

Tentative Passenger Itinerary

Fall Foliage In Minnesota & Wisconsin

7 Days - Wednesday, Sept. 30, to Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026

Escorted by Wayne Setness

**Day 1. Wednesday, September 30th Fly To Minneapolis, Minnesota & Visit The
Mall of America**

- 2:00 a.m. Lodi's Sunwest Plaza (2442 W Kettleman Lane), Kettleman Lane & Lower Sac. Road. This is a drop-off and pick-up point only. You may not leave your car here during the trip. Drop off passengers along the sidewalk between Bev Mo and Burlington. Please arrive by 1:45 a.m.
- 2:30 a.m. Depart Stockton Inn (4219 E Waterloo Road) @ Highway 99 & Waterloo Road. You may leave your car here during the trip. Park in the front area to the east of the main office entrance. Please provide Shawn with your vehicle information in order to park your car here during the tour. Please arrive by 2:15 a.m.
- 3:00 a.m. Depart the Manteca Woodbridge Community Clubhouse. (2401 Morning Brook Dr.) There is no overnight parking at the Manteca Woodbridge Community Clubhouse. Please arrive by 2:45 a.m.
- 4:30 a.m. Join the tour at San Francisco International Airport – Terminal 1 – Delta Airlines check-in counter.
- 6:35 a.m. Depart San Francisco International Airport on Delta Airlines Flight #2178. This is a non-stop flight.
- 12:11 p.m. Arrive at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. Proceed directly to baggage claim.
- 1:15 p.m. Meet the motor coach and depart the airport.
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive at the Mall of America, which is the largest retail and entertainment complex in the United States, with over 500 stores. You will have time for an independent lunch and time to visit some of the many shops and attractions.
- 4:00 p.m. Depart the Mall of America and check into the Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel for a two-night stay.

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Day 2. Thursday, October 1st City Tour of Minneapolis, Minnehaha Falls, St. Croix River Scenic Cruise, Fall Color Train Ride & Minnesota Zoo's Jack O Lantern Spectacular (B,L,D)

- 6:00 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart the hotel for our city tour. Explore vibrant Minneapolis on an unforgettable urban adventure. Discover the historic Stone Arch Bridge, bustling downtown skyways, and cultural North Loop district. Then, escape to nature at Minnehaha Falls to witness the spectacular 53-foot waterfall, hike scenic limestone gorges, and enjoy a peaceful retreat right inside the city.
- 10:15 a.m. Depart for Hudson, WI
- 11:30 a.m. Board the ship for the St. Croix River Scenic Lunch Cruise and enjoy the fall colors along the river. Enjoy a relaxing paddlewheel cruise down the historic St. Croix River. Indulge in a delicious buffet lunch and full bar service. Marvel at majestic, forested river bluffs and local wildlife during this narrated, scenic journey through pristine natural beauty.
- 2:00 p.m. Depart for Osceola, WI
- 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a Fall Color Train Ride - Discover the unmatched beauty of fall as you ride through the breathtaking St. Croix River Valley, where vibrant autumn colors surround you in a kaleidoscope of gold, crimson, and amber. This is a one-of-a-kind journey that reveals the stunning landscapes of the season, visible only from the comfort of our historic train.
- 4:30 p.m. Depart for Minneapolis, MN
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Fun at the Minnesota Zoo's Jack-o'-Lantern Spectacular - Feel the gourd vibes as you stroll through thousands of glowing pumpkins.
- 7:30 p.m. Return to the hotel.

Day 3. Friday, October 2nd Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center, Duluth Ship Canal, North Pier Lighthouse, and the Glensheen Mansion (B,L)

- 6:00 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 7:30 a.m. Please bring your luggage down to the lobby area by 7:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart the hotel for Duluth, MN

- 11:00 a.m. Visit the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center. Located in Duluth's historic Canal Park, this museum offers a front-row view of massive Lake Superior vessels. Explore fascinating maritime exhibits, historic shipwreck artifacts, and a replica ship cabin while watching giant freighters pass right beneath the Aerial Lift Bridge.
- Visit the Museum and take a guided walking tour of the Duluth Ship Canal – journey to the North Pier Lighthouse, discussing the history of the Duluth Ship Canal, piers, and lighthouses.
- 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a hosted lunch at a local restaurant.
- 2:00 p.m. Visit Glensheen Mansion – Self-guided Classic Tour features original interiors in styles ranging from Renaissance Revival and Colonial Revival to Arts and Crafts. Stories of the Congdon family and others who lived and worked at Glensheen bring this magnificent mansion to life. This includes the lower level, first floor, and second floor.
- 4:00- p.m. Check into The Inn on Lake Superior for a two-night stay.
- 6:00 p.m. Independent dinner at one of the restaurants within a 5-minute walk of the hotel.

Day 4. Saturday, October 3rd Grand Portage State Park, Gooseberry Falls State Park, Two Harbors Light Station, Great Lakes Candy Kitchen and a Harvest Dinner Cruise (B,L,D)

- 6:30 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 7:30 a.m. Depart the hotel for Grand Portage, MN
- 10:00 a.m. Visit Grand Portage State Park - The visitor center at the park is called a welcome center. It also serves as a highway rest area for the Minnesota Department of Transportation and as a travel information center for Explore Minnesota Tourism. The lobby of the welcome center is designed to introduce park visitors to the culture of the Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe. The turtle on the lobby floor helps illustrate the Ojibwe creation and migration stories. This is the only state park in Minnesota located on tribal land. See the High Falls – experience the majesty and scenic wonder of Minnesota's tallest waterfall. Three viewing decks at High Falls provide park visitors with opportunities for photography or quiet contemplation.
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Grand Portage Island View Restaurant
- 12:30 p.m. Depart for Two Harbors, MN

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- 2:30 p.m. Visit Gooseberry Falls State Park Visitor Center - The waterfalls on Gooseberry River are made up by Upper, Middle and Lower Falls. These falls are just a short walk from the parking area and Visitor Center.
- 3:00 p.m. Visit Two Harbors Light Station - The Two Harbors Light Station constructed in 1892 is the oldest operating light station in Minnesota and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Self-guided tours include the lighthouse tower, the Assistant Keeper's house, a Pilot House and the Fog Signal building. The Keeper's Quarters is open year-round as the Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast.
- 3:30 p.m. Depart for Knife River, MN taking the North Shore Scenic Highway
Visit Great! Lakes Candy Kitchen - Great! Lakes Candy follows a tradition of over 100 years of fine candy making that originated on Minnesota's Iron Range in 1905 by founder Gust Canelake. From Gust Canelake's Candy Kitchen, the secret recipes were passed on to sons John & Leo.
- Stop at Russ Kendall's Smokehouse for some smoked fish, cheese, and snacks in Knife River, MN – Brown Sugar Trout & Salmon are their specialties.
- 4:30 p.m. Depart for Duluth, MN
- 5:00 p.m. Harvest Dinner Cruise - Get the best table in Duluth while taking in the Northland's exquisite fall season. Enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise with narrated highlights of the harbor. Take in never-ending views of Duluth's unique skyline and harbor activity.

Day 5. Sunday, October 4th Apostle Islands Grand Tour Cruise (B,D)

- 6:30 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 7:30 a.m. Please bring your luggage down to the lobby area by 7:30 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Apostle Islands Grand Tour - The Grand Tour takes you on a narrated, informative 55-mile scenic tour. Throughout this memorable cruise, you'll pass extraordinary natural scenery, beautiful historic Raspberry, and Devils Island Lighthouses, standing rocks, extensive sea caves, and marine wildlife. Learn the rich history of centuries of human interaction with Wisconsin's "Crown Jewels" on majestic Lake Superior. The cruise lasts 2.5 hours.
- 1:00 p.m. Independent lunch in Bayfield with time to explore the city.
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for Ashland, WI
- 4:00 p.m. Check into the Cobblestone Inn for a two-night stay.
- 6:00 p.m. Hosted dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 6. Monday, October 5th Madeline Island (B,D)

- 6:00 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 7:00 a.m. Depart the hotel for Bayfield, WI
- 8:00 a.m. We will be taking the Ferry to Madeline Island – Roundtrip.
- 9:00 a.m. Guided Tour of Madeline Island including Village of LaPointe, Madeline Island Historical Museum Tour, Historic Catholic Mission Cemetery, Stop at Woods Hall Craft Shop and shopping time.
- 11:30 a.m. Independent lunch on Madeline Island.
- 1:00 p.m. Depart lunch and make your way to the Ferry for our trip back to Bayfield
- 2:00 p.m. Visit a local winery.
- 3:30 p.m. Visit local apple orchard.
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner at Old Rittenhouse Inn's Landmark Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. Depart dinner and return to Ashland, WI
- 7:30 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel.

Day 7. Tuesday, October 6th Return to Minneapolis and Fly Home (B)

- 6:00 a.m. Hosted breakfast buffet begins. You can eat anytime between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. prior to our departure.
- 9:00 a.m. Please bring your luggage down to the lobby area by 9:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Depart the hotel for Minneapolis, MN – This is a five-hour drive with stops along the way for restroom breaks and a lunch stop.
- 1:00 p.m. Independent lunch on the way to the airport.
- 4:00 p.m. Arrive at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport.
- 6:35 p.m. Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport on Delta Airlines Flight #2809. This is a non-stop flight.
- 8:45 p.m. Arrive at San Francisco International Airport. Proceed directly to baggage claim.
- 9:30 p.m. We will be meeting the motor coach in Courtyard #1, adjacent to Terminal 1.
- 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Approximate return to Manteca, Stockton, and Lodi.

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Please Note: The exact times listed in the itinerary may change due to updates to the itinerary. We will announce the exact departure time for the next morning at the end of the previous day.

Departure Letter and Tour Information

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Departure letter for the **Fall Foliage In Minnesota & Wisconsin Tour** departing **Wednesday, September 30, 2026.**

1. **Departure Location:** *Please arrive 15 minutes before departure time.*

Please Note: This Is A Very Early Morning Departure:

2:00 a.m. Lodi's Sunwest Plaza (2442 W Kettleman Lane @ Lower Sac.)

2:30 a.m. Stockton Inn (4219 E. Waterloo Road @ Highway 99)

3:00 a.m. Manteca Woodbridge Clubhouse (2401 Morning Brook Drive)

4:30 a.m. Join the tour at San Francisco International Airport

Terminal 1 – Delta Airlines Check-In Counter

Please note: The Stockton Inn is the **only place you can leave your car overnight.** Park in the front area to the east of the main office entrance. Please provide Shawn with your vehicle information in order to park your car here during the tour.

2. **Departure Flight On Wednesday, September 30, 2026:** Delta Airlines Flight #2178 departing San Francisco International Airport at 6:35 a.m. We will arrive at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport at 12:11 p.m. This is a non-stop flight that will take 3 hours and 36 minutes.
3. **Return Flight On Tuesday, October 6, 2026:** Delta Airlines Flight #2809 departing Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport at 6:35 p.m. We will be arriving into San Francisco International Airport at 8:45 p.m. We will be back in Manteca, Stockton, and Lodi between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.
4. **Identification:** You must have your **California Driver's License with REAL ID or a valid United States Passport** with you to board the airplane. REAL ID went into effect on May 7, 2025. You will need REAL ID on your driver's license or a United States Passport to board the airplane. Please confirm with Shawn that you have a Driver's License with REAL ID or a United States Passport.

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5. **Baggage:** You may have one checked bag for this tour. The checked bag must weigh less than 50 lbs. You are also allowed a carry-on bag and a purse. Your carry-on bag should not be more than 8 x 14 x 22 inches in size. Backpacks work great as carry-ons.
6. **Luggage Tags:** Please attach the enclosed luggage tags (Setness Tours Luggage Tags) to your checked bag & carry-on bag to the handle when your luggage is placed upright, making the tag more accessible to read. Please attach your Setness Tours luggage strap to your checked bag. If you do not have a strap, we will provide one at your pick-up location.
7. **Airline Security:** Due to increased security measures, TSA has made changes to the prohibited items list.

All liquids and gels greater than 3 oz. in size – including shampoo, toothpaste, perfume, hair gel, suntan lotion, and all other items with similar consistency **ARE PROHIBITED** from carry-on baggage and the security checkpoint. Please pack these items in your checked baggage. You can carry your 3 oz bottles of cosmetic type items in a quart-sized clear plastic zip-lock type bag.

Objects to put in your checked luggage (This is your large bag). Sharp metal objects, scissors, razors, needles, tweezers, aerosol containers, cosmetics, liquids, gels, and anything that could be used as a weapon of some sort.

8. **Weather On The Fall Foliage Tour of Minnesota & Wisconsin:**

The weather in Minnesota & Wisconsin during the first week of October tends to be cooler, dry, and sunny.

Expect a high temperature of 70 degrees and a low temperature of 45 degrees during the entire tour.

Please bring a lightweight to medium-weight jacket for the early mornings and evenings. Dress in layers during the tour.

9. **Clothes & Shoes:** Please bring comfortable and casual clothes on the Fall Foliage Tour of Minnesota & Wisconsin. Bring a lightweight to medium-weight jacket for the mornings, evenings, and for airline flights. Touring during the day will involve a fair amount of walking, so please bring comfortable walking shoes.
10. **Tipping:** We will have a few local guides for this tour. The recommended gratuity is \$5 to \$10 per person per day for a step-on guide, totaling \$50 for the entire tour. For our motorcoach driver, the recommended gratuity is \$10 per person per day, which is a total of \$70 for the entire tour.
11. **Tour Group:** Setness Tours has 15 local passengers on this tour. The group of passengers will be rotating seats regularly on the motorcoach. We will be on and off the motorcoach the entire day.

12. **Travel Recommendations:**

Glasses - When traveling, always carry an extra pair of glasses in case your glasses are damaged or lost. It will be nearly impossible to replace glasses during the tour.

Your Home – Check your thermostat, set lights on timers, and lock your windows & doors.

Alarm – We suggest setting two alarms the night before the trip. This is a very early morning departure. Please bring a battery-operated travel alarm clock on tour.

Cell Phone – Please bring a cell phone on the tour if you have one. Make sure Shawn in the office has your cell phone number in our database. In case you get lost or need assistance, please keep the detailed itinerary with Shawn's cell phone number.

Watches – We suggest bringing a watch with you on the tour. Most people use their cell phone for a watch.

13. **Plane Travel:** Bring an Airplane Pillow, Ear Plugs, Sleep Mask (This covers your eyes.) You may want to bring a sleeping aid like Unisom or Sominex on the tour to help you sleep during the first night.
14. **Flight Time:** The flight time from San Francisco to Minneapolis is 3 hours and 36 minutes. The flight time from Minneapolis to San Francisco is 4 hours and 10 minutes.
15. **Time Difference:** Minnesota & Wisconsin are two hours ahead of California time.
16. **Trip Insurance:** We highly recommend taking out trip insurance when traveling out of the state.
17. **Walking:** The Fall Foliage Tour of Minnesota & Wisconsin has a fair amount of walking. Since we will be exploring many fascinating locations in during this tour, walking will be essential. Please start taking long walks now so you will be prepared for this tour.
18. **Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccinations:** We highly recommend that all passengers on this tour be vaccinated with the latest Covid-19 booster shot. We also highly recommend that all passengers on this tour be vaccinated with the latest flu shot. Please Note: This is a recommendation and not a requirement.
19. **Perfume & Cologne:** If you use perfume or cologne, please apply it very sparingly, so only you can smell it. Many of our clients have severe allergic reactions to scents such as perfume or cologne. As a courtesy to the other passengers on board the motor coach, please limit your use of all perfume & cologne.

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The tour price does not cover costs and expenses, including the return home if you leave the tour at your own volition, due to illness, or due to any event beyond our control. Trip insurance is recommended to cover such expenses.

Although every effort is made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to baggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, ordinary wear and tear, or through the hotel, airline, and group carrier handling, or other forces. It is important, for your protection, that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities.

Parking at any of the designated departure points is at your own risk. Setness Tours is not liable for any theft or damage to vehicles left at designated departure points or costs related to, and not limited to, towing or retrieval of towed vehicles.

Yours truly, Wayne Setness