



**NEWT**OUR

# Saint Paul Winter Carnival

*Twin Cities Winter Escape*

— MULTIPLE DATES —

Celebrate winter in true Minnesota style with a festive journey through Minneapolis and St. Paul, where historic landmarks, vibrant neighborhoods, and the Mississippi River shape the character of the Twin Cities. At the heart of your experience is the legendary Saint Paul Winter Carnival, one of the nation's oldest and most beloved winter festivals. From ice sculptures and winter traditions to museums, live entertainment, and unique local experiences, this getaway offers a memorable look at Minnesota in winter.

## DAY 1: WELCOME TO MINNESOTA!

Arrive in Minneapolis and transfer to your hotel. This evening, meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director at a welcome dinner to begin your winter adventure. **D**

## DAY 2: TWIN CITIES TOUR/CURLING/COMO PARK CONSERVATORY

This morning, discover the Twin Cities on a guided tour of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Stately cathedrals, historic neighborhoods, and the flowing Mississippi River reflect St. Paul's timeless character, while offers a striking contrast with its modern skyline and urban character. Later, embrace a true Minnesota tradition with a hands-on curling experience. Then, leave the chill behind as you step into the Como Park Conservatory, a lush oasis of vibrant blooms and tropical greenery. Surrounded by warmth, color, and the fragrance of flowers, it's a welcome contrast to the winter landscape outside. Return to the hotel this evening with time to relax or explore on your own. **B, L**



Experience the artistry of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival

## DAY 3: SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL/WABASHA CAVES

Today, step into the heart of Minnesota's winter spirit at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, a cherished tradition dating back more than a century. Marvel at intricate ice sculptures that glisten in the winter sun, soak in the festive atmosphere, and experience the joy of a community that truly





embraces the season. This afternoon, uncover a hidden side of the city as you explore the Wabasha Street Caves. Once bustling with secret speakeasies during Prohibition, these sandstone caves hold tales of gangsters and mystery, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past. Gather this evening for dinner and reflect on a day filled with winter magic and captivating stories. **B, D**

#### DAY 4: MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER/BAKKEN MUSEUM/ DINNER THEATER

Discover the stories, people, and events that shaped Minnesota at the Minnesota History Center, where personal accounts and museum collections bring the state's history to life. Then, continue to the Bakken Museum for hands-on experiments and exhibits that explore the science of electricity, innovation, and invention. Located along the shores of Bde Maka Ska, the museum provides a distinctive setting before your evening at Chanhassen Dinner Theater, where you'll enjoy dinner and a performance of *Annie*. **B, L, D**

#### DAY 5: RETURN HOME

After breakfast, bid farewell to the Twin Cities and transfer to the airport for your journey home. Depart with memories of the Winter Carnival, Twin Cities landmarks, unique local traditions, and time shared with fellow travelers. **B** 🌍

## HISTORY SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL:

Founded in 1886, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival was created to celebrate the vitality of the city during the coldest months of the year. Inspired by European winter festivals, early organizers introduced grand traditions such as ice palaces, parades, and elaborate pageantry. Central to the celebration is the legend of King Boreas, the symbolic ruler of the North Wind, a tradition that continues to shape the festival today. Over time, the Carnival has grown while preserving its historic roots, making it one of the oldest and most enduring winter festivals in the United States and a reflection of Saint Paul's rich heritage and community pride.



## TOUR DETAILS

5 Days • 9 Meals

Jan 31-Feb 4, 2027

Feb 1-5, 2027

Price Per Person:

Double: \$1,697; Single: \$1,995

Pre/Post Hotel: \$178/night

Depart/Return:

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the magic of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, a beloved 100+ year tradition
- See sparkling ice sculptures and festive winter displays
- Explore the Twin Cities with a guided tour of Minneapolis and St. Paul
- Discover hidden stories inside the Wabasha Street Caves
- Try curling, an iconic winter sport
- Shuttle to the legendary Mall of America

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-4: Hilton Minneapolis/  
Bloomington, MN

