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Radisson Blu at the Mall of America
Bloomington, MN





Bloomington Activities Guide



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In addition to the Family Activities we have planned at the Sea Life Aquarium, Nickelodeon Universe, Crayola Experience, and Climb Zone, there are a myriad of activities that Bloomington and its surrounding areas have to offer. Treat yourself and your loved ones to a Minnesota adventure at any of the following venues. (These excursions would be on your own and are not provided by PMSF.)

Minnehaha Regional Park

4801 S Minnehaha Dr. Minneapolis, MN 55417
7 miles // 9 minutes from hotel
Hours: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Visit the Minnehaha Regional Park if you're craving some nature. Free admission and free parking, though on the weekends in the summer, parking can be difficult to find so we recommend the meters which are closer to the park. They have lots of picnic areas, splash pads and wading pools, gardens, a playground, and more!

Close by you can find the historical site of the Princess Depot which stood on the first railroad line west of the Mississippi River to connect Minneapolis with Chicago! Hours for the Princess Depot are 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM. If you're hungry, you can find the Sea Salt restaurant nearby at 4825 Minnehaha Ave. which is open from 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Paisley Park

7801 Audubon Rd. Chanhassen, MN 55317
17.5 miles // 22 minutes from hotel
Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM // Closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

A fan of Prince? Tour his home and studio in nearby Chanhassen! Pre-purchased tickets with designated time frames are required for entry starting at \$65 each. ASL Interpreters are available upon request at least 10 days before your tour date.



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Great Wolf Lodge Indoor Water Park

1700 American Blvd. E. Bloomington, MN 55425

2 miles // 6 minutes from hotel

Hours: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Book your visit to the Great Wolf Lodge Water Park for a guaranteed splashin' good time. Their 75,000 square foot indoor park is kept at a warm 84 degrees year round. From the lazy river and shallow wave pool to the raging rapids of the Alberta Falls tube ride, Great Wolf Lodge has something for everyone. Pack your swimsuit! Tickets range from a \$36 Half Day Pass on a weekday to a \$60 Full Day Pass on the weekend.

Minnesota Zoo

13000 Zoo Blvd. Apple Valley, MN 55124

9.2 miles // 13 minutes from hotel

Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Treat yourself to a day at the zoo! Indoor and outdoor accessible walking trails, playgrounds, and lots of animals await you here. Tickets for children ages 3-12 and seniors 65 and older cost \$15.95, adults ages 13-64 cost \$21.95 each, and children 2 years and younger are admitted for free! You must purchase your tickets online. Parking costs \$8 per car. Strollers and wheelchairs are available.

Lebanon Hills Regional Park

860 Cliff Rd. Eagan, MN 55123

10.5 miles // 15 minutes from hotel

Hours: Sunrise - Sunset

Many trails and lakes await you here. Free to park and enter. Schulze Lake Beach makes a popular swimming spot. Be sure to watch out for the goats, though! They patrol the grounds to keep out invasive species, so please avoid distracting, petting, or feeding them.



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Centennial Lakes Park

7499 France Ave. S. Edina, MN 55435

5.8 miles // 9 minutes from hotel

Hours: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Free admission and parking to this lake oasis. Enjoy Minnesota's natural splendor with a trail around the lake, paddle boats, mini golf, or even try to catch a concert!

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

1225 Estabrook Dr. St Paul, MN 55103

11.6 miles // 20 minutes from hotel

Hours: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Enjoy a free day at the zoo! Admission is free, though donations are encouraged at \$4 per adult and \$2 per child. Wheelchairs and scooters are available to rent, though strollers must be brought on your own. Sensory friendly options may be available such as early entry - check their website for more information.

Madison's Place Playground

4125 Radio Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125

16.7 miles // 21 minutes from hotel

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

If you're in search of a shaded playground with sensory play equipment, look no further than Madison's Place Playground. They have wheelchair accessible ramps throughout the park as well. It's free to visit, but if you're planning a visit of a group of 15 or more persons, then a group permit is required.



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Lake Harriet Park

4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy. Minneapolis, MN 55409
9.8 miles // 17 minutes from hotel
Hours: 6:00 AM - Midnight

Walking trails, biking trails, a fishing pier, playground, and beach adventures await you at Lake Harriet Park! Canoe, kayak, bike, and paddle board rentals are available, and if you get hungry, the Bread & Pickle restaurant is located at the pavilion. You can swim or lounge in the sun at the beach or maybe even catch an outdoor concert. Free to all.

Stillwater

Stillwater, MN 55082
33 miles // 37 minutes from hotel
Hours: N/A

Known as the birthplace of Minnesota, the town of Stillwater has so much to offer. Enjoy the scenic views on the river, lots of shopping, restaurants, walking paths, and bed and breakfasts. Take a tour on the trolley or even in a hot air balloon! Stillwater's night life offers multiple wineries and breweries, bowling, a karaoke lounge, and even an axe-throwing bar! Many adventures are waiting to be had here.

Valleyfair Amusement Park

1 Valleyfair Dr. Shakopee, MN
16.8 miles // 18 minutes from hotel
Hours: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Seeking some adrenaline? Visit Valleyfair amusement park! With over 75 rides and attractions, the fun thrills are never ending, and you can cool off at the Soak City Waterpark too. Day pass tickets cost only \$39.99 per person when you buy online and it includes Soak City. Children 2 years old and under enter for free.



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Minnesota Children's Museum

10 West Seventh St. St. Paul, MN 55102

12.9 miles // 15 minutes from hotel // 5 minute walk from the light rail station

Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on weekdays // Closes 5:00 PM Sat & 6:00 PM Sun

Let your kids lead the way! Three separate floors of imagination and adventure comprise the museum for children of all ages. From water tables and a pretend town for children 1-8 years old, to The Scramble jungle gym and real tool Studio for children over the age of 9, kids will have a blast - and you will too! Tickets are \$15 when you purchase online, \$16 on a weekday, and \$19 on a weekend. Parking costs \$7.50 for 3 hours.

At the Mall

5D Extreme Attraction

5130 Center Court, MOA

Hours: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mon - Thur // 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fri - Sat // 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sun

From Matrix Technology, experience a state-of-the-art virtual reality adventure. The *Shark Attack* will bring you face to face with prehistoric reptiles. The *Mystery Mine* will whisk you away on an amazing mine car ride with 1G force. Children under 13 enter for a range from \$8 - \$16 depending on the attraction or combo of both. Adults 13 and over enter for a range of \$12 - \$22 each. Close to the Nickelodeon Universe.

Amazing Mirror Maze

353 North Garden, MOA

Hours: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Mon - Sat // 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sun

Find your way through one of the largest mirror mazes in the world! Enjoy the artistic fun for only \$9.95 per person plus tax. Group rates are available.



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Old Time Photos

374 North Garden

Hours: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Mon - Sat // 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sun

Get your photo taken in the style of the Old Wild West! Don't want to be a cowboy? They've got you covered. They have costumes for the 1920s, Pirates, Steampunk, Victorian, Civil War, Renaissance, or even Vikings. Prints range from \$17.99 to \$74.99.

The Escape Game

300 East Broadway

Hours: 8:30 AM - Midnight

Try your hand at an escape room! You'll have 60 minutes to escape one of 5 different themed adventures. Solve puzzles and crack codes to make your way out. Recommended for ages 13 and up. An adult 18 or older must accompany any children 14 and under. Tickets are \$39.99 plus tax.

Xscape Arcade

342 East Broadway

Hours: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Mon - Sat // 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sun

Get your quarters and get gaming! Redeem points to win awesome prizes. Instead of coins, the arcade provides a reloadable XSCAPE play card.

On the Light Rail

Access these attractions easily via the light rail: Weisman Art Museum, Target Field Twins Stadium, Downtown St. Paul, Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota History Center, Allianz Field & Historic Fort Snelling.

For Adults

For an adult-time out, visit the Fair on 4 or Rick Bronson's House of Comedy in the Mall of America. Northeast Minneapolis is known for its restaurants and breweries. Grand Ave. in St. Paul is great for a stroll.

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