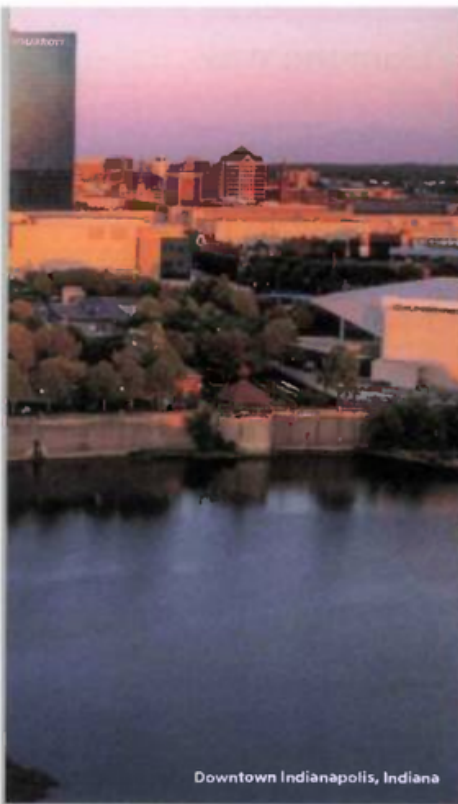


# GROUP TOUR

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## THESE FOUR URBAN ADVENTURES OFFER A MIX OF ACTIVITIES FOR TOUR GROUPS

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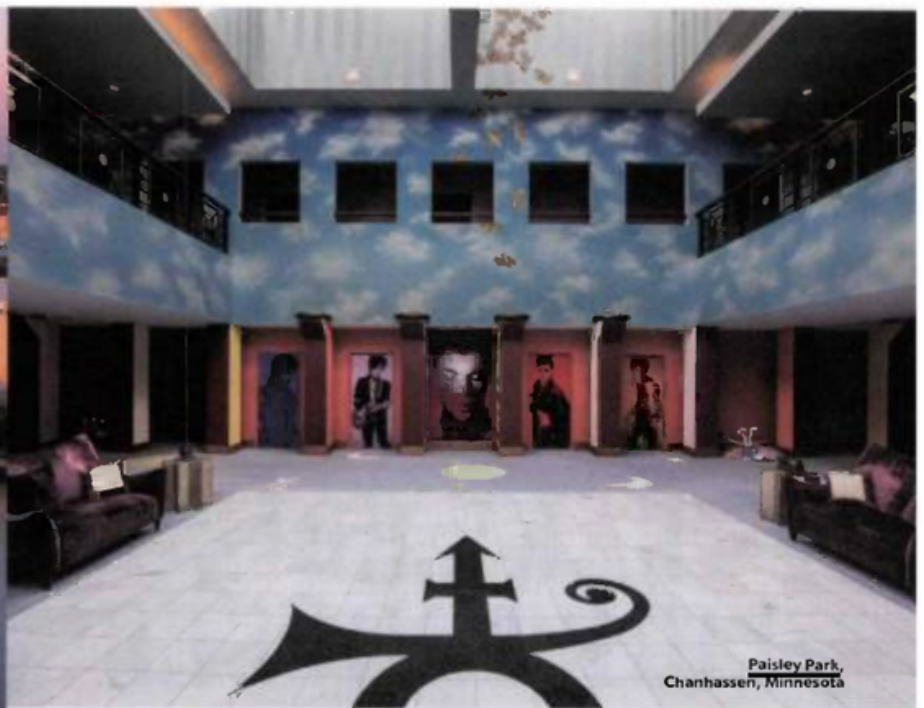


Downtown Indianapolis, Indiana

There is also the Historic Third Ward and the Harley-Davidson Museum. At the Harley-Davidson Museum, guests will find culture and history through stories and interactive exhibits that celebrate expression, camaraderie, and love for the sport of riding a Hog. Along with its collection of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and memorabilia, the site has exhibits, shopping, dining, and a full calendar of activities.

"People from across the globe travel to Milwaukee to experience this American icon," Husband says. "Seeing the world's one and only Harley-Davidson Museum is a bucket list item for many travelers. Whether it be fashion, military history, or pop culture, the museum truly offers something for the enthusiast—the newly curious or casual museum goer."

What's a visit to Milwaukee without trying its tasty eats? Milwaukee Food and City Tours, which encourages groups to uncover the hidden gems of the vibrant west side of Walker's



Paisley Park, Chanhassen, Minnesota

Point neighborhood, is renowned for its craft breweries and flavorsome delights. Here, visitors will stroll through the historic district and can visit notable establishments where they can sample myriad tasty treats.

### Minnesota's Twin Cities

Another place to find urban adventures for tour groups is Minnesota's Twin Cities. Minneapolis and St. Paul are meccas for art and culture, and tour planners won't be disappointed booking a trip here.

A must-stop is the famous Mall of America in Bloomington, the largest indoor mall in the country. With its more than 500 retail stores, 50-plus restaurants, an indoor theme park, Minnesota's largest aquarium, and a mini-golf course, there is surely something for everyone.

Take in a play at the Guthrie Theater, located on the Mississippi riverfront, where plays both classic and contemporary are performed. Backstage tours are offered on Fridays and Saturdays. On the Mississippi, take a cruise with Padelford Riverboats, which offers both public and private tours

from Memorial Day through Labor Day. History lovers will enjoy a visit to the James J. Hill House, a 36,000-square-foot mansion in St. Paul completed in 1891 for railroad magnate James J. Hill. There's also an art gallery on-site, free to the public.

Several celebrities have roots in Minnesota as well, but one of the most iconic is the musician Prince, who not only left a musical legacy—including a vault of hundreds of recorded but unreleased songs—but also a remarkable studio that served as his production venue, concert hall, and home. He named it Paisley Park, the same as a music label he created in the 1980s and song by the same name.

Today, eight years after the rock star's passing, Paisley Park is open for guided tours, where guests can see where Prince lived and worked. Besides the guided tours, the site has a gift shop open most days. While here, stop in the lounge area to hear Prince music, watch music videos, see a stage display, and "go crazy" with cookies or cheesecake the rock star enjoyed. The cherry-flavored hot chocolate is also a tasty treat. 🍫