

VACATION IDEAS

A World Of Fun—And Perfect Weather



One of the most visited destinations in the United States is a shopping mall that features everything from an amusement park to a wedding chapel all under one roof.

(NAPSA)—What do you get when you combine more than 520 world-class shops, a 1.2 million gallon aquarium and shark tank, the nation's largest indoor family theme park, more than 30 restaurants, a wedding chapel and so much more, within 4.2 million square feet?

You get a great solution to the search for a family vacation: Mall of America.

It offers great attractions, unique events and no sales tax on clothing. For more than 28 million people, it's within a day's drive. The Mall is also conveniently located less than two miles from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. More than 35 nearby hotels offer free shuttle services.

For the family there's "Toddler Tuesdays," weekly free events and discounts especially for toddlers and back to school shopping for older kids.

In addition to hundreds of annual events, celebrity appearances, concerts and charitable

activities, several new attractions have been added. For instance:

- The Scandinavian home furnishing store, IKEA, features three model home sets and a traditional Swedish restaurant.

- Urban Outfitters, offering a unique mix of eclectic clothing, fashion merchandise and home accessories.

- Camp Snoopy's newest addition, Timberland Twister, can launch families five stories in the air before dropping through a quarter-mile of hairpin turns and plummeting spirals. The world's first spinning roller coaster, the Twister reaches speeds up to 45 feet per second.

- You may want to arrive hungry. Cuisine choices include Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Kokomo's Island Café, Famous Dave's and Tiger Sushi. The hardest decision may be selecting where to eat.

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