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The Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official marketing organization for the City of Bloomington and markets Bloomington, Minnesota, area attractions, and the surrounding communities, to visitors around the world. Bloomington is located adjacent to Minneapolis and St. Paul, just minutes from the International Airport, is the home of Mall of America, and is a premier destination for meetings, conventions, and tourism. For visitor information, special offers and to book hotel rooms online visit www.bloomingtonmn.org.

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#### Top 5



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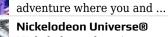
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#### THE CITY



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Bloomington is located adjacent to Minneapolis and St. Paul, just minutes from the International Airport, is the home of Mall of America®, and is a premier destination for meetings, conventions, and tourism. Bloomington provides visitors a dynamic mix of first-class attractions, vibrant restaurants, and more than 40 convenient hotels. From an exhilarating walk in a wildlife refuge to a relaxing dinner at an exceptional restaurant, we've got you covered.

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#### **TOP 10**



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Here are just a few of the many things you will experience, located within minutes of Bloomington hotels:

1. Mall of America - largest enclosed shopping

- and entertainment venue in the United States stay, play, dine and shop all under one roof
- 2. Nickelodeon Universe largest indoor theme park in the United States located in the center of Mall of America complete with roller coasters and the longest indoor zipline
- 3. Paisley Park Prince's iconic private estate and production complex is now a museum where visitors can experience
- 4. MSP International Airport named best airport in its size category for two years in a row and is only 10 minutes from Bloomington, connected by METRO Light Rail Transit to Mall of America and Minneapolis and St. Paul
- 5. Minnehaha Regional Park One of the area's oldest and most popular park, featuring a majestic 53-foot waterfall, limestone bluffs, river overlooks, and hiking/biking trails attracts more than 850,000 visitors annually, and located just minutes from Bloomington
- 6. Historic Fort Snelling originally known as Fort Anthony, this was a United States military fortification located at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers
- 7. Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge comprised of more than 14,000-acres, and one of fourteen Regional Priority Urban Wildlife Refuges in the nation, offering visitors a variety of free outdoor recreational experiences
  8. 5-8 Club Claiming to have created the Juicy
- Lucy, a cheeseburger with molten cheese on the inside rather than on top of the meat patty, this restaurant is a local hangout with a prohibition speakeasy past
- 9. Hyland Lake Park Reserve offers skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing in the winter; disc golf, Chutes and Ladders play area, boating, kayaking, swimming, biking and hiking in the summer
- 10. Normandale Japanese Garden designed by Takeo Watanabe and dedicated in 1976, this



traditional style Japanese garden displays Minnesota-hardy plants and Japanese architectural features

#### **EVENTS**



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There's always something new to do here in Bloomington and next door in the Twin Cities. With over 400 events every year ranging from national competitions to celebrity appearances at Mall of America®, there's something for everyone. View all of the upcoming events and things to do right here:

www.bloomingtonmn.org/things-to-do/events

#### **Holiday Shopping at Mall of America**



There's nothing quite like the holidays at the nation's largest retail and entertainment facility! Enjoy tax-free shopping at 520+ stores, delicious

dining at 50+ restaurants, and festive events and experiences all season long.

Photo: Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau Address: Mall of America, 60 E. Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Varies seasonally

Phone: +1 952 8838800

Internet: https://www.mallofamerica.com/

### **Bloomington Summer Fete**



The true "ringing in" of Independence Day in the Twin Cities, the Bloomington Summer Fete occurs every year on July 3 at Normandale

Lake Park. A carnival, two entertainment stages with musical performances, and a fireworks display provide fun for the whole family.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Normandale Lake Park, 5901 W 84th St,

Bloomington, MN 55438

Opening hours: +1 952 5638877

Tickets: Free admission

Internet: https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/summer-fete

## **Bloomington Winter Fete**



The week-long Winter
Fete welcomes winter to
Bloomington with a fat
tire bike race, ski
jumping, and the
Pond-Dakota Winter

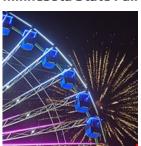
History Festival. All activities are free, and almost all take place outside, so don't forget to bundle up with a coat and get ready to experience January in Minnesota!

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Phone: +1 952 5638740

Internet: https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/winter-fete

#### Minnesota State Fair



There's no better place than the Minnesota State Fair to get a feel for what Minnesota is all about! The "Great Minnesota Get-Together" draws over

1.5 million attendees every year and is the largest 12-day fair in North America. The annual



celebration features endless games and rides, animal exhibits, and over 400 free concerts. The fair celebrates everything that is special about Minnesota. If you're looking for an experience you won't find anywhere else, visit the North Woods area to see lumberjack and stunt dogs performances, and make sure to catch the State Fair Parade at 2 P.M. every day. Popular musical artists visit the Grandstand each year to play to sold-out crowds. Food is also a highlight of the State Fair; new food items last year included SPAM sushi, deep fried grilled cheese bites, and a Reuben pickle dog!

Photo: Minnesota State Fair

Address: Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 1265 Snelling Ave, St

Paul, MN 55108

Opening hours: 6:00 AM-10:00 PM

Phone: +1 651 2884400

Tickets: Child (0-4): free, Child (5-12): \$13, Adult (13-64):

\$15, Senior (65+): \$13

Internet: http://www.mnstatefair.org/

#### Minnesota Renaissance Festival



Transport yourself back to the 16th century with a trip to the annual Renaissance Festival in nearby Shakopee, Minnesota. Laugh at

court jesters, shop for handicrafts, watch a joust and enjoy some delicious, authentic fare. The festival opens in late August and finishes up in early October.

Photo: Renaissance Festival

Address: 12364 Chestnut Boulevard, Shakopee, MN 55379

Opening hours: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 4457361

Tickets: Child (0-4): free, Child (5-12): \$16.95, Adult: \$25.95,

Senior: \$23.95

Internet: http://www.renaissancefest.com/

#### **Uptown Art Fair**



Visit the Uptown Art Fair to see creativity on display. Admire and purchase the handiwork of talented artists, enjoy food and drinks from one

of the many food trucks and beer gardens, and listen to music at the performance stage. This family-friendly event has special kids zones and an area for youth artists.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Uptown Minneapolis, 55408

Phone: +1 612 8234581 Tickets: Free admission

Internet: http://uptownartfair.com/

#### Saint Paul Winter Carnival



Saint Paul's beautiful Rice Park is the "center stage" for the Winter Carnival, which is an annual celebration of winter held entirely

outside. Three parades, a beer festival, a 5k, the Snow Park at the Fair, and ice palaces demonstrate Minnesota's embrace of its cold season. The Winter Carnival is held from late January through early February.

Photo: Saint Paul Winter Carnival

Address: Rice Park, 109 W 4th St, St Paul, MN 55102

Phone: +1 651 2234700

Tickets: Some events are free; check on website for special

event pricing

Internet: https://www.wintercarnival.com/



#### Holidazzle



Holidazzle is a special winter tradition that takes place in downtown Minneapolis. The outdoor festival is open weekends from Thanksgiving

through Christmas, and includes ice skating, visits with Santa Claus, carriage rides, shopping, and more.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 1382 Willow St, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Phone: +1 612 3767669 Tickets: Free admission

Internet: http://www.holidazzle.com/

#### **Twin Cities Pride Festival**



Twin Cities Pride, one of the largest Pride events in the country, includes a parade, several concerts, a 5k race, and a host of other activities. Special

guest appearances in the past few years have included Kathy Griffin, The Pointer Sisters, and more. Pride is held annually during the last weekend of June.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Loring Park, 1382 Willow St, Minneapolis, MN

55403

Phone: +1 612 2553260

Tickets: Some events are free; check on website for special

event pricing

Internet: https://www.tcpride.org/

#### Minneapolis Aquatennial



Join in the fun at the Minneapolis Aquatennial, a summer festival celebrating the city of Minneapolis. Founded in 1939, the Minneapolis

Aquatennial is one of the largest festivals in the state, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Enjoy a variety of events, including Target Fireworks show, CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade, Life Time Torchlight 5K, Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show and more. The festival occurs annually in mid-July.

Photo: Minneapolis Aquatennial

Address: 88 N 17th St, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Phone: +1 612 3767669

Internet: http://www.aquatennial.com/

#### **Zombie Pub Crawl**



The Zombie Pub Crawl is certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "World's Largest Gathering of Zombies". Thousands of people

dress up in their best zombie attire and roam through downtown Minneapolis, listening to live musical acts and participating in events like a "brain" eating contest.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota Address: Downtown Minneapolis, MN Opening hours: 5:00 PM-12:00 AM

Tickets: \$43/person

Internet: http://zombiepubcrawl.com/



#### **Rock the Garden**



This annual outdoor music festival has featured alternative acts such as The Flaming Lips, Wilco, and Sonic Youth. Held on the grounds of

the Walker Art Center, the festival is sponsored by local favorite 89.3 The Current. Families are welcome at Rock The Garden, and food trucks, beer tent, and view of the city skyline make this a unique festival to remember.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Walker Art Center, 1750 Hennepin Ave,

Minneapolis, MN 55403 Phone: +1 612 3757600

Internet: http://rockthegardenfestival.com/

#### DO & SEE



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From the attractions at Mall of America to the activities in Minneapolis and St. Paul, there's plenty to entertain you during your stay in Bloomington, MN. Choose from hundreds of fun-filled Bloomington attractions and adventures that are sure to make your vacation a memorable one. Bloomington attractions include Mall of America®, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, museums, outdoor activities and more!

For more exciting things to see and do in

#### Bloomington:

www.bloomingtonmn.org/things-to-do

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#### Mall of America®



Mall of America® is more than a shopping mall near the Twin Cities. It's over 520 shops full of tax-free shopping and 50 restaurants full of

delicious food. It's Nickelodeon Universe®, SEA LIFE at Mall of America, LEGO® and more – all under one roof. Most of all, it's an unforgettable experience. And it's all right here in Bloomington, MN. Come see what's in store.

Photo: Bloomington CVB

Address: 60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

Public Transport: Light rail transit Blue Line, Metro Transit

bus

Opening hours: MOA® retail hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 :00 - 21:30:00 Saturday 09:30:00 - 21:30:00 Sunday 11:00:00 - 19:00:00

Phone: +1 952 8838800

Internet: http://www.mallofamerica.com

#### The Escape Game



An "Escape Game" or "Escape Room" is an interactive adventure where you and your team will have one hour to complete a mission and

escape the room. Escaping will require teamwork, quick thinking, determination and a sense of urgency! From the moment you step into your game, you'll be totally immersed in our



#### world.

Photo: The Escape Game

Address: Mall of America, 300 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN

55425

Opening hours: 8:00 AM-Midnight

Phone: +1 952 8563374 Tickets: \$35.99-\$39.99

Internet: https://theescapegameminneapolis.com/

#### Nickelodeon Universe®



Nickelodeon, the #1
entertainment brand for
kids, and Mall of
America®, the nation's
premier shopping
destination, have joined

forces to create a one-of-a-kind theme park.

Located in the center of Mall of America,

Nickelodeon Universe® features seven acres of
unique attractions and entertainment. Meet the

Nick characters, experience spine-tingling rides,
visit unique retail shops and much more!

Photo: Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau
Address: 5000 Center Court, Bloomington, MN 55425
Public Transport: Metro Transit bus and light rail Blue Line
Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00 AM-9:30 PM;
Friday-Saturday 10:00 AM-10:00 PM; Sun: 10:30 AM-7:30

PM

Phone: +1 952 8838800

Tickets: All Day Wristband: \$36.99; 84 Point Pass: \$73.99; 48 Point Pass: \$48.99; 30 Point Pass: \$31.99; 18 Point Pass

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Internet: www.nickelodeonuniverse.com

More Info: Toddler Tuesdays® ride special: Five hour toddler wristband for \$13.99 + tax, Tuesdays only. Twilight Savings: \$29.99 Unlimited Ride Wristband after 5 PM daily. Not valid during special events or with other discounts. Military discount: \$10 off an Unlimited Ride Wristband with military I.D.

#### Crayola Experience



This one-of-a-kind attraction features 25 exhibits that encourage creativity and fun. Make your own hand-drawn puzzle, see your coloring

page come to life in an augmented reality experience, and create an art project using Crayola Model Magic. If you need to recharge, stop by Cafe Crayola for a kid-friendly meal.

Photo: Crayola Experience

Address: Mall of America, 300 South Avenue, Level 3

Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Sun-Sat: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8515800

Tickets: Online: \$17.99; At Crayola Experience: \$21.99 Internet: http://www.crayolaexperience.com/mallofamerica

#### FlyOver America



FlyOver America is the hottest new attraction in Minnesota! The flight simulation ride soars you across some of America's most spectacular sights

with the latest in flight ride technology.

Experience wind, scents and other amazing effects that will make you feel like you are truly flying!

Photo: FlyOver America

Address: Mall of America, 5120 Center Court #5120,

Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00 AM-9:30 PM; Sun: 11:00

AM-7:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8536000

Tickets: Child (12 years and younger): \$14.38 online, \$15.99

at gate; Adult: \$17.98 online, \$19.99 at gate Internet: http://www.flyover-america.com/



#### **SEA LIFE at Mall of America**



SEA LIFE at Mall of America® brings you closer than ever before to thousands of sea creatures, including sharks, sea turtles, rays,

jellyfish, seahorses and more! Plus, fun interactive activities throughout the aquarium, including stamp stations with dive books and WOW! facts, make SEA LIFE at Mall of America the perfect family fun destination. Swim with the sharks in what was named "the best shark exhibit on the planet" by Animal Planet or view the scary creatures from a 300-foot glass underground tunnel.

Photo: SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium

Address: 120 East Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Metro bus, Metro Light Rail Blue Line Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM; Fri: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sat: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sun: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

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Phone: +1 952 8530612.

Tickets: Children under 3: free; Kids (3-12 years old): \$15.99 online, \$18.99 at gate; Adults (13+ years old): \$19.99 online, \$24.99 at gate

Internet: www.visitsealife.com/minnesota

#### Minnesota Zoo



The Minnesota Zoo, located in nearby suburb Apple Valley, houses hundreds of species of wild animals. Daily animal shows include cow

milking demos, penguin feedings, and the World of Birds show. Each summer, the annual Music in the Zoo concert series brings popular musicians to town.

Photo: Minnesota Zoo

Address: 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Opening hours: Varies seasonally

Phone: +1 952 4319200

Tickets: Children under 2: free; Kids (3-12 years old): \$12;

Adults (13-64 years old): \$18; Seniors (65+): \$12

Internet: http://mnzoo.org/

#### **Paisley Park**



Visit Prince's private
estate and production
complex in Chanhassen,
Minnesota. Fans will
experience first-hand
what it was like for Prince

to create, produce and perform.

Photo: Paisley Park

Address: 7801 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317 Opening hours: Mon: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM; Tues & Wed: Closed; Thurs: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Fri: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM;

Sat: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sun: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Tickets: General Admission: \$45; VIP Tour: \$85; Ultimate

Experience: \$160

Internet: https://officialpaisleypark.com/

#### **Artistry**



Artistry is an independent 501©3 nonprofit that serves a regional audience of more than 80,000 people annually. Housed in the

Bloomington Center for the Arts, Artistry produces seven theater productions per season, curates 14 visual arts exhibitions each year, offers year-round classes and workshops both on-site and throughout the community, and works with the City of Bloomington and other partners on creative placemaking and public art projects.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone: +1 952 5638575

Internet: https://artistrymn.org/



### Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge



The wildlife refuge runs along the east and south borders of Bloomington, and is an urban oasis that provides a habitat for migratory waterfowl, fish,

and other wildlife species. This park is popular with locals interested in hiking, biking, fishing, and canoeing, and is easily accessible from many of the Bloomington hotels.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 3815 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8545900 Tickets: Free admission

Internet:

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Minnesota\_Valley/about.html

#### Normandale Japanese Garden



This two acre garden features traditional Japanese elements, such as bridges, hanging lanterns, streams, waterfalls, and fish. Stop

by to check out the beautiful cherry and apple blossoms in the spring.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 9700 France Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55431

Opening hours: Sunrise-sunset Phone: +1 952 3588145 Tickets: Free admission

Internet:

http://www.normandale.edu/community/japanese-garden

#### The Works Museum



This hands-on museum for kids is all about engineering, and includes interactive exhibits and design challenges for kids ages 4-12. Experiment

with machines, structures and shapes, sensors, imaging, and optical technologies, and make and break stuff in the Design Lab!

Photo: The Works Museum

Address: 9740 Grand Avenue S., Bloomington, MN 55420

Opening hours: Varies seasonally

Phone: +1 952 8884262

Tickets: Children 2 and under: free, Adults and children: \$9

Internet: www.theworks.org/

#### GameWorks Sports Grille & Lanes



Located inside Mall of America, this bowling alley and entertainment center provides a nice break during a day of shopping. Stop by to

watch a game on one of the big-screen TVs, play the hundreds of arcade games, or enjoy food and drinks with friends.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Mall of America, 401 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN

55425

Opening hours: Sun-Thurs: 11:00 AM-12:00 AM; Fri-Sat:

11:00 AM-1:00 AM Phone: +1 952 5008700

Internet:

 $http:/\!/www.gameworks.com/locations/mall-of-america$ 



#### **Hyland Lake Park Reserve**



It's a scenic retreat in the heart of Bloomington.

Hyland Lake Park offers breathtaking prairie landscapes and a major body of water as well as a

large play area, the Richardson Nature Center, and the Hyland Hills Ski Area. With so much to do, this park has endless opportunities for outdoor fun.

Hyland Lake Park Reserve is part of a larger system recognized as the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. The entire 2,565-acre complex is managed by the City of Bloomington and Three Rivers Park District.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 10145 Bush Lake Road, Bloomington, MN 55438

Opening hours: 5:00 AM-10:00 PM Phone: +1 763 6947687 (Visitor Center)

Internet:

www.threeriversparks.org/parks/hyland-lake-park.aspx

#### **CMX Cinemas**



CMX Cinemas is the eighth largest movie theatre chain in the United States. This is not your typical movie theatre, it's a redefined

cinema experience for the whole family!

CMX Market, a new and innovative concept developed by CMX Cinemas, combines a luxury movie-going experience with refined CMX Market self-serve culinary and beverage selections. The Market concept is inspired by the popular and fashionable food hall concepts and eateries that will allow foodies to experience a wide selection of delicious food.

Photo: CMX Cinemas

Address: 401 South Avenue, Mall of America, Bloomington,

MN 55425

Opening hours: 10 AM - 12 AM

Phone: +1 612 2639302

Tickets: Dependent on showing

Internet: https://www.cmxcinemas.com/theaters/10/cmx-mall-

of-america

#### **XD Ride**



XD Ride brings the thrill of a roller coaster and the interactive simulation of a video game right to you to create an exhilarating experience for the whole

family. Come try it out to fend off the enemy attack and compete for the high score to beat your family and friends.

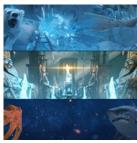
Photo: XD Ride

Address: 100 East Broadway, Mall of America, Bloomington,

MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10 AM-9:30 PM; Sun: 11 AM-7 PM Internet: https://xdrideco.com/portfolio/mall-of-america/

#### **5D Extreme Attraction**



Experience the two new amazing virtual reality attractions at Mall of America: "Shark Attack", where customers will meet eye-to-eye with

prehistoric reptiles when standing on a motion platform, and "Mystery Mine", where 1G force combined with an adventurous ride in a mine car will deliver an amazing and memorable adrenaline rush.

Photo: 5D Extreme Attraction

Address: 5130 Center Court, Mall of America Bloomington,

MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10 AM-9:30 PM; Sun: 11 AM-7 PM

Internet:



https://www.mallofamerica.com/directory/matrix-technology

#### **Northwest Airlines History Center**



The Northwest Airlines
History Center honors the
airline that was once
headquartered in
Minnesota. Many unique
and interesting artifacts,

historical documents and pictures are on display, and a collection of airplane models dates from Northwest's beginning in 1926.

Photo: Northwest Airlines History Center

Address: 8101 34th Ave S., Ste 100, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Wed-Sat: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 6984478 Tickets: Free admission

Internet: http://northwestairlineshistory.org/

#### Como Park Zoo & Conservatory



Open 365 days a year, zoo exhibits include gorillas, giraffes, polar bears, penguins, and more. The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory

presents seasonal floral shows in the Sunken Garden. If you're visiting in August, don't miss the annual Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival, a family-friendly celebration of Japanese culture.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 1225 Estabrook Dr, St Paul, MN 55103 Opening hours: April-September: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM;

October-March: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Phone: +1 651 4878200 Tickets: Free admission

Internet: http://www.comozooconservatory.org/

#### Minnehaha Falls Park



The 193-acre Minnehaha Park features a 53-foot waterfall, limestone bluffs, and river overlooks. Paved trails offer visitors the

opportunity to see the park on bike or foot. Visit the park during the winter months to see the waterfall completely frozen over.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 4801 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis, MN

55417-2373

Opening hours: 6:00 AM-12:00 AM

Phone: +1 612 2306400 Tickets: Free Admission

Internet: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/parks destinatio

ns/parks lakes/minnehaha regional park/

### **DINING**



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With a population of nearly 90,000 and home to Mall Of America, which alone brings in another 42 million visitors annually, Bloomington has no shortage of restaurants to suit a lot of tastes.

From casual, family friendly establishments to fine dining best suited for date nights and those special occasions, the dining scene in Bloomington truly has something for everyone and every palate.

And if you're in the mood for a quick bite



between errands or perhaps a happy hour to view the Minnesota Twins, Vikings or the Wild on television, there are plenty of trendy bars, grills and burger joints as well.

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#### Cedar + Stone, Urban Table



At Cedar + Stone, Urban Table, discover a suburban dining experience with a decidedly urban feel - a restaurant that connects

to the natural surroundings, the local community and the favorite foods that feed your soul. Taste the heart of the city at one of the premier restaurants near Minneapolis. Cedar + Stone's chefs source the region's nearby farms for cage-free poultry, produce, and unique cuts of meat and cheese, obtain fresh seafood from Minnesota's lakes, and craft artisan breads right in their kitchen.

Photo: Cedar + Stone, Urban Table

Address: 2141 Lindau Lane Bloomington, MN 55425 Opening hours: Sun-Thurs: 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM; Fri-Sat:

6:30 AM - 11:00 PM Phone: +1 612 6150100

Internet: http://www.cedarandstoneurbantable.com/

## LARS Bar & Restaurant



Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, LARS Restaurant offers modern American dining; the focus is on Minnesota classics, infused with a

twist.

Photo: Marriott

Address: 5500 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN

55437

Phone: +1 952 8318000

Internet: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/mspbb-renaissance-minneapolis-bloomington-hotel/

#### FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar



FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar features modern yet comfortable décor, a chic bar area, a craft cocktail list, and deluxe desserts. FireLake

has reinvented local dining by capturing the essence of the best that Minnesota has to offer with a farm-to-table concept that incorporates fresh and local produce wherever possible—all with a creative flair and an irresistible presentation.

Photo: FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar

Address: 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425 Opening hours: Sun-Thurs: 6:30 AM - 12:00 AM; Fri-Sat:

6:30 AM - 12:00 AM Phone: +1 952 8815258

Internet: https://www.firelakerestaurant.com/location/firelake

-mall-of-america/

#### **Urbana Craeft Kitchen & Market**



Urbana Craeft Kitchen & Market is located within the Hyatt Regency Bloomington-Minneapolis and proudly serves locally sourced ingredients that

are seasonally grown at on-site gardens. The seasonal menus feature Minnesota-inspired entrees like steak, walleye, and game, as well as vegetarian options. Bringing bit of urban vibe to the rural lifestyle, they offer a stylish setting and social vibe with patio seating.

Photo: Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau



Address: 3200 East 81st Street, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 9221234

Internet: http://www.urbanacraeftkitchen.com/

#### Lela



Enjoy an urban-style dining experience at Lela, where the intriguing space is both inviting and approachable. Alluring tastes are created via a

food-forward concept anchored by a wide selection of house-made pastas, prime steaks, and seafood crudos.

Complete the night with creative cocktail twists and iconic flavors at Lela's bar and lounge. Chart your own course through a careful selection of global wines and craft beverages.

Photo: Lela

Address: 5601 West 78th Street., Bloomington, MN 55439 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Sat-Sun: 7:00

AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 6565980

Internet: www.lelarestaurant.com/

#### Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville



A tropical escape in Minnesota, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville offers a fun, family-friendly dining experience. The

Margaritaville menu invites guests to unwind with house-made margaritas, frozen boat drinks and cold LandShark Lager. Enjoy signature food items like the Cheeseburger in Paradise, Hand-Battered Chicken Tenders and Volcano Nachos. Other notable menu items include Buttermilk Fried Chicken and LandShark Lager Fish & Chips – hand-dipped in LandShark batter,

fried golden brown and served with jalapeno tartar sauce.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: Mall of America, 344 East Broadway, Bloomington,

MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM; Fri-Sat:

11:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone: 952 8004422

Internet: https://www.margaritavillemallofamerica.com/

#### Rainforest Café



A wild place to shop and eat! Part adventure, part restaurant, and wholly entertaining for the whole family, the Rainforest Café recreates a tropical

rainforest with waterfalls, lush vegetation, and indigenous creatures.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 102 South Avenue, Bloomington, MN 55425 Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM; Fri-Sat:

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8547500

 $Internet: \ http://www.rainforestcafe.com/locations.asp?st=mn$ 

#### **Shake Shack**



The first Shake Shack in Minnesota is located in Mall of America's Culinary on North area. The restaurant serves hamburgers made from

locally raised beef, as well as their legendary frozen custard shakes and concretes.

Photo: Racked.com

 $Address: Mall\ of\ America,\ 332\ North\ Garden,\ Bloomington,$ 

MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM; Sun: 11:00

AM - 7:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 4666056

Internet:



https://www.shakeshack.com/location/mall-of-america/

### Wahlburgers



Dedicated to giving back, Wahlburgers is active in every community it serves. Open daily for lunch and dinner, Wahlburgers offers

full-service dining, counter service, take out and a full-service bar. The chef inspired menu features a variety of fresh burgers, housemade condiments, crispy haddock, seared chicken and vegetarian options. Other signature items include thin crispy onion rings, tater tots and thick creamy frappes and floats. Gluten free options are available.

Photo: Bloomington CVB

Address: Mall of America, 234 N Garden, Bloomington, MN

55425

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:30 AM-10:00 PM; Sun: 10:30

AM-9:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8541655

Internet:

https://www.wahlburgersrestaurant.com/mallofamerica

#### **Twin City Grill**



Located on the first floor of the Mall of America, Twin City Grill is an American grill offering a comfortable environment with homemade comfort

foods, ideal for your shopping break. Take a seat at the bar during happy hour and sip on a local craft beer, or choose from one of 20 wines by the glass or a hand-shaken classic cocktail. Enjoy local favorites such as walleye, wild rice, meatloaf, and roast turkey in the relaxing dining room, a retreat from the hustle and bustle of the mall.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 130 N Garden, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 11:15 AM – 9:30 PM; Fri-Sat:

11:15 AM - 10:00 PM; Sun: 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8540200

Internet: www.twincitygrillrestaurant.com/

#### Green Mill Restaurant & Bar



Green Mill's deep commitment to quality food, genuine service, and their guests keep the Green Mill legend growing. Their

made-from-scratch pastas, sandwiches, and hand-crafted cocktails are fan favorites!

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM - 1:00 AM; Sat: 7:00 AM -

1:00 AM; Sun: 7:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone: +1 952 8849898

Internet: http://www.greenmill.com/locations/bloomington/

#### Woolley's Kitchen & Bar



Woolley's Kitchen & Bar is known for mouth watering steaks, fresh fish, and seafood.
Woolley's also has an outstanding wine list that

features the best wines from the U.S. and around the world. The open-air gazebo and cozy booths complement all types of occasions; business, romantic, celebrations, or just going out for a satisfying dinner.

Photo: Woolley's Steakhouse

Address: 7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425 Opening hours: Sun-Mon: 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM; Fri-Sat:

11:00 AM - 1:00 AM Phone: +1 952 8541010

Internet: https://woolleysrestaurant.com/



#### **AiRE Craft Grill**



AiRE Craft Grill is the perfect place to gather with friends after work for a drink, for a bite to eat from our full menu, for an evening of fun, or

just a nightcap. Located in Crowne Plaza Aire, the AiRE Craft Grill serves breakfast/breakfast buffet, lunch, and dinner, as well as room service to hotel guests.

Photo: Crowne Plaza AiRE

Address: 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: 6:00 AM-1:00 AM

Phone: +1 952 8549000

Internet: https://www.crowneplazaaire.com/dining.html

#### **Crescent Kitchen**



Crescent Kitchen, located inside the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington - Minneapolis South, features regional American fare comprised

of familiar comfort foods and focused on shareable small plates, which encourages groups to socialize in a convivial atmosphere. The Crescent Kitchen Bar features 16 craft beers selections on tap, small batch bourbons and scotches, signature cocktails, and wine from vineyards around the world.

Photo: DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington-Minneapolis South Address: 7800 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55439 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM; Sat-Sun: 7:00

AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8938473

Internet: http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesota/d oubletree-by-hilton-hotel-bloomington-minneapolis-south-MS PBSDT/dining/index.html

#### Bistro 79



A convenient alternative to Minneapolis airport restaurants, Minneapolis Airport Marriott's on-site Bistro 79 offers a wide selection of entrees,

appetizers and creative cocktails in a relaxed, sophisticated setting. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Photo: Marriott

Address: 2020 American Blvd E.Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: 6:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.

Phone: +1 952 8547441

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaur

ant/mspmn-minneapolis-airport-marriott/

#### **Blue Water Grill**



Located inside Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America, Blue Water Grill features American Cuisine specialties in a casual

dining atmosphere. Dinner in Blue Water Grill is truly an experience with Executive Chef Eric Baker's culinary team and restaurant staff.

Specializing in fresh seafood & steaks, Blue Water Grill has been noted as one of the Twin Cities' best seafood restaurants.

Photo: Hilton

Address: 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM - 10:00 PM; Sat: 7:00 AM

- 10:00 PM; Sun:7:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone: +1 952 8542100

 $Internet: www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesota/hilton-minne \\ apolis-st-paul-airport-mall-of-america-MSPAHHF/dining/index$ 

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#### JT's Food & Cocktails



Conveniently connected to Best Western Plus Bloomington, JT's Food & Cocktails offers a large menu of American-style dishes. Choose from

selections like nachos, sandwiches, and wood-fired pizza, and be sure to stop by for happy hour Monday-Saturday 2-6 PM for discounts! Catering menu also available.

Photo: JT's Food & Cocktails

Address: 1901 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55412 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sat: 2:00

PM-11:00 PM; Sun: 2:00 PM-9:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8142910

Internet: http://www.jtsfoodncocktails.com/

#### Benihana



Diners can enjoy
Japanese cuisine ranging
from sushi, sashimi and
salads to signature dishes
like carpaccios, ceviches,
tartares, filet mignon,

grilled spicy shrimp and specialty rolls.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 358 South Avenue, Bloomington, MN 55425

Opening hours: Mon.-Thurs. 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.; Fri.-Sat.:

11:00 A.M.-10:30 P.M.; Sun. 11:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.

Phone: +1 952 5946205

Internet: http://www.benihana.com/locations/mall-of-america/

#### **Bloomington ChopHouse**



Bloomington ChopHouse specializes in tender steaks, fresh seafood, and attentive service. Featuring an extensive, yet affordable, wine list,

Bloomington ChopHouse stands out as one of the

premier Bloomington restaurants. Located within the Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington.

Photo: Bloomington Chophouse

Address: 3900 American Blvd. W.Bloomington, MN 55437 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM - 10:00 PM; Sat: 7:00 AM -

10:00 PM; Sun: 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8305200

Internet: www.bloomingtonchophouse.com/

#### **Bubba Gump Shrimp Co**



The first Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Restaurant and Market opened in 1996 on Cannery Row in Monterey, California. Since then, the restaurant

has grown to include many notable locations throughout the United States and internationally.

Food is the hero at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. The menu features shrimp, of course, as well as margaritas that are hand-shaken at your table.

Photo: Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

Address: 396 South Ave, Mall of America, Bloomington, MN

55425

Opening hours: Sun - Thurs: 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Fri - Sat:

11:00 AM - 12:00 AM Phone: +1 952 8536600

Internet:

http://www.bubbagump.com/locations/mall-of-america/



#### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



Bloomington CVB

#### Cowboy Jack's



Cowboy Jack's is a fun-loving country bar known for their excellent happy hour specials and locally sourced food. Stop in to watch a game or

ride the mechanical bull!

Photo: Bloomington CVB

Address: 2801 Southtown Drive, Bloomington, MN 55431 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM; Sat-Sun:

10:00 AM - 2:00 AM Phone: +1952 9558137

Internet: http://theaftermidnightgroup.com/bloomington-hap

py-hour-and-nightly-specials/

#### Lucky's 13 Pub

Lucky's 13 Pub's rustic feel and welcoming atmosphere sets it apart from the rest. Lucky's has a dedication to exceptional service, with a scratch kitchen providing generously portioned and quality food. From live music on the weekends, to televisions at every angle, customers will find entertainment combined with daily specials and an extensive Americana menu, exceeding expectations!

Address: 1800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55431

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM; Sat: 8:00 AM -

1:00 AM; Sun: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone: +1 9524052213

Internet: www.luckys13pub.com/

#### **Northstar Tavern**



Come dine at Northstar Tavern in their comfortable, modern dining room. Their friendly staff would love to serve you items from

their chef driven menu featuring customizable handhelds, 24 tap beers, craft cocktails and fun wine list.

Photo: Northstar Tavern

Address: 5101 W 98th St., Bloomington, MN 55437

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM-2:00 AM; Sat-Sun: 10:00

AM-2:00 AM

Phone: +1 952 4056040

Internet: https://www.northstartavernmn.com/

#### Shantytown Bar & Grill



This hidden gem serves burgers, wings, and other standard bar fare along with tap beer and cocktails. It's been called Bloomington's best kept

secret by locals and is a great place to catch a game.

Photo: MNFoodBros

Address: 8512 Pillsbury Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420 Opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM; Fri: 11:00

AM - 12:00 AM; Sat: 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM

Phone: +1 952 8817223

#### Willy McCoy's

A prohibition-themed bar and grill, Willy McCoy's serves standards such as burgers, flatbreads, and sandwiches alongside its signature whiskeys and 2-for-1 beers and well



drinks.

Address: 10700 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN

55431

Opening hours: Sun: 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM; Mon-Thurs: 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM; Fri: 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM; Sat: 10:00 AM -

2:00 AM

Phone: +1 952 4568905

Internet: http://willymccoys.com/bloomington/4217004

#### **SHOPPING**



Bloomington CVB

When you're the home of Mall of America®, there's a lot of shopping to do. But there are even more stores in Bloomington than the 520 in the mall. From locally owned boutiques in Bloomington to retail outlet malls in Minneapolis and St. Paul, you've got some shopping to do.

#### Mall of America®



Mall of America® is more than a shopping mall near the Twin Cities. It's over 520 shops full of tax-free shopping and 50 restaurants full of

delicious food. It's Nickelodeon Universe®, SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium, LEGO® and more – all under one roof. Recently opened are FlyOver America, a flight simulation ride that takes guests on a virtual trip across the United States, and Crayola Experience, a one-of-a-kind family attraction full of colorful fun!

The Mall's new north side includes a healthy food market, 14-story JW Marriott hotel, and new stores like TOMS, Anthropologie, and Zara.

Photo: Bloomington CVB

Address: 60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

Public Transport: Light rail transit, Metro bus, free shuttle

from most Bloomington hotels

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00 AM-9:30 PM; Sat: 9:30

AM-9:30 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8838800

Internet: http://www.mallofamerica.com

#### **Twin Cities Premium Outlets**



Twin Cities Premium
Outlets is located in the
nearby suburb of Eagan,
just across the Minnesota
River from Bloomington.
Over 100 outlet stores

include Nike, Coach, Polo Ralph Lauren, adidas, and Armani.

Photo: Twin Cities Premium Outlets

 ${\it Address: 3965 \; Eagan \; Outlets \; Pkwy, \; Eagan, \; MN \; 55122} \\ {\it Public \; Transport: \; Cedar \; Grove \; Transit \; Station \; (bus) \; located} \\$ 

across the street

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sun: 10:00

AM-7:00 PM

Phone: +1 612 4448850

Internet: http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/twin-cities

#### **Southdale Center**



Southdale Center was the nation's first indoor shopping mall when it opened in 1956. The mall is anchored by Macy's, and also has over 120

specialty stores, including Michael Kors, The Apple Store, and Sephora. Dining options at Southdale range from sit down restaurants such as Cheesecake Factory and P.F Changs, to more



casual choices such as Qdoba Mexican Grill and Smashburger. There is also a movie theater, AMC Megaplex, located at the mall.

Photo: Southdale Center

Address: 10 Southdale Center, Edina, MN 55435

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sun: 11:00

AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 9257874

Internet: http://www.simon.com/mall/southdale-center/

#### **Eden Prairie Center**



Located in nearby Eden Prairie, this shopping mall features 120 shops and restaurants, including Minnesota's first and only Von Maur

department store. Visitors to Eden Prairie Center can catch a movie at the 18-screen theater or enjoy a meal at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Wildfire Restaurant, Great Mandarin or any number of quick-service eateries. Eden Prairie Center also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, making it a great destination for both retail therapy and family fun.

Photo: HomesMSP

 ${\it Address: 8251 \ Flying \ Cloud \ Dr., \ Eden \ Prairie, \ MN \ 55344}$   ${\it Public \ Transport: On \ Eden \ Prairie \ Express \ and \ Eden \ Prairie}$ 

Circulation bus routes.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sun: 11:00

AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 9417650

Internet: http://www.edenprairiecenter.com/

#### Galleria



This upscale shopping center is located in the nearby suburb of Edina. Here you'll find unique stores you won't find anywhere else in the

area, including Restoration Hardware, Crate &

Barrel, and Pottery Barn. There are also several restaurants inside the Galleria, including Big Bowl, CRAVE, and Pittsburgh Blue steakhouse.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 7000 France Ave S Edina, MN 55435-4203 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat: 10:00

AM-8:00 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 9254321

Internet: http://www.galleriaedina.com/

#### **IKEA**



IKEA is conveniently located across the street from Mall of America. Shop two floors of home furnishing products designed to combine

function, quality, design and value. For a great family dining experience, dine at IKEA Restaurant & Café for a delicious taste of Sweden. Try a famous Swedish-style dish like the favorite meatballs with mashed potatoes, cream sauce and lingonberries.

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 8000 IKEA Way, Bloomington, MN 55425

Public Transport: Light rail station across the street at Mall  $\,$ 

of America

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sun: 10:00

AM-8:00 PM

Phone: +1 888 8884532

Internet: http://www.ikea.com/us/en/store/twin cities

#### REI



Outdoor enthusiasts will find all they need for their next adventure at REI Bloomington. Find top-brand gear and clothing for camping,

climbing, cycling, fitness, paddling, hiking and more! Whether you're looking to learn a new activity or you're a seasoned veteran in need of a



new challenge, sign up for a class from climbing to outdoor photography. You'll be surprised by all the outdoor learning opportunities.

Photo: Rayco Construction

Address: 750 West American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420 Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat: 9:00

AM-9:00 PM; Sun: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8844315

Internet: https://www.rei.com/stores/bloomington.html

#### **Southtown Shopping Center**



The Southtown Shopping Center has been a local Bloomington favorite since 1960. It is conveniently located in the heart of Bloomington

and provides quality retailers and great values. Southtown is home to such retailers as Bed Bath & Beyond, T.J. Maxx, Kohl's and more. AMF Southtown Lanes is a great bowling center to entertain family and friends.

Photo: Southtown Center

Address: 7801-7997 Southtown Center, Bloomington, MN

55431

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Sat: 10:00

AM-6:00 PM; Sun: 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8818166

Internet: https://www.southtownbloomington.com/

#### **Total Wine & More**

This wine, beer, and liquor store offers the greatest selection in the Twin Cities area. The store's experts will guide you towards a beverage that matches your tastes, and frequent in-store tastings and classes allow you to sample and learn about the merchandise.

Address: 4260 W. 78th Street, Bloomington, MN 55435 Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM

- 6:00 PM

Phone: +1 952 8356063

Internet: http://www.totalwine.com/store-info/minnesota-bloo

mington/1601

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**



Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau

We take pride in our Midwestern hospitality. So do the over 40 different hotels you can choose from here in Bloomington, MN – home of Mall of America®. They all offer something a little bit different – just minutes from MSP Airport and Minneapolis–St. Paul. Whether it's for a family getaway to Mall of America® or a business conference in the Twin Cities, there's a perfect place for you to rest up and start your day feeling as good as new.

NOTE: This section has been limited to 20 points of interest. For the full guide, please visit:

http://arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguide/BLOOMINGTON

# DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington - Minneapolis South



The convenient and comfortable Bloomington DoubleTree is only seven short miles away from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Each room features complimentary high speed internet, access to the hotel's deluxe swimming pool as well as kids' play area.



Featuring one of the larger pools in Bloomington, the hotel's atrium pool area provides plenty of room for kids to play and adults to relax. Adults will enjoy the large whirlpool with a capacity of 20. The spacious fitness center provides state-of-the-art cardio equipment and free weights.

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Address: 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55439

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8357800

Internet: http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesota/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-bloomington-minneapolis-south-MS PBSDT/index.html

#### **Minneapolis Airport Marriott**



Located across the street from Mall of America® and IKEA, the Marriott Minneapolis Airport is just minutes away from Minneapolis/St. Paul

International Airport (MSP). The hotel completed a full renovation in July 2019. Each room is equipped with high-speed Internet and a spacious work desk for the business traveler. For meetings or social events, the 19,000 square feet of flexible meeting space accommodates up to 600 people.

The Lobby Bar is a coffee bar in the morning and full service bar in the evening. The barista will help you start your day off with a made-to-order latte and bagel. Then, come back in the evening for a drink, appetizers or dinner and watch your favorite game on the flat screen televisions.

Photo: Minneapolis Airport Marriott

Address: 2020 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN

55425

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8547441

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspmn-minneapoli

s-airport-marriott/

#### Radisson Blu Mall of America



Radisson Blu Mall of America is conveniently connected by skyway to Mall of America. Radisson Blu offers 500 superb fashion-inspired rooms.

Guests will enjoy the unique, color-splashed, edgy and modern urban room style. At the Radisson Blu, modern conveniences and modern style merge to create unforgettable stays!

FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar offers inviting and warm surroundings to meet your friends and guests. The restaurant has reinvented local dining by capturing the essence of the best that Minnesota has to offer, with a farm-to-table concept that incorporates fresh and local produce.

Photo: Radisson Blu Mall of America

Address: 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Shuttle to and from MSP Airport

Phone: +1 952 8815258

Internet:

https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-mall-of-america

#### **AC Hotel Bloomington Mall of America**



Connect to the city in a new way at the AC Hotel Bloomington Mall of America. Located across the street from Mall of America, the AC Hotel is

designed for urban spirits that want to take in the culture of the city. Thoughtful service and a



modern mindset define them. From check-in to check-out, each element of their space has been carefully tailored to alleviate the pain of travel and achieve harmony as you arrive in Bloomington.

Photo: AC Hotel Bloomington Mall of America Address: 8100 26th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Across the street from Metro Transit light rail

Phone: +1952 8540123

 $Internet: \ http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspac-ac-hot$ 

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#### **Hyatt Regency Bloomington-Minneapolis**



The Hyatt Regency
Bloomington-Minneapolis
is ideally located near
Mall of America®, MSP
International Airport, and
just steps away from the

Blue Line Light Rail. Featuring Regency Club Level guestrooms and 14 suites with panoramic views, the hotel offers stunning accommodations and exceptional amenities. Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi in all guest rooms and lobby, a full-service concierge, and superior service. Hyatt Regency inspires you to live well while visiting, offering a fitness center, pool and convenient access to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge where guests can escape to nature. The wildlife refuge offers walking paths, breathtaking views and wildlife-related recreation.

Urbana Craeft Kitchen & Market serves breakfast through dinner, and offers local ingredients that are seasonally grown at onsite gardens with authentic and knowledgeable service.

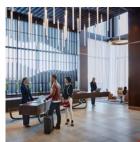
Photo: Hyatt Regency Bloomington-Minneapolis Address: 3200 East 81st Street, Bloomington, MN 55425

Phone: +1 952 9221234

Internet:

http://bloomington.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html

#### JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America



This elegant hotel offers a haven of luxury at the doorstep of Mall of America's new expansion of high-end retail and dining options. As the

newest hotel attached to MOA, it offers 342 beautifully appointed, smoke-free guestrooms and suites. Enjoy amenities like on-site dining, indoor pool, and fitness center. JW Marriott features 18,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, making it the ideal location for corporate gatherings or social celebrations.

JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America is located just 11 miles from downtown Minneapolis. Enjoy sophisticated dining for discerning palates, couture shopping for fashion enthusiasts, and artistic beauty just minutes away on the light rail system. The hotel is designed as a treat for the senses for both business and leisure travelers alike.

Photo: JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America Address: 2141 Lindau Lane, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport Phone: +1 612 6150100

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspjw-jw-marriott-minneapolis-mall-of-america/

#### **Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel**



At the Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel, it's our job to make your trip a little less expected. And a lot more memorable. Following a

distinctive multi-million-dollar renovation, our



unique hotel debuts featuring a minimalist design sprinkled with mid-century nuances and a nod to the locale. We believe that travel is about discovery and exploration. So, while you're here, we encourage you to take pleasure in the details of your stay. Experience our newly designed questrooms featuring deluxe bedding, well-lit workspaces, modern technology, new Marriott luxury floors, and a modern feel with expansive windows to maximize natural light and immerse you in the local destination. Check out our new Club Lounge, expanded 24-hour fitness center, heated indoor pool and new restaurant - LARS (Local, Authentic, Relaxed, Social) - presenting classic tastes of locally sourced ingredients with a twist. With our sensible location near the Twin Cities, the Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel provides a convenient location for both business and leisure travelers alike. Step out and explore the unique offerings of the city just outside our doors, including Mall of America, Valleyfair Amusement Park and Mystic Lake Casino.

Photo: Marriott

Address: 5500 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN

55437

Phone: +1 952 8318000

Internet: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspbb-renai

ssance-minneapolis-bloomington-hotel/

#### **Sheraton Bloomington Hotel**



Sheraton Bloomington
Hotel recently completed
a \$15 million renovation,
which boasts a
state-of-the-art open and
communal lobby and

modern guestrooms.

All recently transformed guest rooms and suites are equipped with wireless high-speed internet,

flat screen TV's, complimentary Starbucks® coffee, Shine for Sheraton™ bath amenities and Sheraton Sweet Sleeper™ beds. Recharge in the newly renovated Sheraton Fitness by Exos, a fully equipped fitness center and wellness program. Elevate your experience in the Sheraton Club Lounge, offering complimentary breakfast and evening appetizers.

Photo: Sheraton Bloomington Hotel

Address: 5601 West 78th Street, Bloomington, MN 55439

Phone: +1 952 8351900

Internet: www.sheratonbloomingtonhotel.com/

#### TownePlace Suites Minneapolis Mall of America



TownePlace Suites by Marriott® is an extended-stay hotel offering comfort, flexibility and affordability. A fully

equipped kitchen, high-speed Internet access, free breakfast, indoor pool, and fitness center create a welcoming environment. Mall of America® is across the street from the hotel, and the METRO Blue Line is just a short walk away.

Photo: TownePlace Suites Minneapolis Mall of America Address: 2500 Lindau Lane, Bloomington, MN 55425

Phone: +1 952 5404000

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/msptb-towneplace-s

uites-minneapolis-mall-of-america/

#### Cambria Hotel Bloomington Mall of America



The Cambria Hotel
Bloomington Mall of
America is one of the
newest additions to
Bloomington, Minnesota.
Located only minutes

from Minneapolis/Saint Paul International



Airport and Mall of America, you'll enjoy the convenience of be close to world-class shopping, dining and attractions. This stylish hotel offers an experience designed for the modern traveler.

The hotel is within walking distance of the 28th Avenue Metro Transit Station (light rail). You'll have easy access to Canterbury Park, Fort Snelling, Valley Fair, Xcel Energy Center, Nickelodeon Universe®, U.S. Bank Stadium, Target Center, Target Field and Minnesota Zoo.

Looking for a business hotel? We're conveniently located near the Best Buy corporate office, Lockheed Martin, Amazon, United Health Group and Microsoft.

Photo: Cambria Hotel

Address: 8001 28th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425

Phone: +1 952 2153970

Internet: https://www.choicehotels.com/minnesota/bloomingt

on/cambria-hotels/mn175

### Embassy Suites by Hilton Bloomington/Minneapolis



Embassy Suites by Hilton Bloomington/Minneapolis offers upscale accommodations, making it ideal for both business and leisure travelers.

Guests of the Embassy Suites stay in spacious two-room suites complete with refrigerators, microwave ovens, and two 32-inch flat panel TVs. Embassy Suites also offers extensive meeting facilities with over 10,000 square feet of meeting space options. A heated indoor pool and fitness center with cardio machines and free weights are located on-site. Complimentary cooked to order breakfast is available each morning.

Photo: Embassy Suites by Hilton Bloomington/Minneapolis Address: 2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55431

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport and Mall of America

Phone: +1 952 8844811

 $Internet: www.embassysuites 3. hilton.com/en/hotels/minnesot\\ a/embassy-suites-bloomington-MSPWEES/index.html$ 

#### **Great Wolf Lodge**



Great Wolf Lodge
Minnesota is a first-class,
year-round family
destination with 404
guest suites, and
numerous attractions and

amenities designed to create memorable vacation experiences for the whole family. The signature attraction is the 75,000 square-foot indoor water park, which is heated to a comfortable 84 degrees and includes Fort Mackenzie - a multi-level interactive water fort treehouse with a massive tipping water bucket, Crooked Creek lazy river, Slap Tail Pond wave pool, River Canyon Run family raft ride, along with high thrill water slides, water features for toddlers and more.

Photo: Great Wolf Lodge

Address: 1700 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN

55425

Phone: +1 888 9609653

Internet: https://www.greatwolf.com/minnesota

## AmericInn Hotel & Suites Bloomington West



The AmericInn Hotel & Suites Bloomington West is perfect for business trips and vacations alike! Its central location makes it easy to visit the area's

most popular attractions, including Mall of America. At the AmericInn Hotel & Suites Bloomington West, you'll find more than 130 rooms that are beautifully decorated and



complete with amenities such as free high speed wireless internet, a convenient workspace, and flat screen LCD TVs. In the morning, enjoy a free hot homestyle breakfast before you venture out to sightsee, shop or do business. The fitness center is complimentary to all guests and is equipped with cardio machines.

Photo: AmericInn Hotel & Suites Bloomington West Address: 4201 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55437

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8356643

Internet: www.americinn.com/hotels/mn/bloomingtonwest

## Best Western Plus Bloomington - Mall of America



The Best Western Plus
Bloomington - Mall of
America is ideally located
across the street from
Mall of America®. This
newly renovated hotel

offers gorgeous decor throughout all guestrooms, suites and public areas. Free high-speed Internet access is available to all guests. Best Western Bloomington features two indoor pools; one standard pool and one water playland, and a large whirlpool. Enjoy these amenities close-up by staying in a pool side room with a private patio!

Photo: Best Western Plus Bloomington - Mall of America Address: 1901 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8548200

Internet: http://hotelsinbloomingtonmn.h.bestwestern.com/

#### **Comfort Inn Airport**



Comfort Inn Airport Bloomington delights guests with many full-service amenities, such as free wireless high-speed Internet,

indoor heated pool, and exercise room. You will like the great value this hotel provides, allowing you to fully experience all that Bloomington has to offer! The centrally located Comfort Inn Airport is less than a mile from Mall of America® and just minutes away from the light rail, which allows for a quick and hassle-free trip to downtown Minneapolis. The free continental breakfast is full of hot and delicious options, such as eggs, meat, yogurt, fresh fruit, cereal and more!

Photo: Comfort Inn Airport

Address: 1321 East 78th Street, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8543400

Internet: www.choicehotels.com/minnesota/bloomington/com

fort-inn-hotels/mn015

## Country Inn & Suites by Radisson at Mall of America



Country Inn & Suites at Mall of America® is conveniently located across the street from Mall of America®. With its charming décor and

comfortable amenities, the Country Inn & Suites Mall of America® provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere sure to please business and leisure travelers alike. This 100% non-smoking facility recently completed a multi-million dollar expansion and full hotel renovation. Relax in spacious hotel rooms after shopping 'til you drop at the nearby Mall of



#### America.

Photo: Country Inn and Suites

Address: 2221 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall

of America, light rail Phone: +1 952 8545555

Internet: https://www.countryinns.com/bloomington-hotel-mn

-55425/mnbloomi

### **Courtyard Bloomington by Mall of America**



Courtyard Bloomington by Mall of America is centrally located, enabling you to experience all the Twin Cities has to offer. The

hotel features comfortable rooms with pillow top mattresses and triple sheets and five plush, foam and feather pillows for a restful night's sleep. The large indoor pool area and fitness area are available to guests as well.

Photo: Courtyard Bloomington by Mall of America

Address: 7800 Bloomington Avenue South, Bloomington, MN

55425

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport, Mall of America, light rail

Phone: +1 952 8760100

Internet: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspcy-courty ard-bloomington-by-mall-of-america/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d 19-a255-54ba596febe2

#### **Courtyard Edina Bloomington**

Located right off 494 this brand-new hotel features interactive GoBoard technology where you can find the latest news and local weather. Jump in the pool or whirlpool after a workout in the fitness center. Then head over to the bar for a drink or stop by in the morning for a cup of Starbucks coffee, all while enjoying free wifi. If you're staying for business the Courtyard Edina Bloomington offers 6 different meeting/event spaces customizable to your needs.

Address: 4460 West 78th Street Circle, Bloomington, MN

55435

Phone: +1 952 2221550

Internet: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspce-court

yard-edina-bloomington/

## Crowne Plaza Aire MSP Airport Mall of America



Crowne Plaza Aire, next to MSP International Airport, has a tenured staff dedicated to customer service and making each quest feel

like they have a "home away from home". The hotel has an hourly courtesy shuttle to Mall of America, which is 8 blocks away. Its 320 standard rooms and 110 suites provide deluxe accommodations.

The hotel's unique Concierge Level is available by key access only, and guests who stay on the level receive nightly turn down service, bathrobes and VIP amenities. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres are served Monday-Thursday evenings in the Concierge Lounge, and it is also open Tuesday - Friday mornings for an expanded continental breakfast.

Photo: Crowne Plaza Aire MSP Airport Mall of America Address: Three Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425 Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport and

Mall of America

Phone: +1 952 8549000

Internet: http://www.crowneplazaaire.com/

#### **Days Inn Bloomington West**

Days Inn Bloomington West offers one of the best values in town. Enjoy the convenience of free shuttles and the value of a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast. Other amenities include an indoor heated pool, free high speed internet, business center and meeting space that



accommodates 50 people.

Address: 7851 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN

55435

Public Transport: Free shuttle to and from MSP Airport and

Mall of America

Phone: +1 952 8357400

Internet: https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/blooming

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#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau

#### **Airport**



Bloomington is located adjacent to the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport (MSP). The Minneapolis St. Paul International

Airport is just minutes from the heart of Bloomington and 20 minutes from both downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Most area hotels provide complimentary Bloomington airport and Mall of America transportation.

#### **TERMINAL 1**

Air Canada (888) 247-2262 www.aircanada.ca Air France (800) 237-2747 www.airfrance.us Alaska Airlines (800) 426-0333 www.alaskaair.com American Airlines (800) 433-7300 www.aa.com Condor (866) 960-7915 www.condor.com
Continental Airlines (800) 525-0280
www.continental.com
Delta Air Lines (800) 221-1212 www.delta.com
Frontier Airlines (800) 432-1359
www.frontierairlines.com
United Airlines (800) 241-6522 www.ual.com
US Airways (800) 428-4322 www.usair.com

#### TERMINAL 2

Air Trans Airways (800) 247-8726 www.airtran.com Icelandair (800) 223-5500 www.icelandair.co.uk Southwest Airlines (800) 435-9792 www.southwest.com Sun Country Airlines (800) 359-6786 www.suncountry.com

Photo: Bloomington, Minnesota

Address: 4300 Glumack Dr, St Paul, MN 55111

 $Public\ Transport:$ 

www.mspairport.com/GroundTransportation.aspx

Phone: +1 612 7265555

Tickets: www.mspairport.com/airlines.aspx

Internet: www.mspairport.com

#### Time Zone

Central Time Zone

Internet: www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/usa/minneapolis

#### **Public Transport**

With MSP Airport only minutes away, getting to Bloomington is easy no matter where you're coming from. And if you're driving, parking is free and directions are simple with Bloomington resting along major Minnesota interstates. Not driving? No problem. Hop on the light rail or bus to get you wherever you want to go between Bloomington and Minneapolis-St. Paul. It's map-free kind of travel – the best kind.

**Biking** 



Bloomington and the surrounding area is
Minnesota's prime location for bike enthusiasts.
As Minneapolis continues to grow as the nation's
most bike friendly city, so do the surrounding
areas. If you are looking for picturesque scenery,
Bloomington is the place to be. With an active
community and nature at it' backdoor, there are
endless opportunities to explore Bloomington's
bike trails!

By Bus

Bloomington and Minneapolis public transportation is available through Metro Transit. For route and schedule information call (612) 373-3333 or visit www.metrotransit.org

By Light Rail

The METRO Blue Line offers fast, quiet light rail service to 19 stations between downtown Minneapolis and Mall of America®, including five stations at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, in Bloomington and at Mall of America.

The new METRO Green Line connects
Bloomington with St. Paul. Passengers will have
to change trains at the Downtown East station
from the Metro Transit Green Line to the Metro
Transit Blue Line to get from St. Paul to
Bloomington and Mall of America.

For Bloomington and Minneapolis Blue Line and Green Line route and schedule information, call (612)373-3333 or online www.metrotransit.org

Car Rental Companies
Alamo Car Rental (800) 327-9633
Avis Car Rental (800) 831-2847
Budget Car Rental (800) 547-7000
Dollar Rent-A-Car (800) 800-4000
Enterprise Rent-A-Car (800) 736-8227

Hertz Car Rental (800) 654-3131 National Car Rental (800) 227-7368 Thrifty Car Rental (800) 367-2277

Taxi Service

Bloomington, Minnesota taxi service is readily available at the airport, hotels and Mall of America®. Rates for Bloomington taxi services are approximately \$1.75 first 1/6 mile, \$1.30 each additional mile. \$3 minimum in Minneapolis, \$2.30 minimum in St. Paul. Bloomington taxi rates are subject to change without notice.

Airport Taxi (612) 721-0000
Blue & White Taxi (612) 333-7089
Fareshark
Green & White Taxi (612) 522-2222
Yellow Cab Suburban Company (612) 824-4000

Amtrak Train Service

The Amtrak train service travels a major
East-West line running from Chicago to Seattle
and Portland. The Amtrak train depot is located
at 240 Kellogg Boulevard East, Union Depot, St.
Paul, MN 55101. It's about 20 minutes from
Bloomington. (800) 872-7245 www.amtrak.com

#### **U.S. Post Offices**

Bloomington Post Office 9641 Garfield Avenue South Bloomington, MN 55420

Normandale Post Office 5108 West 74th Street Bloomington, MN 55439

#### **Pharmacy**

Wal-Mart Pharmacy 700 American Blvd E. Bloomington, MN 55420



Cub Pharmacy 8421 Lyndale Ave. Bloomington, MN 55420

Cub Pharmacy 10520 France Ave. S. Bloomington, MN 55431

CVS Pharmacy Visit www.CVS.com for full list of locations

Walgreens Pharmacy Visit www.walgreens.com for full list of locations

#### Telephone

Most Bloomington phone numbers begin with area code 952. Example: +1 952 1234567.

#### Electricity

Electric power is standardized in all states across the USA. It is set at 110 volts and 60 cycles. 220 Volt power is used in homes only for large appliances like stoves, water heaters and clothes dryers. It is not normally available for personal appliances.

Standard electric plugs have two flat blades. The plugs on some newer appliances have a third round grounding pin. Almost all homes and commercial buildings are equipped with electrical receptacles that can accommodate either type of plug.

You may need an adapter and power converter

If you bring any electrical appliance to the USA, you may need an adapter to fit the U.S. electrical receptacles. You may also need a converter to change the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts.

Most common appliances will function with either 50 or 60 cycle current. Electrical frequency can affect electric clocks, audio equipment and some other electronic gear. You should check your electrical equipment for compatibility with 60-cycle current before you bring it to the USA.

In most discount stores, you can purchase curling irons or hair dryers for \$10 or less. It may be more convenient and even more economical to buy an inexpensive appliance that is fully compatible with US electrical power.

#### **Population**

The city's population is 86,314, according to the 2014 United States Census estimates. Bloomington is the fourth largest city in the State of Minnesota in Hennepin County. Located on the north bank of the Minnesota River, above its confluence with the Mississippi River, Bloomington lies at the heart of the southern metro area, 10 miles (16 km) south of Minneapolis.

#### Currency

**US Dollars** 

#### Internet

www.bloomingtonmn.org

www.mallofamerica.com

#### **Emergency numbers**

911 Emergency Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau +1 952 8588500/ +1 800 3464289 Explore Minnesota Tourism +1 888 8687476 Mall of America +1 952 8838800

#### **Tourist information**

Mall of America has tourist information at the guest services desks located at all main entrances. Brochures are also available at MSP International Airport.