Welcome to Minnesota!

Our local evaluation community hopes you’ll enjoy your visit, including the area around the convention center, Minneapolis, Saint Paul, surrounding communities, and even greater Minnesota.

We’ve crowd-sourced some ideas to help you feel comfortable and at your best during the conference. Besides the things in this guide, you’ll find tons to enjoy as part of Minnesota’s active restaurant, brewery, and distillery scene. Yelp, Google, and the Convention Center desk will all have great ideas, too. For information about activities and places to go that emphasize an appreciation for and respectful exploration of the history and current activity of local Indigenous cultures, see the “Twin Cities Local Indigenous Guide.” You can also find more great ideas in these guides:

- Explore the city using public transit: http://bit.ly/2IWjeLC – access a Google doc created just for AEA attendees with suggested routes to take and sights to see along the way
- Minneapolis accessibility guide: https://bit.ly/2ILwGBU
- Accessible spots in the Twin Cities for every type of person: https://bit.ly/2mb06rl
- Wheelchair-accessible travel in Minnesota: https://bit.ly/2m5qtRp
### You’re looking for local culture/history

- All My Relations Arts gallery
- American Swedish Institute
- Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
- The Dakota restaurant and music club
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Walking Tour
- Guthrie Theater
- Hennepin History Museum
- Hmongtown Marketplace
- Hočokata Ti (ho-cho-kah-tah-tee), Shakopee
  Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s cultural center and gathering space
- James J. Hill House
- Mill City Museum
- Mille Lacs Indian Museum & Trading Post
- Minneapolis American Indian Center, including its Gatherings Café and Woodland Crafts Gift Shop that feature locally made, traditional Indigenous food, jewelry, and crafts
- Minneapolis Institute of Art
- Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery (MAAHMG)
- Minnesota History Center
- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Minnesota Museum of American Art
- Minnesota Orchestra
- Minnesota State Capitol
- The Museum of Russian Art
- Orpheum, State, and Pantages Theatres
- Paisley Park
- The Somali Museum of Minnesota
- SPAM Museum
- Walker Art Center
- Weisman Art Museum at the University of Minnesota

### You brought your family

- Bell Museum natural history museum and planetarium
- Can Can Wonderland mini golf, arcade, and food
- Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
- Foshay Museum and Observation Deck
- Harriet Island Regional Park
- Loring Park
- Mall of America, Nickelodeon Universe
- Mill City Museum
- Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park and Theodore Wirth Regional Park
- Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
- Minnehaha Falls and Regional Park
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- Minnesota History Center
- Minnesota Twins Target Field Tours
- Minnesota Vikings U.S. Bank Stadium tour
- Minnesota Zoo
- Mississippi River – Stone Arch Bridge and St. Anthony Main area
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- The Works Museum interactive children's museum

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You want to get moving

- Discover Strength
- Greenway Yoga
- Life Time
- Minneapolis Bouldering Project
- Loring Park, West River Parkway Trail, Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, Stone Arch Bridge
- Nice Ride Minnesota
- Vertical Endeavors Rock Climbing
- Yess Yoga
- YMCA Twin Cities
- YogaFit Studios
- YWCA Minneapolis

= less than 1 mile

You’d like to worship

- All Nations Indian Church
- The Basilica of Saint Mary
- Masjid Dar Al-Hijrah
- Park Avenue United Methodist Church
- Plymouth Congregational Church
- Shir Tikvah
- Temple Israel
- Watt Munisotaram
- Westminster Presbyterian Church

= more than 20 miles

You’re looking for mindfulness

- Common Ground Meditation Center
- Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
- Diamond Way Buddhist Center
- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Minnesota Zen Meditation Center
- West River Parkway Trail
- Yess Yoga
You need some essentials

- ALDI
- CVS
- Kowalski's Market
- Lunds & Byerlys
- Seward Co-op
- Target
- Trader Joe's
- Walgreens

You want some Minnesota “swag”

- i like you, Northeast Minneapolis and Saint Paul
- Love from Minnesota, Mall of America and Roseville
- Meet Minneapolis Visitor Center
- Sota Clothing, Saint Louis Park

You want a lot of food variety in one place

- Central Avenue, Minneapolis
- Downtown Minneapolis food trucks
- Eat Street, Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis
- Keg and Case West 7th Market, Saint Paul
- Mall of America
- Mercado Central
- Midtown Global Market
- North Loop Neighborhood of Minneapolis
- University Avenue, Saint Paul

You want to catch an in-season sporting event

- Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA)
- Minnesota Vikings (NFL)
- Minnesota Wild (NHL)
- University of Minnesota (Big 10)