IT’S SPORTIER HERE // THE ULTIMATE FAN TOUR

Whether you love professional, college or amateur sports, you’ll find a good home team in MSP. With some of the most-celebrated sporting venues, and a best-in-the-nation park system, you can enjoy your favorite sport as a spectator, fan or active participant.

TARGET FIELD
Home of the Minnesota Twins and ranked “Best Stadium Experience of All Professional Sports in North America” by ESPN The Magazine.

CHS FIELD
“The Greenest Ballpark in America” is the new home of the St. Paul Saints. Microbrews, local eats and open seating on the grass behind center field.

US BANK STADIUM
New home of the Minnesota Vikings beginning with the 2016 season. Will be the site of Super Bowl LI in 2018 and NCAA Final Four in 2019.

TARGET CENTER
Catch 2015 #1 draft pick Karl-Anthony Towns and the Minnesota Timberwolves or 2011 WNBA champs, the Minnesota Lynx. Across the street—the brand new Mayo Sports Clinic.

TCF STADIUM
The Big Ten Golden Gophers play here. While their stadium is being built, the Vikings play here. And when last in town, The Rolling Stones played in this 50,000+ seat open-air stadium.

XCEL ENERGY CENTER
When the NHL’s Minnesota Wild aren’t tearing up the ice, catch a concert by music superstars like Foo Fighters, Taylor Swift and Madonna.

METRO GREEN LINE
Sure, you can’t watch the game here, but this light rail line connects all four of MSP’s stadia—the only commuter train in the nation to do so.

MARIUCCI ARENA
Both the men’s and women’s teams at the U of M are perennial Frozen Four attendees. It’s what you’d expect from the home state of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER
Current home of the Minnesota United FC and the world’s largest amateur sports and meeting facility, 50 soccer fields, an ice arena, cycling velodrome, 18-hole golf course and 100,000 sq. ft. of indoor training and meeting space.

ST. PAUL CURLING CLUB
With 1200 members, it’s the largest curling club in the US. Members have gone on to the Olympics and other national and world competitions.
IT’S OUTDOORSIER HERE // THE GET-OUT-AND-GO TOUR

Don’t let the winter scare you. People here (including transplants from hotter zones!) discover that there is plenty to keep you busy 365 days a year. It’s a big reason Forbes ranked Minneapolis “#1 Healthiest City in America.”

THE GRAND ROUNDS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY
Nearly 50 miles of connected bike paths that circle Minneapolis’ Chain of Lakes, pass by Minnehaha Falls and wind their way along the Mississippi River.

HAZELTINE GOLF COURSE
Site of the 2016 Ryder Cup and past PGA Championship, U.S. Open and Women’s U.S. Open golf tourneys. MSP has more golf courses per capita than any other metro in the US.

MEDTRONIC TC MARATHON
Ranked #3 Best Fall Marathon by the Daily Burn. The final stretch runs along St. Paul’s historic Summit Avenue.

LAKE MINNETONKA
It’s just one of over 10,000 Minnesota lakes, but the largest in the MSP metro. A popular spot for motorboating, sailing, water skiing, year-'round fishing.

BUCK HILL
Skiing, snowboarding or snow tubing just 15 minutes from downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul. Olympic Gold Medalist Lindsey Vonn learned to race here.

MINNEHAHA PARK AND FALLS
Minneapolis’s oldest park features a 53-foot waterfall, almost 10 miles of hiking trails, river overlooks—and a kickin’ open-air seafood restaurant in the summer.

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK
Hike, bike, canoe, play golf and visit a 1820s fort at the intersection of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers. By the airport.
Just because we’re 1,000 miles from either coast doesn’t mean there are not beaches. Each lake and riverfront beach has its own amenities, local culture, secret highlights and diehards.

LAKE PHALEN BEACH
St. Paul’s largest lake, Phalen’s a nice mix of swimmers, picnickers, BBQers, fishers, joggers, and families, it’s also a favorite destination for beach volleyball enthusiasts.

CEDAR LAKE EAST BEACH
Formerly the local nude beach, “Hidden Beach” has cleaned up its act and isn’t as “hidden” as it once was, but still attracts families, weirdos, guitar players, hipsters and other city folks.

MINNEHAHA OFF-LEASH DOG PARK
Your dog loves beaches, too. That’s why there’s six-and-a-half acres right by the Mississippi River at the Minnehaha Regional Park.

COMMONS BEACH
Located in a charming former resort town (and site of the Rolling Stones’ first appearance in Minnesota), Excelsior’s Commons Beach has been a swimming and recreation destination for a century. The water’s even filtered and chlorinated.

LAKE CALHOUN PARK BEACH
You know those photos of the Minneapolis skyline on a body of water with a sailboat in it? They were all taken here. When it freezes in the winter, thousands come out for the Luminary Loppet, a few miles of candle-lit snowshoe and ski trails.

NOKOMIS BEACH
South Minneapolis’ best beach for families. It also has the best concessions: Sandcastle serves up popcorn, BLTs, horchatas, monkey bars, and more locally sourced goodies. Also site of the US Pond Hockey Championships.

WHITE SANDS BEACH
Walk down some stone stairs, through a forested stretch of the Mississippi River Gorge Regional Park, and emerge onto -- as the unofficial name suggests -- a pristine white beach on the river. Great for people-watching, seeing boats go by, fishing, and picnics.
IT’S ARTIER HERE // THE CULTURE VULTURE TOUR

Doesn’t matter what your passion—music, theater, art, food or all of the above—you’ll find MSP a great place to pursue it. Discover why critics frequently pick Minneapolis-St. Paul to be on their “best of” lists.

**ORCHESTRA HALL**
Recently renovated concert hall and home of the Grammy Award-winning Minnesota Orchestra, called by The New Yorker “the greatest orchestra in the world.”

**FIRST AVENUE**
The stage that helped launch the careers of Prince, The Replacements and Soul Asylum. A key reason Songkick ranked MSP as one of the Top 10 Cities for Live Music.

**GUTHRIE THEATER**
MSP is second only to NYC in the number of theater seats sold per capita. The Guthrie takes center stage in its stunning new Jean Nouvel-designed building.

**MIA**
From Matisse to Monet, Asian to African, ancient to modern, the Minneapolis Institute of Art features one of the finest wide-ranging art collections in the country.

**WALKER ART CENTER**
One of the five most visited modern/contemporary art museums in the US. Next to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and MSP icon “Spoonbridge and Cherry.”

**EAT STREET**
Over 50 restaurants, delis and markets, including, Vietnamese, Chinese, Mexican, German, Caribbean, Greek, Thai—and donuts!

**NORTH LOOP**
Saveur calls Minneapolis “America’s next great food city” and cited three restaurants here as reasons why.

**SUMMIT AVENUE**
The longest stretch of Victorian mansions in the US. F. Scott Fitzgerald grew up here. Minnesota’s governor lives here.

**MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL**
The 1905 Renaissance Revival masterpiece by Cass Gilbert is topped by the second-largest self-supported marble dome in the world.

**MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER**
Live through the 1865 Fridley tornado, fly in a C-47 warplane during D-Day and much more in this family-friendly, “hands-on” museum.
## Biz is Bigger Here // The Business Roundup Tour

Minneapolis-St. Paul has a higher concentration of Fortune 500 companies than anywhere else in the nation. Here’s a brief tour of sixteen of them, plus a few that are not far behind.

### UnitedHealth Group
- Minnesota’s largest corporation, UnitedHealth is the most diversified health care company in the US and is a leader worldwide in helping people live healthier lives.

### Target
- The mass retailer pioneered “cheap chic” by bringing high design to affordable apparel, housewares and everyday essentials. The company now operates nearly 1800 stores and employs 350,000 team members.

### CHS
- CHS Inc. is a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives across the US. You’ll also find its name on the brand new St. Paul Saints ballpark.

### Best Buy
- The leading national electronics and technology retailer has headquarters in the southern suburb of Richfield. Its Geek Squad comes to the rescue whenever you encounter perplexing technology problems.

### 3M
- 3M is a global innovation company that never stops inventing. It’s responsible for thousands of products and patents, from Post-It® Notes to breakthrough ideas in healthcare, aerospace and numerous other industries.

### US Bancorp
- Besides being the title sponsor of the new Vikings Stadium, US Bancorp is known for helping consumer, small business, wholesale and institutional customers meet their financial goals.

### Supervisor
- From its roots as a grocery supply and wholesale distributor, the company has grown to include traditional, premium and discount retail stores, including Cub Foods, Farm Fresh and Save-A-Lot.

### General Mills
- Your pantry and refrigerator are probably filled with products from the home of Betty Crocker and Pillsbury Doughboy. Cheerios, Yoplait, Annie’s, Häagen-Dazs, to name a few.

### Land O’Lakes
- A familiar brand with a name and logo that could only be from Minnesota! This member-owned cooperative is known for its dairy, animal nutrition and animal milk products.

### Ecolab
- St. Paul-based Ecolab is a global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies; providing what is vital: clean water, safe food, abundant energy and healthy environments.

### C.H. Robinson
- Founded in 1905, C.H. Robinson is one of the world’s largest third-party logistics (3PL) providers, offering freight services, outsourcing solutions, produce sourcing and information services to over 46,000 customers worldwide.

### Ameriprise Financial
- Founded in 1894 in Minneapolis, Ameriprise Financial is America’s leader in financial planning with 10,000 advisors helping investors secure their financial future throughout the US.

### Xcel Energy
- Xcel Energy is a major US electric and gas company, providing energy-related services to millions of customers in eight Midwestern and Western states. Renewable energy projects include biomass, solar, wind and hydro power.

### Mosaic
- As the leading global supplier of phosphate and potash, Mosaic’s mission is to help the world grow the food it needs. Mosaic employs nearly 9,000 people in six countries.

### Thrivent Financial
- This non-profit organization connects “faith and finances for good.” It’s made up of member-owners whose purpose is to serve members and society by guiding both to be wise with money and live generously.

### St. Jude Medical
- St. Jude Medical invents breakthrough technologies that transform the treatment of some of the world’s most expensive epidemics, such as heart failure, chronic pain and neurological diseases.

### Polaris Industries
- Polaris is a manufacturer of ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, commercial and government vehicles and generators. It operates manufacturing and/or distribution centers in MN, IA, SD, WI, OH and AL.

### Pohlad Companies
- With roots in banking that began in the 1950s, this family-owned organization now spans several sectors: commercial real estate; automotive; sports and entertainment (including the Minnesota Twins); and private investment.

### Wells Fargo & Co.
- While its corporate headquarters are in San Francisco, the nation’s fourth largest banker has major operations in MSP. It employs nearly 20,000 people statewide and is building two, 17-story towers near the new Vikings stadium.

### Cargill
- For over 150 years, Cargill has been providing food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services to the world. Forbes ranked it as the largest private company in the US in 2014.
**IT’S HOMIER HERE // THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAMPLER TOUR**

We’ve picked just a few of the great neighborhoods in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro to give you a taste of what it’s like to live here. No matter what your lifestyle, you’ve got options!

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**EXCELSIOR**

Only 20 minutes from downtown Minneapolis, and nestled on the shores of Lake Minnetonka, this quaint village features antique shops, boutiques and waterside restaurants. Take a restored steamboat to nearby Wayzata.

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**NORTH LOOP**

Anchored by Washington Ave., this urban enclave features award-winning restaurants, specialty shops and is within walking distance of Target Field and Target Center. Loft living at its finest.

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**CATHEDRAL HILL**

Victorian-era homes combine with modern amenities in this tree-lined neighborhood overlooking the majestic St. Paul Cathedral and Minnesota State Capitol.

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**LINDEN HILLS**

In the midst of Minneapolis’s Chain of Lakes, Linden Hills is a favorite spot for cycling, sailing, running and dog walking. Catch an outdoor concert at the Lake Harriet bandshell.

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**WHITE BEAR LAKE**

Just north of St. Paul, this town is rich in parks, trails, shopping and entertainment. Nearby highways put you in position for quick “up north” getaways.

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**CHANHASSEN**

Money listed it among the Top 10 places to live in the US in 2015. Lakes, trails, the Chanhassen Dinner Theater and oh, by the way, Prince’s Paisley Park Studios are here.

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**LAKEVILLE**

One of the metro’s fastest-growing suburbs is also one of the most affordable, with median home prices around $250,000. Directly south of the cities on 35.

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**STILLWATER**

The 1848 birthplace of Minnesota is a charming river town on the banks of the St. Croix. Enjoy unique shopping, dining and entertainment, and cruise the river that creates the border with Wisconsin.

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**HIGHLAND PARK**

Bordered on its west side by the Mississippi, Highland Park is a St. Paul neighborhood with its own 18-hole golf course, 10 tennis courts, a municipal swimming pool.