Companion's Tour

Minneapolis Area Tour

Tuesday, October 16, 2007 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM



Your tour of Minneapolis includes the oldest pedestrian mall in the country, the Nicollet Mall and the second floor Skyway System that connects over 60 blocks throughout Minneapolis. The tour will stop at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, an 11-acre urban garden which features some 40 sculptures by leading American and international artists, the Cowles Conservatory, and Spoonbridge and Cherry, a giant fountain-sculpture by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van

Bruggen. The Irene Hixon Whitney Bridge, designed by Siah Armajani, connects the Garden to Loring Park and downtown Minneapolis. The Cowles Conservatory, which contains the Regis Gardens, houses the glass-and-wood sculpture Standing Glass Fish, by California architect Frank Gehry.

Next, you tour through Kenwood, one of Minneapolis' oldest and most beautiful residential areas. It is also the location of Mary Tyler Moore's television home. Then you will continue on your way around the famous Chain of Lakes. You'll follow Minnehaha Creek to the legendary Minnehaha Falls. It is here that Longfellow wrote the famous poem about Hiawatha, the Indian brave. You ride through the University of Minnesota campus, home to 46,000 students. You'll visit the Mississippi River at St. Anthony Falls, the birthplace of Minneapolis. Here, you'll also see the Mill City Museum, Guthrie Theater and the Stone Arch Bridge.



Enjoy a stunning view of the Mississippi River and St. Anthony Falls while lunching at **Procna on Main** on historic Main Street. After lunch, you cross back over the Mississippi to the **Mill City Museum** for a tour of the Museum and discover why Minneapolis became the "Milling Capital" of the world.