate Price per person: \$63 - \$73

Mall of America

Mall of America (also MOA, MoA or the Megamall) is a super-regional shopping mall located in the Twin Cities suburb of Bloomington, Minnesota, USA. The mall is located southeast of the junction of Interstate 494 and Minnesota State Highway 77, north of the Minnesota River and is across the interstate from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. In the United States, it is the second largest enclosed mall in terms of retail space but is largest in terms of total enclosed floor area.^{[2][3]} Opened in 1992, the mall received 40 million visitors in 2006.^[4] *Triple Five Group*, owned by Iranian Ghermezian family, fully owns and manages the property.

Nickelodeon Universe is an indoor theme park in the center of the mall, formerly known as Knott's Camp Snoopy, Camp Snoopy, and The Park at MOA. The park features roller coasters, among numerous other rides and attractions, and is the largest indoor theme park in the United States. Unlike many indoor amusement parks, Nickelodeon Universe has a great deal of natural foliage in and about the park, and its floor has a wide variance in height - the highest ground level in the park is 15 feet above the lowest. This allows for a far more naturalistic experience than would normally occur in an indoor amusement park.

The park features two new roller coasters; SpongeBob SquarePants Rock Bottom Plunge and Avatar Airbender. It also has a golfing section called Moose Mountain. With 18 holes, designed to create a challenge for players hoping to seek a hole in one.

Underwater Adventures Aquarium: Guests travel through a 300 foot long curved tunnel through 14 feet of water to view over 4,500 sea creatures including sharks, turtles, stingrays, and many more.^[18] Underwater Adventures offers special events such as sleepovers, scuba diving, snorkeling, and birthday parties.^{[19][20][21][22]} Children ages 2 and younger receive free admission, while admission for ages 3–12 is \$13.49, and Adult admission for ages 13 & older is \$18.99.^[23]

Other Notable Attractions:

- A.C.E.S. flight simulations

- 14-screen movie theater (formerly operated by [General Cinema](#) and [AMC Theaters](#), now operated by MOA itself as the "Theatres at Mall of America"^[24])
- [Lego](#) Imagination Center
- [Bodies... The Exhibition](#)

Website: www.mallofamerica.com

Lake Minnetonka Cruise

Al and Alma's Fleet is the perfect solution to creating one of the Twin Cities most unique entertainment experiences. Breathtaking sights and sunsets, summer breezes, delightful cuisine and professional attentive service all contribute to the making of an unforgettable event setting.

Whether you're planning an outing for two aboard our public brunch or dinner cruises or a private family, social or corporate function for one hundred forty nine, Al and Alma's Fleet of luxury yachts is the perfect setting for a memorable brunch, lunch, dinner or moonlight cruise; Spring, Summer and Fall.

You will experience the Al and Alma's difference in our attention to detail! Our team is passionate about assuring that your event is a complete success! If you can think it up...we can make it happen. From decorations, floral designs, linen coordination, themed cruises and on-board entertainment, banners, ice sculptures, made to order celebration cakes, to custom entree's and beverage menus our award winning staff will be working on your behalf with one common goal; your complete satisfaction!

Al and Alma's cruise professionals know what it takes to make your event a success:

- Uncompromised commitment to detail and service excellence.
- Creative event planning based on your needs.
- Diverse cruise menus and packages.
- Custom built luxury yachts to fit your group size and event style.
- Value pricing.

Website: www.al-almas.com

Approximate cost per person: \$44.95

Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute

Our industry-current kitchens and classrooms are designed for students to immerse themselves in the culinary world -
- working alongside professional instructors learning focused, theoretical foundation and essential, technical skills that can be applied to the preparation of any cuisine and help students prepare for a professional career after graduation.

Intensive, practical, and comprehensive, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Minneapolis/St. Paul offers one of the finest cooking-school programs available.

In addition, students can gain practical experience in our on-site, student-run restaurant and at externships arranged through our [Career Services department](#).

They could do a demo during appetizer course. This is a great learning experience for the students at the school. Team building events not successful at more than 25 per group.

Website: <http://www.chefs.edu/Minneapolis-St-Paul>