



Dive into the Wisconsin Dells and the biggest water park in North America. Afterward, see the circus like you've never seen it before. In the Twin Cities, you can shop to your heart's content in a 4.2 million sq. ft. mega-mall or explore 12.5 miles of lush gardens. Venture to northern Minnesota by train to visit an aquarium, a picturesque lighthouse and more!



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2-day itinerary – Madison/Wisconsin Dells, WI

Welcome to Streams & Shores Country. Energize with a hot breakfast from [Country Inns & Suites By CarlsonSM](#) before heading out the door to experience the area’s best aquatic adventures. Splash through the Dells in an Original Wisconsin Duck amphibious vehicle as you tour the ‘Water Park Capitol of the World’, just minutes north of Madison. Thrill yourself with the rides and slides at Noah’s Ark, then return to the hotel to dry off by the fire and enjoy a complementary book from the Read It & Return Lending Librarysm.

Madison/Wisconsin Dells-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Madison](#) – 5.25 miles from downtown
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Madison West](#) – 7 miles from downtown
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Madison Southwest, WI](#) – 7.1 miles from downtown
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Waunakee](#) – 11.5 miles from downtown

Barnum’s Circus World Museum	Mom’s Choice**: The funniest place you’ll visit on the Streams & Shores Country Itinerary, Circus World Museum offers 10 live shows a day with elephants, clowns, magicians and tigers - oh my, you’ll have a great time! Summer rates are \$15 for adults, \$8 for kids. Ages 4 and under are free.	http://www.circusworldmuseum.com
Noah’s Ark	The biggest water park in North America, Noah’s Ark, features nearly 50 thrilling water rides and slides, as well as a 4-D movie theater that tickles each of your senses. Two wave pools and kiddie pools will cater to the water wishes of every member of your family! Admission is \$35 for adults, \$28 for kids.	http://www.noahsarkwaterpark.com/
Wisconsin State Capitol Building	The only state capital built on an isthmus, take a stroll around the downtown square that houses Wisconsin’s state legislature. Take in the beauty of the year-round blooms that adorn the capital lawn, or dine in one of ‘Mad Town’s’ many eclectic State Street cafes. Tours of the capital building are free, visit website for daily hours.	http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin_state_capitol_tour.html
Henry Vilas Zoo	Recognized as one of the nation’s best zoos, the Henry Vilas Zoo features lions, tigers and bears - oh my! Your little animals will love climbing all over the expansive Tree House and Adventure Play Area. Be sure to tour the Discovery Center for an interactive opportunity to learn about the animals on display. Admission is free and open 358 days a year.	http://www.vilas zoo.org
Wisconsin Dells Original Duck Tours	It’s a car, it’s a boat - it’s a Duck! There are few ways to get around town that are more unique than on an Original Wisconsin Duck. This floating tour guide will show the sights of what makes the Dells such a compelling destination year after year. Adults (12 and up) can ride for \$23, while kids 6-11 ride for \$11.50	http://www.wisconsinducktours.com/

** Family Choice and Mom’s Choice designation based on fun for all ages, cost and Mom’s approval.

4-day Itinerary – Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

Head west on I-94 towards Minneapolis and St. Paul to experience the wide variety of shopping, arts and outdoor recreation offered by the Twin Cities. Footsteps from the mightiest mega-mall in the United States, [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson®- Mall of America \(MOA\)](#) is the perfect place to relax after exploring the mall's 500+ stores. Take time to bask in the summer weather with a stroll through the Walker Sculpture Garden or Minnehaha Falls then cool off with a dip in the pool back at the hotel.

Minneapolis/St. Paul-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Plymouth](#) – 9 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Eagan, MN](#) – 9.37 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Bloomington West](#) – 10 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Bloomington at Mall of America](#) – 10.8 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Brooklyn Center](#) - 10 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, St Paul NE, MN](#) – 11.2 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson St. Paul South, MN](#) - 12 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Shoreview, MN](#) – 13.48 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn By Carlson, St. Paul - East, MN](#) - 14 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inns & Suites By Carlson Chanhassen](#) - 18 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Lino Lakes, MN](#)- 20.53 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Cottage Grove](#) - 23 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Shakopee](#) - 30 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Forest Lake](#) - 30 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn By Carlson Northfield](#) - 30 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn By Carlson Buffalo](#) - 30 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Albertville, MN](#) - 32 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Elk River](#) - 32 miles from downtown Minneapolis
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Red Wing, MN](#) – 45.2 miles from downtown St. Paul

Minnehaha Falls at Minnehaha Park	Mom's Choice**: A short light rail train ride from your hotel is Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis' oldest and most popular park. Gaze in awe at the 53-foot Minnehaha Falls, tucked inside a limestone gorge that boasts miles of perfectly paved paths to walk or ride. You can rent a "bicycle built for 4" at \$26/hour.	http://www.wheelfunrentals.com
Mall of America (MOA)	Make sure the family has plenty of energy as you make your way through this four-level, 4.2-million-square-foot shopping paradise. One lap around any level at MOA is more than one half-mile! Ride until your heart's (or stomach's) delight at Nickelodeon Universe, then dine at one of the mall's 86 food options.	http://www.mallofamerica.com
Walker Sculpture Garden	If a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down, imagine what a 5,800 pound spoonful of cherry can do for you! The Walker Sculpture Garden is a Minneapolis landmark that offers impeccable views of downtown. A variety of events are offered throughout the year. Admission is free, though whip cream is extra.	http://garden.walkerart.org

Paddleford Riverboats	Kick back and let the river set your imagination adrift while riding in a vintage paddleboat. Paddleford Riverboats dock on beautiful Harriet Island, just across the Mississippi River from downtown St. Paul. The skyline views are breathtaking, but the chance to see bald eagles nesting downriver is even better. Be sure to bring your binoculars. Rides are about 90-minutes and tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for children and \$14 for seniors.	http://www.riverrides.com
Jackson Street Roundhouse	Take a spin back in time at the Jackson Street Roundhouse. Train lovers and history buffs will be captivated by the selection of vintage train cars, photographs and models throughout the building. On Saturdays, guests can even take a ride in a real caboose. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children, \$6 for seniors.	http://www.mtmuseum.org/jsrh.shtml#

7-day Itinerary – Duluth, MN

After a few days of sight-seeing in the Twin Cities, travel up I-35 and take in the scenery that only Minnesota’s North Shore can provide. Imagine what life’s like under the sea at the Great Lakes Aquarium then marvel at the size of Lake Superior from the amazing view at Splitrock Lighthouse. Discover how the North woods came to be at the North Shore Scenic Railway or log on with free Internet access at the [hotel](#) to research even more about the area’s unique history. Each experience during the journey will create lasting memories that will have you saying “I love this Countrysm.”

Duluth-area Country Inns & Suites By Carlson locations:

- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Duluth-South](#) – 7.5 miles from downtown
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Duluth North, MN](#) – 7.8 miles from downtown

Great Lakes Aquarium	Mom’s Choice**: You don’t need to don a wetsuit to experience Lake Superior’s underwater ecosystem. The Aquarium explores the creation of America’s largest fresh water bodies of water, boasts 70 different species of fish, birds and otters, and also allows kids to pet sturgeon and stingrays. Admission is \$14.50 for adults, \$8.50 for kids 3-16.	http://www.glaquarium.org
North Shore Scenic Railway	All aboard for a beautiful ride along Minnesota’s northern rails. Learn legendary tales of how trains and rail changed the landscape of Duluth, experience a trip into the ‘North woods’ and enjoy your view from either the comfort of air-conditioned cars or in the elements aboard an open-air coach. Tickets range from \$12-\$80 and offer a wide variety of themed rides.	http://www.northshorescenicrailroad.org

Splitrock Lighthouse	Spend one of your days up north visiting one of the most picturesque lighthouses in all of America. Nestled on a sharp cliff diving into Lake Superior, Splitrock Lighthouse served as a guiding light for freighters making their way in and out of the many mining ports along the North Shore. Tickets are \$8/adults, \$5/kids 5-17, 5-under free. Guided tours are available	http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/srl/index.htm
Gooseberry Falls	While visiting Splitrock, be sure to drive a few miles further north to Gooseberry Falls and experience the grandeur of the 5 falls that make up this glorious natural wonder that draws more than 500,000 visitors annually. Admission is free and the experience of peaking over the edge of the falls is worth the drive!	http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/gooseberry_falls/index.html
Betty's Pies	Betty's Pies is synonymous with Minnesota dessert. Just outside of Two Harbors, this road side pit stop is just minutes from Gooseberry Falls and Splitrock Lighthouse - a tasty reward after seeing some sweet sights! You can take home the great tastes of your Streams and Shores Country adventure - Betty's Pies Favorite Recipes Cook Book for just \$18.95.	http://www.bettypies.com/twoharborsarea.htm