



Welcome to Ambassador Preparatory! **Twin Cities Guide**

The below information is provided to all visitors, families and friends intending to spend time visiting our school and the Twin Cities.

Visiting Policy: Families are invited to visit Ambassador Preparatory throughout the academic term. We request that all guests and family members notify the school by email or phone call with the intended dates and length of stay. Out of respect to our students, faculty and staff, we kindly request that visitors provide the school with at least one week notice if traveling from overseas. With advance notice, we can schedule meetings with teachers, administration and staff. A schedule will be sent in advance of your visit to make sure we allow the time necessary to address your interests and questions.

Our students, faculty and staff are very busy with the many needs of our community. While every effort will be made to assist you during your stay, the school cannot provide tour services- including transportation needs in the Twin Cities, hotel reservations, airline ticketing services or other travel related support.

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul are a regional center of excellence in arts, music, athletics and outdoor activities. All visitors can create memories of a lifetime exploring all we have to offer. We hope the information below helps you make the most of your visit.

Where to stay when visiting Ambassador Preparatory:

Holiday Inn Rivercentre- approximately 1.5 km from school
Rates are reasonable (\$110 - \$135 a night*) with free hotel shuttle service to and from the school. A restaurant is attached to the hotel serving standard American and Irish fare. The rooms are comfortable and clean with basic amenities. The location of this hotel has made it a favorite amongst visiting international families.

For reservations and availability, please visit their website at:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/mspal?requestid=168156>

Best Western Kelly Inn- approximately 1.5 km from school
Rates are reasonable (\$115- \$140 a night*). While the hotel is reasonably priced, it is not located near restaurants or shopping areas. Comfortable and clean, this hotel offers basic amenities.

For reservations and availability, please visit their website at:

<http://www.bestwesternstpaul.com/>

Crowne Plaza Hotel- approximately 2 km from school
Rates are moderate (\$170 - \$200 a night*). Is a nice hotel overlooking the Mississippi River in downtown Saint Paul. This hotel prides itself on superior service. While the rooms are well appointed and clean, the hotels above offer comparable level of service and comfort at a more reasonable rate.

For reservations and availability, please visit their website at:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/mspsp?requestid=176739>

Embassy Suites Saint Paul- approximately 3.5 km from school
Spacious two-room suite with living room, bedroom, full bathroom and kitchenette (microwave, refrigerator and wet bar). Rates reflect the added amenities and relaxing atmosphere of the hotel (\$180 - \$205 a night*). A free local shuttle is available to bring families to and from the school. Each small apartment comes with one king bed or two double beds.

For reservations and availability, please visit their website at:

http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/MSPSPES-Embassy-Suites-St-Paul-Downtown-Minnesota/index.do

The Saint Paul Hotel- approximately 2 km from the school
Rates are expensive (\$380 - \$410 a night*). This hotel caters to families who are accustomed to superior service coupled with style and sophistication. Local transportation is included. Renovated in 2005, this hotel is well known for its spacious and elegantly appointed guest rooms.

For reservations and availability, please visit their website at:

<https://www.saintpaulhotel.com/>

*As is the case with all hotels in any city around the world, rates are subject to change and may vary depending on availability. The averages provided here are to give you a sample of accommodation options when selecting rooms that meet your needs and expectations. Ambassador Preparatory is not affiliated with any of the above hotels, or others in the Twin Cities area. These hotels are only listed due to their proximity to the school.

Directions to our school are available on our website at

http://www.ambassadorprep.org/Getting_to_IAM.htm

If you need assistance with directions to our school, please use the below information to have your driving service/taxi reach us to help guide you to our school.

Ambassador Preparatory/IAM
325 Dayton Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55102
Phone: 651-228-0599

Location: Ambassador Preparatory is located in **Cathedral Hill/Ramsey Hill** above downtown Saint Paul. The cross streets are **Dayton Ave and Farrington Ave (Boyd Park/Selby Ave)**. The best way to reach the school is to take Kellogg Blvd and turn left on John Ireland Blvd heading towards the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Dayton Avenue is just before the Cathedral. Drive approximately four blocks- our school is on the right hand side.

What to do while visiting Saint Paul, MN:

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul are a regional center of business, culture, arts, athletics and shopping- famous throughout the upper Midwest. While you may be staying in Saint Paul, make sure you visit Minneapolis as well to take advantage of all we have to offer. Below are some local attractions and venues known for excellence throughout the United States.

Downtown Saint Paul Attractions-

- 1. The Science Museum of Minnesota:** <http://www.smm.org/>
Celebrating its 100th anniversary (1907 – 2007), the Science Museum of Minnesota is known worldwide for its interactive exhibits, dynamic traveling exhibitions, and internationally distributed large format films. Easily accessible from any downtown location, the museum offers visitors an excellent opportunity to view world-class exhibits while enjoying stunning views of the Mississippi River.
- 2. Minnesota Historical Center:** <http://www.mnhs.org/historycenter/>
The Minnesota Historical Society is chief caretaker of Minnesota's story—and the [History Center](#) is home to the Society's vast collections. Take an afternoon to learn more about your child's new home.
- 3. Minnesota State Capitol:** <http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc/history.html>
One of the best preserved and admired state capitols in the United States; a visit will introduce visitors to the idea of grass roots democracy that is the foundation of United States governance.
- 4. The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra:** <http://www.thespco.org/>
The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, beginning its 49th season in September 2007, is the nation's only full-time professional chamber orchestra and is widely regarded as one of the finest chamber orchestras in the world. Most of their performances are held at the historic Ordway Center in downtown Saint Paul.
- 5. The Minnesota Wild at the Excel Energy Center:** <http://wild.nhl.com/>
Minnesota is known for its long and cold winters. This simple fact has made hockey one of the most popular sports in Minnesota. While visiting our state, take the opportunity to see a professional hockey team in action- the Minnesota Wild

play frequently throughout the late fall and early spring against other nationally recognized hockey programs.

6. The Artists' Quarter: <http://www.artistsquarter.com/>

Commonly regarded as the best Jazz club in the region, the Artists' Quarter is owned and operated by local jazz performers. This local venue attracts not only local artists, but also nationally revered and respected performers from the United States, Canada and Europe.

Downtown Minneapolis Attractions:

1. The Guthrie Theater: <http://www.guthrietheater.org/>

One of America's finest regional theaters, the Guthrie has received numerous awards for excellence throughout its 43-year history. With three performance spaces in the newly built, architecturally stunning, venue, the Guthrie offers some of the best theater available. Home to the traveling production of London's The Royal Shakespeare Company tour, the Guthrie Theater will impress, amaze and delight visitors.

2. The Walker Art Center: <http://www.walkerart.org/index.wac>

Few regional museums in the United States can boast a longer history or more diverse collection of art than the Walker Art Center. The Walker focuses on contemporary art from the early mid 20th Century through today and has on permanent display notable works by Mark Rothko, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, among others.

3. Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall: <http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org>

The 98-member ensemble performs nearly 200 concerts each year. Its award-winning concert broadcasts, produced by Minnesota Public Radio and distributed by American Public Media to more than 120 radio stations nationwide, reach approximately 200,000 people each week.

4. Minnesota Twins/ Minnesota Vikings at the Metrodome

Home to two professional sport leagues, Minneapolis offers visitors the chance to participate in two of America's favorite spectator sports. The Minnesota Twins baseball team plays from May through October while the Minnesota Vikings American Football team plays from September through January. Come experience the pride and joy Minnesotans feel for their home teams.

Visit the Minnesota Twins: http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=min

Visit the Minnesota Vikings: <http://www.vikings.com/>

5. The Children's Theatre Company: <http://www.childrenstheatre.org/>

Established in 1965, CTC has grown to become the leading professional theatre company for young people in North America, and among the three largest in the

world. The CTC received the 2003 Regional Theater Tony Award for excellence among numerous other honors.

6. Theatre de la Jeune Lune: <http://www.jeunelune.org/>

The Theatre de la Jeune Lune (Theater of the New Moon) is a company of theatre artists founded in France in 1978 by Parisians Dominique Serrand and Vincent Gracieux and Minneapolis native Barbra Berlovitz. Nationally acclaimed, the theater received the 2005 Tony Award for Best Regional Theater.

Greater Twin Cities Attractions:

1. Mall of America (Bloomington, MN): <http://www.mallofamerica.com/>

The largest shopping mall in North America, the Mall of America offers all visitors plenty of opportunities to indulge in retail therapy. Anchored by four major department stores (Macy's, Nordstrom's, Sears and Bloomingdale's), the mall offers other entertainments such as the largest indoor amusement park, aquarium, NASCAR simulator and a 14 movie screen megaplex playing the latest on offer from Hollywood.

2. Minnesota Zephyr Train (Stillwater, MN): <http://www.minnesotazephyr.com>

Enjoy a gourmet dinner while taking in the breathtaking views of the St. Croix River valley. Each ticket for this nostalgic trip includes a five-course dinner, entertainment and the train ride, which takes about three and a half hours. The Grand Dome car offers the best views, but all of the cars are luxurious and restored to perfection.

3. Minnesota Zoo (Apple Valley, MN): <http://www.mnzoo.com/>

Explore the Zoo's Minnesota Trail, Northern Trail, Tropics Trail, Discovery Bay, and the new Wells Fargo Family Farm. Over four hundred different species of animals from every corner of the globe are on view in multiple ecologically consistent habitats.

4. Padelford River Cruise (Harriet Island, St. Paul): <http://www.riverrides.com/>

Take a boat ride on the historic Mississippi River. Founded in 1969 by Capt. William D. Howell, Sr. the Padelford Riverboat Co. operates from Harriet Island Regional Park in downtown St. Paul, MN. Padelford Riverboats have entertained more than four million passengers.

5. Chanhassen Dinner Theater (Chanhassen, MN):

www.chanhassentheatres.com/

The nation's largest professional dinner theatre with four dinner theater spaces and three current productions offers any visitor not only quality entertainment, but a fantastic meal as well. Located just 25 miles southwest of Minneapolis, the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre will give you a taste of rural life in the United States.