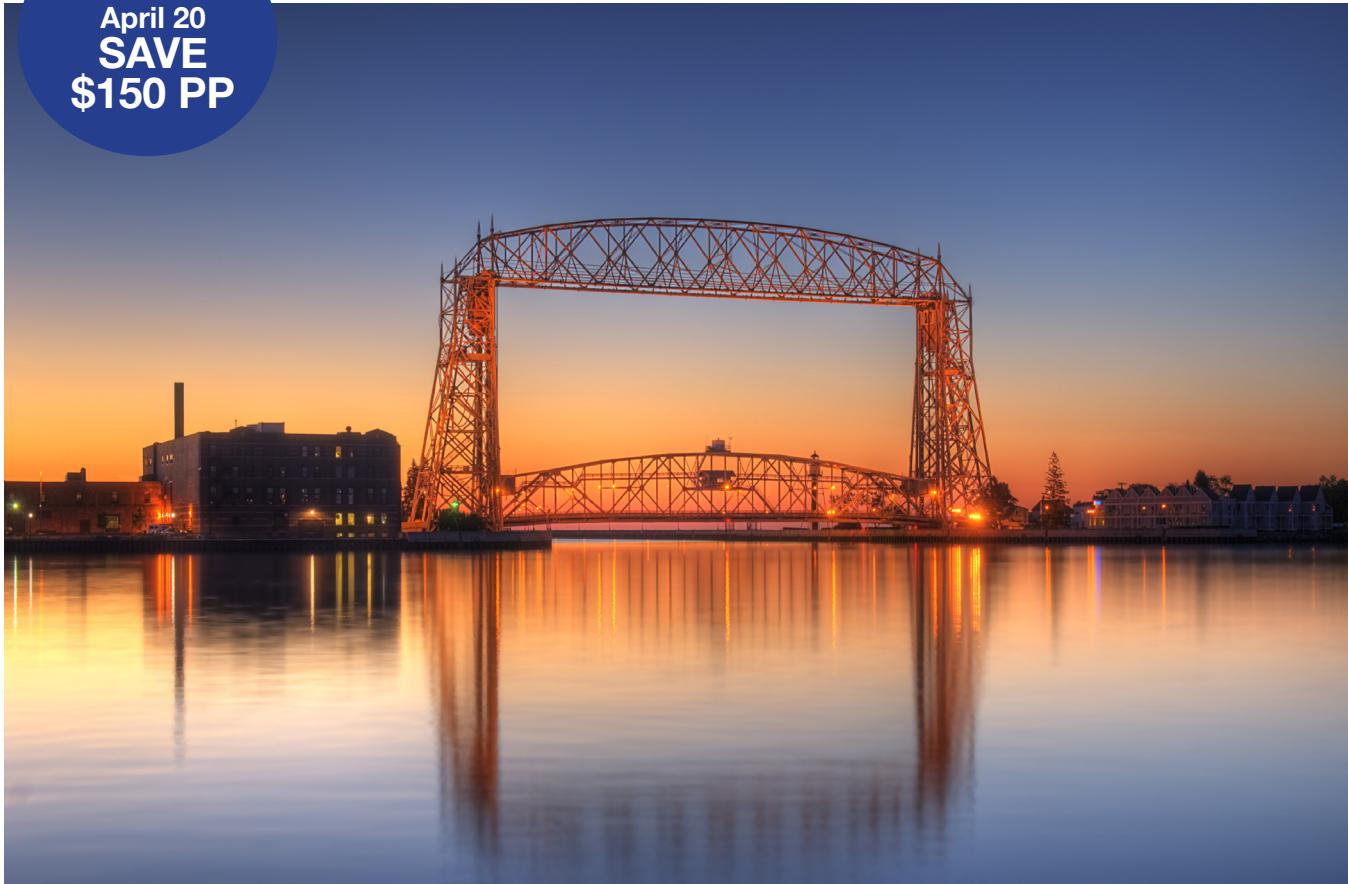




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LET'S GO UP NORTH

August 18 - 23, 2026



Day 1: Journey Begins to Duluth, MN

Your journey into the beauty of northern Minnesota begins with a delightful stop at **Hemker Park & Zoo** in Freeport. This family-owned attraction has grown into a thoughtfully curated sanctuary, home to more than 200 animals representing over 50 species from around the world. Dedicated to conservation and education, the park offers an engaging introduction to the region's appreciation for wildlife and nature. By afternoon, you'll arrive in Duluth and settle into your accommodations along lively **Canal Park**, where sweeping views of Lake Superior pair effortlessly with walkable access to charming shops, restaurants, and waterfront entertainment.

Day 2: Duluth, MN to Silver Bay, MN

The day opens on the shimmering waters of Lake Superior aboard the **Vista Fleet Grand Sightseeing Cruise**—one of Duluth's most beloved experiences. From the comfort of indoor or outdoor seating, enjoy panoramic views while an engaging guide brings the harbor's history to life. Back on shore, explore the **Lake Superior Maritime Museum**, where interactive exhibits reveal the vital role shipping has played in shaping the Duluth–Superior Harbor. Step aboard the legendary **William A. Irvin Museum**, a storied freighter that once hauled iron ore and coal through fierce storms, now preserved in remarkable condition. The afternoon continues with a visit to the iconic **Glensheen Mansion**, where the grandeur of this 39-room estate is matched only by the mystery surrounding its history. Traveling north along the rugged shoreline, you'll cap the day with time at **Split Rock Lighthouse**, dramatically perched high above Lake Superior—an unforgettable sight against the vast horizon.

Day 3: Silver Bay, MN to Grand Portage, MN

Venturing farther north, today brings you to Grand Portage, where history and culture converge. At the **Heritage Visitor Center and Grand Portage National Monument**, immersive exhibits and artifacts illuminate Anishinaabe traditions and the fur trade era that once placed this remote location on the international stage. During the 18th century, Grand Portage served as a vital crossroads connecting the Great Lakes to inland waterways, powering one of North America's largest commercial enterprises. Costumed re-enactors and reconstructed buildings vividly bring this pivotal chapter of history to life.

Day 4: Grand Portage MN to Grand Rapids, MN

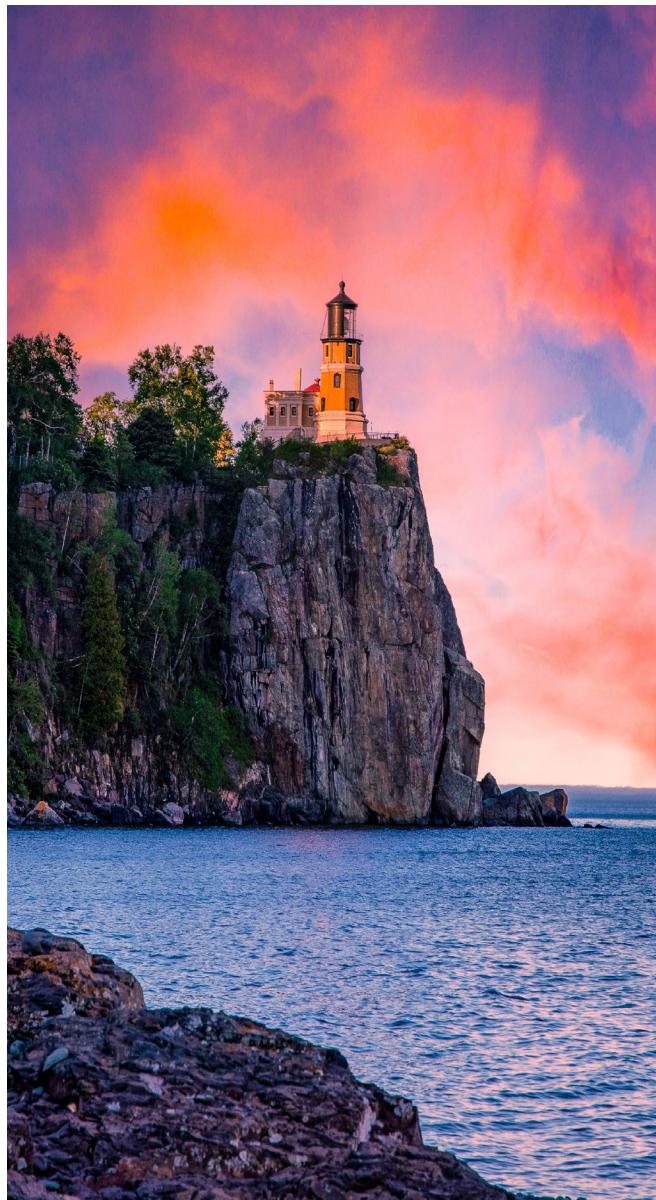
Today is devoted to the wild heart of Minnesota. In Ely, visit the renowned **International Wolf Center**, a science-based facility dedicated to educating visitors about wolves, their ecology, and their relationship with humans. Observe wolves up close and gain a deeper understanding of their role in the ecosystem. The experience continues at the **North American Bear Center**, where a behind-the-scenes tour introduces you to black bears while dispelling common myths and misconceptions. This one-of-a-kind educational facility offers rare insight into wildlife conservation and coexistence.

Day 5: Grand Rapids, MN to St. Cloud, MN

Arriving in Grand Rapids, the birthplace of Judy Garland, you'll step into a bit of Hollywood history at the **Judy Garland Museum**. Marvel at an extensive collection of memorabilia—including Dorothy Gale's iconic dress and the original carriage from The Wizard of Oz—before touring Judy's lovingly restored 1920s birthplace home. Later, travel to Onamia for a visit to the **Mille Lacs Indian Museum**, where exhibits, artifacts, and demonstrations share the rich story of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Browse locally made Native American items in a restored 1930s trading post, offering a meaningful connection to living traditions.

Day 6: St. Cloud, MN to Home

Before returning home, enjoy a peaceful finale at **Clemens Gardens** along the Mississippi River. Stroll brick pathways lined with fountains, manicured landscapes, and more than 70 varieties of roses in bloom. It's the perfect setting to capture photos, reflect on shared memories, and say farewell to new friends. By afternoon, you'll arrive home—carrying with you the stories, scenery, and spirit of northern Minnesota.



Activity Level: Moderate Traveler

5 Breakfasts

Occupancy	Price Per Person	Credit Card Price
Double	\$1,695	\$1,763
Triple	\$1,493	\$1,553
Quad	\$1,392	\$1,447
Single	\$2,303	\$2,395