

MINNEAPOLIS – It's a great destination!



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In August of 2010, the Defense Credit Union Council will host its 47th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the heart of North America! This may be the first time that many of you will visit this beautiful city and I thought you might enjoy a brief introduction!

- With 22 lakes, 180 parks, 50 miles of paths and the mighty Mississippi running through downtown, Minneapolis is an urban playground and is known as "The City of Lakes."
- Steps away from your room at the Minneapolis Hilton, you'll discover art, upscale shopping, haute cuisine and entertainment.
- The arts are big in Minneapolis: The region is second only to New York City in live theater per capita and is the third-largest theater market in the United States.
- Downtown Minneapolis features many great sporting events (Timberwolves, Vikings and Twins all play here) and a fresh nightclub scene. It is the hometown of Prince, after all.
- Minneapolis is halfway between LA and NYC and accessible from nearly any city in the U.S. in 2 ½ hours
- Now a Delta Air Lines hub, MSP International Airport is one of busiest in the nation and was recently ranked the Best Airport in North America.
- Remember that scene at the beginning of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," when Mary flings her hat into the air with careless abandon? That took place on Nicollet Mall, the bustling shopping corridor that runs parallel to the Hennepin Avenue theater district. The Nicollet Mall is one block from our hotel!
- The Minneapolis metro area's 18.3 million annual visitors make it one of *Forbes'* 30 most-visited cities in the U.S. and travel expert, Arthur Frommer named Minneapolis *one of America's top cities to visit!*
- Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.
- Minneapolis has much more than just the Mall of America! Come and see for yourself!