

# TWO OPTIONAL TOURS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010

## Historic St. Paul Tour

**2:45PM:**



Depart Minneapolis Hilton via deluxe motorcoach with tour guide

Our tour begins in St. Paul, Minnesota's charming historic capital city. Magnificent Art Deco and Victorian reminders of the past nestle next to sleek skyscrapers, giving this Capital City an Old World charm.

We will drive along Summit Avenue, one of the longest stretches of virtually uninterrupted Victorian architecture in the United States.

**3:15PM – 4:15PM:**



We'll tour the **James J. Hill House**. Completed in 1891, this red sandstone house symbolized success. Hill was the man behind the success of the Great Northern Railway and it remained the great adventure of his life. Upon completion, the home contained 36,000 square feet on five floors including 13 bathrooms, 22 fireplaces, 16 crystal chandeliers and a 100 foot reception hall. The home served as the center for public and private lives of the Hill family for over 30 years.

Additionally our guide will provide commentary on Rice Park, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Landmark Center, Children's Museum, Mickey's Diner, The Fitzgerald Theater, Minnesota History Center, the Minnesota State Capitol, and magnificent Cathedral of St. Paul.

**5:30PM:**

Return to hotel

**Price:**

\$50.00 per person  
30 person minimum

# Mississippi Riverboat Cruise

**2:45PM:**



Depart Minneapolis Hilton via deluxe motorcoach with tour guide

The Great Steamboat Era began in 1811 with the launch of the New Orleans and by mid-century, the Mississippi River was filled with paddlewheel steamers. During the Civil War, civilian traffic came to a stand-still and many, including Mark Twain, thought that the era of steamboating was over. In fact, it was during these post-war years that steamboats thrived.

While the steamboat era is a page in American History, it is a page that can be re-read as we board an authentic sternwheeler – the pride of the 19th century – for a cruise on the Mighty Mississippi River. The swish of the paddlewheel and the blast of the whistle will delight the group as they enjoy the sights along the river.

This Minneapolis river cruise travels through the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock, which is the northernmost lock of the 29 along the Mississippi River and the deepest, a decent of 50 feet. The area is abundant in both history and commerce with old St. Anthony, where Minneapolis began, on one side and the spectacular downtown skyline on the other. The cruise takes you under both the Hennepin Avenue Bridge and the historic James J. Hill Stone Arch Bridge.



This afternoon we will relive those glorious days when America was young; a time when the building of a nation and the establishment of the states was directly influenced by the great inland waterways.

**5:30PM:**

Return to hotel

**Price:**

\$75.00 per person  
30 person minimum