Thursday, October 3rd

Welcome reception at the Guthrie Theater: 6 - 9 pm

The Guthrie Theater opened on May 7, 1963, with a production of “Hamlet” directed by Sir Tyrone Guthrie, the theater’s founder. In 2006, the Guthrie finished construction of a new $125 million theater building along the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis. “Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, the Guthrie theater complex (it is really three theaters in one) offers interesting plays on form, light and color - at once tipping its hat to the area’s historic industrial architecture while coming up with a look that is wholly contemporary.” Quotation from Carolina A Miranda, Los Angeles Times.

Reconnect with old friends and classmates over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while overlooking the mighty Mississippi River, the Stone Arch Bridge and the newly rebuilt I-35W Bridge. Hear a presentation by the lead attorney in the 2007 Bridge collapse lawsuit while viewing the reconstructed bridge and the Memorial Park below.

Friday, October 4th

A Tour of Two Cities: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Discover why Minneapolis is called the “City of Lakes.” Learn about Historic Fort Snelling and the beautiful Landmark Center in Saint Paul before passing the Capitol and Saint Paul Cathedral. We will also take a drive down historic Summit Avenue in Saint Paul to see where the lumber and railroad barons, who built the city, once lived in their stately Victorian mansions. Travel near the birthplace of Minneapolis (Saint Anthony) and cruise around the lakes before making a stop at Minnehaha Falls.

Friday Afternoon Activity Choices:

1. **Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA): 2:30 - 5 pm**
   Ranked among the top 10 comprehensive U.S. art museums, Mia is housed in a neoclassical Twin Cities landmark. Mia’s permanent collection of more than 89,000 objects includes world-famous works that embody the highest levels of artistic achievement, spanning about 20,000 years and representing the world’s diverse cultures across six continents. The museum has seven curatorial areas: Arts of Africa & the Americas; Contemporary Art; Decorative Arts, Textiles & Sculpture; Asian Art; Paintings; photography and New Media; and Prints and Drawings.

2. **Walker Art Center: 2:30 - 5 pm**
   One of the most celebrated art museums in the country, the Walker Art Center is known for its innovative presentations and acclaimed collections of contemporary art across the spectrum of the visual, performing, and media arts. Over the course of more than 100 years, the Walker has evolved from a privately held collection into an internationally recognized institution and civic resource. In addition to its ever-changing galleries, the campus includes the crown jewel of the Minneapolis park system, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.
3. **A Walk around Lake of the Isles: 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

In this active, vibrant city, walking around a lake is a quintessentially Minneapolis thing to do. The 2.63-mile walk around this beautiful lake offers a glimpse into city-living life at its finest. You'll enjoy an easy stroll on the paved walking path, while admiring the stately homes on display during Minnesota’s most beautiful season. (Note: if the weather is uncooperative, you will be given an opportunity to tour a museum instead.)

**Cocktails and dinner at the American Swedish Institute: 7 - 10 pm**

32% of Minnesota’s population is of Scandinavian heritage and the American Swedish Institute is one of our historic and cultural gems. The organization is dedicated to the preservation and study of the historic role Sweden and Swedish Americans have played in US culture and history. The museum complex includes the Swan Turnblad Mansion, completed in 1910, and the adjoining Nelson Cultural Center, completed in 2012.

We will be able to tour the landmark mansion – Minnesota’s only castle – and also take in The Vikings Begin exhibit, the Midwest premiere of a Fascinating Collection of Artifacts which have never been outside of Scandinavia until this year, with many finds that are around 1400 years old. With Viking helmets, swords and weapons for attack and defense, as well as jewelry, glass vessels, bowls and other objects with magical importance, the artifacts tell stories both about the society and the people buried with them. Following the tours and cocktails in the mansion, we will dine on delicious Scandinavian fare in the light-filled second-floor atrium of the contemporary Nelson Cultural Center.

**Saturday, October 5th**

**Minnesota State Capitol Tour and Panel: 9 am - Noon**

The Minnesota State Capitol is a 1905 masterpiece, recently returned to its original grandeur. Designed by Cass Gilbert, who was known for his classical style and pioneering skyscrapers, the Capitol features the second-largest self-supporting marble dome in the world, works by important 19th and 20th century artists, and battle flags from the Civil and Spanish-American Wars.

Following our guided tour of this landmark building, we will be treated to a panel by some of the Midwest’s most esteemed politicians. Moderated by former Saint Paul Mayor George Latimer, the panel will be composed of outstanding Minnesota political figures, hopefully including a former US Vice President and several Senators, a former Minnesota Governor, and a current presidential candidate. Get an up-close world view from flyover land!

**Saturday Afternoon Museum Choices:**

1. **Minnesota History Center: 12:30 - 3:30 pm**

   Satisfy your curiosity in our award-winning museum that’s all about Minnesota. Exhibits, music, crafts, lectures, shopping, and great food – it’s all housed in one of Minnesota’s finest public buildings, in the beautiful city of Saint Paul. Home to the Minnesota Historical Society, this is an interactive museum with permanent and changing exhibits.

2. **Mill City Museum: 1 - 4 pm**

   Built in the ruins of the Washburn "A" Mill next to Mill Ruins Park is the Mill City Museum which focuses on the founding and growth of Minneapolis, especially flour milling and the other industries
that used hydropower from Saint Anthony Falls. The mill complex, dating from the 1870’s, features exhibits about the history of Minneapolis, flour milling machinery, a water lab and a baking lab. The centerpiece of the exhibit is the multistory Flour Tower, where visitors sit in the cab of a freight elevator and are taken to different floors of the building, each designed to look like a floor in a working flour mill. Voices of people who worked in the Washburn A Mill are heard throughout the show.

**The Jonathon Padelford Riverboat Dinner Cruise: 5:30 - 8:30 pm**

Built in 1969 the Padelford is one of the few truly authentic sternwheelers on the Mississippi River, with engines which are identical to the old steam engines but run hydraulically. We will enjoy a sunset cocktail hour and seated dinner while cruising along the Mississippi River during peak Fall Colors season. Our narrated tour of the river and its environs will be accompanied by live music from the swing era.

**Sunday, October 6**

**Memorial Gathering & Personal History: 8 - 11 am**

We will gather at the hotel for an informal conversation time. We will have a chance to remember our classmates who are no longer with us, catch up on our lives and say farewell until our next adventure!

**Accommodations:** Stay in the heart of Minneapolis for an unexpectedly reasonable rate ($149 per night). The Hampton Inn & Suites, Downtown Minneapolis, opened in 2015. Connected to the climate-controlled Skyway, this hotel provides easy access to the city’s top attractions. Walk less than three blocks to the Hiawatha Light Rail Line, linking you to MSP International Airport and the Mall of America. Parking is available in the covered Target Center ramp or on two surface lots on the hotel block. Your room includes free wifi and a free hot breakfast.

You are encouraged to make your reservation early, as our block of rooms is limited. Contact the hotel directly at (612) 341-3333. Or you can access the hotel room block link from the Yale Class of 1958 website at https://yale1958.org/. Note that if you wish to extend your visit before or after the weekend it is necessary to talk to the sales department at the hotel (612) 330-4250.

Be sure to mention that you are with the Yale Mini Reunion Block. The rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after our weekend, should you wish to extend your visit.

Note: King rooms have been reserved for our group. These include a shower but no tub. If you prefer two queens in your room, you will have a tub but not a shower. The rate is the same.

**Questions:** Contact Janene Castaldi, Yale Alumni Association, at janene.castaldi@yale.edu or (203) 432-8016.
Optional Trip Extensions:

**Wednesday, October 3**

Orpheum Theater Broadway: “Mean Girls”, https://hennepintheatretrust.org/


Penumbra Theater: “Pipeline” by Dominique Morriseau - https://penumbratheatre.org/

**Sunday, October 6**

Twin Cities Marathon: Witness the most beautiful marathon in the country as it winds from US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, around the city lakes, across the Mississippi River to St. Paul and along the River Road, down Summit Avenue with its historic mansions, and finishing at the State Capitol Grounds. https://www.tcmevents.org/events/medtronic-twin-cities-marathonweekend-2019

Minnesota Orchestra matinee performance. Experience the thrills of the second film in the original Star Wars trilogy as it is shown in full on the big screen, accompanied live by the Minnesota Orchestra led by Sarah Hicks. https://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/

**Anytime!**

Shopping at the Mall of America: Since opening its doors in 1992, Mall of America® has revolutionized the shopping experience of tens of millions of visitors a year. A leader in retail, entertainment and attractions, Mall of America is one of the top tourist destinations in the country and is known around the world. Minnesota has no sales tax on clothing! https://www.mallofamerica.com/

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: A top visitor attraction, the Arboretum is more than 1,200 acres of gardens and tree collections, prairie and woods and miles of trails. As a premier northern garden, the Arboretum was born out of the University of Minnesota Horticultural Research Center and established in 1958. http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/

Fort Snelling: This National Historic Landmark resides on Dakota homeland, known as Bdote, with history spanning 10,000 years. Learn stories of the military fort and its surrounding area, home to a wide history that includes Native peoples, trade, soldiers and veterans, enslaved people, immigrants, and the changing landscape. http://www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling

Also, consider a visit to the wondrous North Shore during peak leaf season. Visit Duluth to bike, hike or explore the Port of Duluth on Lake Superior.  https://www.exploreminnesota.com/travel-ideas/from-duluth-to-the-northshore/ ; https://www.exploreminnesota.com/travel-ideas/chase-fall-colors-minnesotanorth-shore/

Here’s another example of an Up North adventure: On a 60-mile stretch of the North Shore Scenic Drive between Lutsen and Two Harbors, you can find gentle falls at Cascade River State Park, marvel at dramatic gorges and massive potholes carved out at Temperance River State Park, admire Cross River Falls right on the highway at Schroeder, hike back to High Falls at Tettegouche State Park or explore the multiple falls of Gooseberry Falls State Park.