



# GIRLS DAYS AT MALL OF AMERICA!

## NOVEMBER 12-14, 2025

### BLOOMINGTON, MN

Join VISTA Club for our Annual Girls Days Out - this year we will be doing our Christmas shopping at Mall of America! This place is so large it even has it's own zip code. So grab your girlfriends and get ready for a fun adventure in America's largest mall!

**Day 1** - we will make our way to Bloomington, MN with a lunch stop on the way (on your own). Then we will check into our hotel for the next two nights, the Country Inn and Suites at Mall of America. This comfortable hotel is located directly across the street from the mall and has both a TGI Fridays and IHOP attached to the hotel. Breakfast daily will be offered at the hotel along with a shuttle service that takes folks to and from the North entrance of the mall. The first evening is free of planned activities for you to either relax at the hotel or get to shopping right away!

**Day 2** - will be a free day to spend how you would like! Choose any combination of the options below (Options 2, 3 and 4 do not run simultaneously so you can do all of them if you wish!)

- **Option 1** - Come and go as you wish between the hotel and the mall. Shop 'til you drop or spend some time napping at the hotel or swimming in the pool.
- **Option 2\*** - Join an OPTIONAL late morning/early afternoon Food Tour. (\$100 additional) *This is a 3 hour walking tour encompassing approximately 1-1.5 miles total distance.*
- **Option 3** - Join an OPTIONAL late afternoon tour of the Wabasha Street Caves. (\$25 additional) *1 hour walking tour*
- **Option 4** - Join an OPTIONAL dinner to remember at Fogao Gaucho Brazillian Steakhouse (\$100 additional)

**See additional information regarding the optional excursions on the back of this page.**

**Day 3** - will begin with a visit to the Minnesota State Capitol for a guided tour. Then we will begin our trip home, stopping for a scatter lunch (on your own) along the way.

**\*Deadline to sign up for the Food Tour is March 12, 2025**

*This trip has a good deal of walking involved as this is the largest mall in America. Two of the optional tours involve walking. The hotel is located across the street from the mall and is a 7 minute walk from the hotel to the south entrance of the mall (.3 miles) There is a shuttle that runs from the hotel to the north entrance every hour.*

**SIGN-UP** — Call Beth at 815-539-1526, Amy at 815.673.4381 x50549 or Marc at 309.663.6300 x50541

**COST: \$399.00 Double/\$575 Single-** Base price includes motor coach transportation, hotel, breakfast daily, Capitol Tour, all associated taxes and tips. Optional tours are for an additional fee as noted above. Cancellations will be refunded **only** if we are able to fill your vacancy.

**PICK-UP:** 7:50 a.m. Wenona BP / 8:30 a.m. LaSalle Flying J / 9:00 a.m. Mendota Civic Center  
Approximate return times on 11/14/25 are 7:00 p.m. Mendota / 7:20 p.m. LaSalle / 8:00 p.m. Wenona

In case of emergency, you may reach us on our cell phones:  
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[firststatebank.biz](http://firststatebank.biz)

- 1) Click on Personal at top
- 2) Select Vista Club (50+)
- 3) Browse our selections of trips

**Skyway Food Tour (\$100 additional)\***  
**Minimum 10 to operate, Maximum 45**  
**3 hour walking tour 1-1.5 miles**

Explore the best of St Paul food in the heart of downtown. You'll learn about the Capital City's robust food culture while exploring its rich history, including a lively gangster past. Tastings are based on our multicultural communities and the best water in the country for creating delicious craft beer. *This tour is approximately 90% indoors and includes walking outside for a number of city blocks at the beginning and end.*

- Fine local chocolates including Potion #9 Chocolate Sauce, sipping chocolate, and a truffle of your choice (41 - 99% cacao); our favorite is the Himalayan Caramel!
- Locally-brewed Minnesota craft beer at a popular downtown brewery with a musical mission (optional non-alcoholic tastings available)
- Authentic fresh Thai spring roll from the first Thai restaurant in Minnesota
- Variety of mouthwatering African, Mediterranean, and American cuisine made fresh and prepared Halal
- Savory Chicken Fantastic - cuts of white grilled chicken with sautéed vegetables and grated Parmesan cheese over Somali-seasoned basmati rice
- Dip a delicious Sambusa (beef, chicken, or veggie-filled fried dough triangle) into a specialty basbas sauce

**Wabasha Cave Tour (\$25 additional)\***  
**Minimum 30 required to operate**

See the only remaining restored Gangster Era site. This Historic Tour begins in the 1800s when the location was a silica mine. Then it travels through the time when it was a mushroom farm, and then developed as a restaurant, casino, and gangsters' hotspot during the 1920's prohibition era. Newspapers reported of an unsolved gangland murder at the casino. Take the tour to see if it's true. Some believe the caves are haunted by the murdered mobsters whose bodies were never found. To top it off, our tour will be given by a "Shady Lady". She will help us travel back to the late 19th and 20th century in old St. Paul, when some of the history was wilder and perhaps a little risqué. You will hear stories of famous Madams-stories that are dazzling, daring and sometimes tragic

**Steakhouse Dinner (\$100 additional)\***

Enjoy a memorable dinner at Fogao Gaucho Brazillian Steakhouse with their Churasso Experience. The meat at this restaurant is grilled on an open flame and waiters bring skewers of various meat cuts directly to the table. Meats served can vary from beef to lamb, chicken, pork, duck, sausages and sometimes fish.

*\*Tours subject to change without notice*

- Reservations may be made immediately upon receipt of this Newsletter for day trips. Please be prepared to indicate how many seats you are reserving and names, contact phone number & form of payment.
- Please make payment for day trips upon signup. If you are paying by check, please make payable to: FSB Vista Club (sorry, no credit cards can be used for day trips).
- Any cancellation for **day trips** after funds have been received will be refunded only if we can fill the vacancy or if the venues will provide a refund. Extended trips will be refunded per individual trip policies.
- All members and guests must sign a liability waiver prior to attending any trip (day or extended) with Vista Club, but only needs to be signed one time, so once we have it on file, you are done!

**Photo Consent Policy**

By registering for a trip/virtual trip, you are granting permission to First State Bank Vista Club to use the photographs or electronic media images in which you may be included. You may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying Vista Club in writing. The revocation will not affect any actions taken before the receipt of the written notification. Images will be stored in a secure location and only authorized staff will have access to them. They will be kept as long as they are relevant and after that time destroyed or archived.

**Right to Decline a Traveler:** First State Bank Vista Club reserves the right to prohibit any member from travel for general behavior, abusive language, misconduct, attitude, health/mental condition or physical infirmity which may impede or be deemed so, the operation of our tours.