

Registration Form

Please make a reservation for _____ individual(s) on the bus trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Mobile phone _____

E-mail _____

Historical Society Member? _____ yes _____ no

First Friends Club Member? _____ yes _____ no

Total due _____

Amount enclosed _____

Balance due _____

For double occupancy rooms, please indicate your preference: _____ 2 queen beds _____ 1 king bed

Roommate's name: _____

Participants waive any claim against the Cedar Falls Historical Society for any injury, damage, or loss to person or property due to any act of negligence of any carrier, restaurant, museum, or any other persons rendering service.

Traveler signature (1) Date

Traveler signature (2) Date

The Details

Included in this trip:

- Accommodations at the Hampton Inn
- Deluxe motor coach with baggage handling and bus driver and tour guide gratuities
- Admissions and attractions
- **8 meals** (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)
- Note: Any alcoholic beverages in addition to manger's receptions will be paid on your own

Price per traveler:*

- Double occupancy: \$795 member/ \$870 nonmember
- Single occupancy: \$945 member/ \$1,020 nonmember

* Please let us know if you would like us to try to match you with a roommate. If we are not able to find one, the single occupancy rate will apply.

Member discount:

An individual Historical Society membership may be purchased for \$35; a family membership is \$75. Each traveler must be a member to receive the member rate. Members of the First National Bank First Friends Club also receive the member rate.

Registration process:

- Reservations are first come first served with a minimum of 20 travelers and a maximum of 48 travelers; **reservation deadline extended until August 31st!**
- To register, you must submit your registration form and deposit to the Historical Society.

Deposit and payment:

- A deposit of \$400 per traveler is required to register. The balance is due by October 28.
- After August 15, the Historical Society will not be able to refund any unrecoverable expenses.

This and That

Getting around & policies:

- This trip will involve walking both indoors and outdoors, so travelers should plan to wear comfortable shoes and must be able to walk through venues.
- We will travel on a deluxe motor coach that has a small set of stairs for travelers to get on and off the bus.
- Travelers must adhere to the schedule set by the tour director or may risk being left behind by the group.

Packing for the trip:

- Casual, comfortable clothing will be quite appropriate for most of our trip.
- You may want slightly nicer attire for our evening theater performances, but nothing formal is required.
- You will want to bring:
 - ✓ Comfortable walking shoes
 - ✓ Casual daytime clothing
 - ✓ Business casual clothing for theaters
 - ✓ Warm layers and waterproof boots
 - ✓ A bathing suit for the hotel pool
 - ✓ A camera

Please note that this itinerary may be subject to changes as we finalize the details.

For your records:

Total due _____

Deposit paid _____

Balance due _____

History First Tours

Holiday Delights: Minneapolis/ St. Paul area



Image courtesy of Teresa Boardman/ Visit St Paul

**Four days & three nights
Tuesday, November 28 -
Friday, December 1, 2017**



Please mail this form with your deposit of \$400 per traveler and any membership dues to:

Cedar Falls Historical Society Bus Tour
308 W 3rd St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tour Highlights



Image courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society

Day 1: Tuesday, November 28

We will embark for the Twin Cities early in the morning, stop for lunch, and check into our hotel at the Hampton Inn in Roseville, Minnesota. This will be our home for the duration of our trip. In the evening, we will venture to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre for tableside dinner service and a performance of the musical comedy *Sister Act!*

Day 2: Wednesday, November 29

After breakfast at our hotel, we will travel to the capital city of St. Paul to explore two beautifully decorated historic house museums. First, we will experience the sights and sounds of a Victorian Christmas in the opulent 1868 home Alexander Ramsey, Minnesota's first territorial governor. For lunch, we will dine at the charming Forepaugh's, an award-winning restaurant that serves new American cuisine in a nineteenth-century Victorian mansion. Then, we will continue on to the James J. Hill House to enjoy a Gilded Age Christmas. We will watch as costumed actors reenact early twentieth-century servants making holiday preparations for the Hill family.

Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in St. Paul's Como Park to enjoy their holiday poinsettia displays. We'll freshen up at the hotel and then head to the Mall of America for dinner and shopping. Be sure to bring along your holiday wish lists!

Day 3: Thursday, November 30

Day three will take us to some truly unique and unusual Twin Cities sites. We'll begin the morning with a visit to FOCI, the Minnesota Center for Glass Arts. A professional glass artist will demonstrate the glass-making process and teach us all about basic glass techniques. We'll follow that up with a visit to SkyRock Farms just west of Minneapolis in Medina, Minnesota. This working horse farm has a stunning collection of restored 1800s dance and fair organs as well as a carousel. We'll get to see the restoration process and learn about the history of these musical marvels. Then we'll sit down to a warm and hearty home-cooked farmhouse meal.

In the afternoon, we'll continue our celebration of the holiday season with a visit to the Landmark Center's three-day Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar. This 39th annual event features quality handcrafted items including jewelry, wreaths, paintings, woven and wearable art, handmade lotions, soaps, and more. Festive music and delicious treats add to the holiday spirit.



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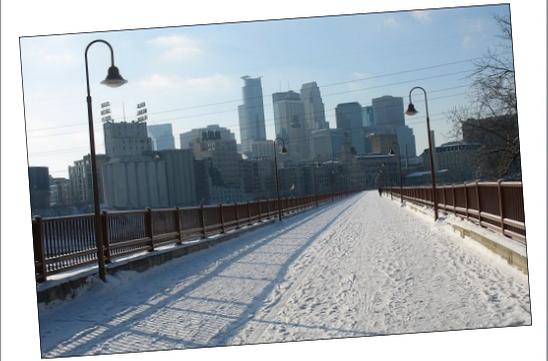
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We'll return our packages to the hotel and refresh for the evening before dinner at Lucky's 13 Pub in Roseville. Then, we'll travel to the History Theatre in downtown St. Paul to see a performance of the play *Coco's Diary*. Adapted from the 1927 diary of 13-year-old Clotilde Irving, this play follows her adventures of growing up in St. Paul's high society during the Jazz Age. The daughter of a lumber magnate, "Coco" grew up in a stately 20-room mansion on Summit Avenue—a home which is now the governor's official residence.

Day 4: Friday, December 1

On our final day in the Twin Cities, we'll have the opportunity to experience the Swedish culture that has had such an influence in Minnesota. We will explore the American Swedish Institute and get to see their Nordic Holiday rooms, which depict the traditions and customs practiced in homes throughout Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland. This year's theme is Celebrations of Light. We'll conclude our visit with a unique and delicious Smorgasbord lunch at the institute—with traditional Swedish dishes including meatballs, cured salmon, potatoes, rye bread with butter, and beet and cucumber salads.

We will depart for home after lunch, taking our holiday gifts and new memories with us. Our coach will arrive back in Cedar Falls around 5:00 pm.



Images courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

History First Tours are organized by the Cedar Falls Historical Society and are open to anyone! We hope you will join us as we travel to regional destinations, explore historic and cultural sites, eat delicious local specialties, and enjoy friendship and fellowship.

Discounts are available for members of the Cedar Falls Historical Society and First National Bank's First Friends Club. We welcome you to become a member and come along!

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