



# Welcome To Minneapolis

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**2023 CIRCLE K  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

# Dear Reader,

Welcome to Minneapolis! An area rich in culture and history, during your stay in this "city by nature", you won't be disappointed by the variety of food, attractions, people, and more! We are so excited to have you here joining us at the 2023 Circle K International Convention, and we hope you absolutely have a blast. Members of the International Convention Task Force have put lots of work into putting together this welcome packet for all attendees, and we hope that it is a useful resource in helping you get acquainted with the city and making the most of your stay here! If you ever have any questions or need anything, don't be afraid to reach out!

*-Your Friends at Circle K International*



## An Introduction to the City

Minneapolis was originally established as a city in 1867, but it merged with the former city of St. Anthony to form the present-day area in 1872. Its name comes from the Sioux word "minne" (water) and the Greek word "polis" (city). Minneapolis itself has a population of around 429,000, but the Twin Cities Metro Area (additionally encompassing both St. Paul and surrounding suburbs) has a total population of almost 3 million. The great Mississippi River actually flows through the middle of the city, and it once powered the many historic flour mills on its banks/is what gave Minneapolis the title of the "Flour Milling Capital of the World". This city is home to so many wonderful places and attractions, so get excited and learn more on the following pages!

# Getting Around Minneapolis

While staying in Minneapolis, an important system to know is the Metro Transit system. This transportation system, comprised of buses and light rail trains, is fundamental to getting around in Minneapolis. There are two main train lines (blue and green), which help residents and visitors travel around the city (the light rail goes directly from the airport). Two other modes of transportation throughout the city are rideshare bikes (Nice Ride) and rental scooters (Bird, Spin, & Lime).

## Light Rail Lines

### Blue Line (North-South)

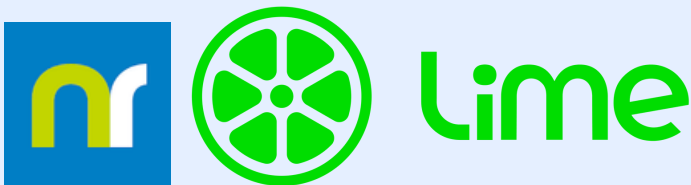
DWTN Minneapolis to  
Mall of America

### Green Line (West-East)

DWTN Minneapolis to  
DWTN St Paul



## TRANSIT RESOURCES



### Metro Transit

[www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)

### Nice Ride Bikes

[www.niceridemn.com](http://www.niceridemn.com)

### Rental Scooters

[www.bird.co](http://www.bird.co)

[www.spin.app](http://www.spin.app)

[www.li.me](http://www.li.me)



# Food and Resources Near Convention Center

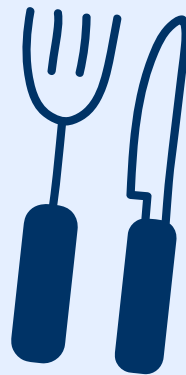
## Cafés and Coffeehouses

- Dunn Brothers Coffee, 0.1 miles
  - Floor 1 of Convention Center
- Zoe's Bakery and Café, 0.3 miles
  - 1400 Nicollet Ave
- Muffin Top Café, 0.3 miles
  - 1424 Nicollet Ave
- Caribou Coffee, 0.3 miles
  - 1100 Nicollet Ave
- Starbucks, 0.5 miles
  - 80 S 8th St
- Coconut Whisk Café & Bubble Tea, 0.5 miles
  - 905 Nicollet Mall



## Local Favorites Nearby

- Ping's, 0.2 miles
  - 1401 Nicollet Ave
- Sushi Train, 0.3 miles
  - 1200 Nicollet Mall
- The Nicollet Diner, 0.3 miles
  - 1333 Nicollet Mall (open 24hr)
- Lotus Restaurant, 0.3 miles
  - 113 W Grant St
- Eggy's Diner, 0.4 miles
  - 120 W 14th St
- Barrio, 0.4 miles
  - 925 Nicollet Mall
- The Newsroom, 0.4 miles
  - 990 Nicollet Mall
- Keys at the Foshay, 0.4 miles
  - 114 S 9th St
- The Melting Pot, 0.4 miles
  - 80 S 9th St
- Hen House Eatery, 0.5 miles
  - 114 S 8th St
- Buca di Beppo Italian, 0.5 miles
  - 1204 Harmon Pl



## Grocery Stores

- Target, 0.5 miles
  - 900 Nicollet Mall
- Lunds & Byerly's, 0.6 miles
  - 1201 Hennepin Ave
- Oak Grove Grocery, 0.6 miles
  - 218 Oak Grove St

## Pharmacies

- CVS, 0.5 miles
  - In Target
- Walgreen's, 0.8 miles
  - 655 Nicollet Mall

## Hospital

- Hennepin Healthcare, 0.8 miles
  - 701 Park Ave

## Food Markets

- Minneapolis Farmer's Market, 1.2 miles
  - 312 East Lyndale Ave N
- Mill City Farmer's Market, 1.3 miles
  - 750 S 2nd St
- Malcolm Yards, 3.7 miles (off green line)
  - 501 30th Ave SE
- Midtown Global Market, 2 miles
  - 920 E Lake St

## MLPS Pride 2023

June 18-25

[www.tcpride.org](http://www.tcpride.org)





# TWIN CITIES ATTRACTIONS

Minneapolis is a wonderful city with many amazing places to visit and see! Below are two lists with suggestions for such places, one relating to attractions accessible via the METRO Light Rail (Green/Blue Lines) and another to those near the hotel.

## Near the Hotel

### **\*All within a 30 minute walk from hotel**

- Foshay Museum and Observation Deck
  - A 360° view of downtown Minneapolis
- Target Field
  - Home of the Minnesota Twins
- Basilica of Saint Mary
  - America's first basilica made of stone and stain glass
- U.S. Bank Stadium
  - Stadium of the Minnesota Vikings
- Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Walker Art Center
  - 11-acre park with 40+ sculptures and contemporary art center
- Minneapolis Institute of Art
  - Huge, 3-story museum of artworks free to the public
- Mill City Museum
  - Ruins of what was once the world's largest flour mill, near the picturesque Stone Arch Bridge
- Nicollet Mall
- Minneapolis Orchestra Hall
- Guthrie Theater

## On the Metro Line

### **Green Line**

- University of Minnesota
  - Public university with over 36,000+ students, settled on the Mississippi
  - Weisman Art Museum, Dinkytown
- *Downtown Saint Paul*
  - Historic downtown full of shops, museums, and restaurants
  - Union Depot, State Capitol, Science Museum, History Center, Xcel Energy Center, St Paul Cathedral
- Allianz Soccer Stadium
  - Home to the TC United, nestled in the Union Park, comprised of many novelty stores and nonprofits

### **Blue Line**

- Mall of America
  - Massive shopping mall (520+ stores) with an indoor amusement park
- Minnehaha Park and Falls
  - City park with lush greenery, rolling hills and a waterfall
- Fort Snelling (former fortification site)
  - National historic landmark

