

Visit Minnesota – The 10 Things That Will Shock You

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Hey there, fellow-travellers, Mark here with Wolter's World.

Today we are in Minnesota, we're actually in Duluth, Minnesota at the Glensheen Congdon Estate.

This is an historic home here in Duluth.

It is really gorgeous and the whole state is really gorgeous, it's shockingly gorgeous and that's why today we have for you the 10 things that are going to shock you when you come to visit Minnesota.

And the first shock we're going to talk about, they even have it on their license plates, it is the land of 10,000 lakes.

The natural beauty here in Minnesota is phenomenal with the lakes.

We're here at Lake Superior.

Look, we've been going down the scenic North Shore drive up here.

I mean it is just gorgeous.

When you come to Minnesota, you really get back to nature, seeing the animals, going on the hikes and the skiing and taking the snowmobiles out in the winter and all kinds of stuff.

And really, that's one thing that shocks people when they come here is just how much nature they have and you really can get in the back woods and really explore and get back to nature when you're here seeing the trees.

We're here in the fall when the trees are changing color and it is, just it is, just gorgeous.

That's the first thing that shocks people, just how beautiful it is here.

The second thing that shocks people when they are here is how friendly the people are in Minnesota.

I mean it's kind of a joke that some people have, but the Minnesotans you know how they're really friendly, over-the-top friendly.

If they bump into, if you bump into them, they'll say sorry.

It is true, we've met so many great people when we've been traveling around Minnesota, from all over Minnesota, from up here in Duluth and farther north to Two Harbors to Minneapolis and other places.

And really, the people here are fantastic.

So if you have any questions, or you want to just strike up a conversation with somebody go right ahead.

And I'll be honest with you, the locals will probably strike up a conversation with you first, so it is kind of funny just how awesome people are here.

The third thing that might shock you is how much those really friendly Minnesota people love Minnesota.

Okay, there are so many times you'll see people wearing their Minnesota Vikings t-shirt and or the University of Minnesota or we're here in the University of Minnesota, Duluth, everybody's got their UMD stuff on.

They love Minnesota here, okay.

The thing is, it's kind of funny, there's a rumor that they don't never leave because they love the place so much.

So it is kind of funny of how much they really love Minnesota here.

And it's funny, because it seems like every little town has their own sports bar and every single sports bar has, hey, "we have a happy hour during the Vikings game no matter when it is".

Okay, so that's kind of a shocking thing out here.

The fourth thing that is going to shock when you come here, is how clean it is.

I mean seriously, Minnesota, they keep this place like, spotless.

I mean literally, we were walking through Duluth and I actually saw more dead birds in the gutters than I saw trash on the street.

I saw two dead birds, I saw no trash.

Even the porta-potties here, I mean it was a clean porta-potty.

When was the last time you even heard of a clean porta potty, let alone you know ~~not a one-year-one of Hama date~~ .

I mean it was crazy how clean they keep it here and it kind of goes into how much, how proud they are of their state, how much they love Minnesota.

And you see it kind of transfer.

People clean up after themselves, they fix things up and the homes are kept up, I mean it is really cool just how clean it is here.

I mean, we were in Duluth, underneath the overpass, waiting for some stuff and even underneath the overpass in the city it was clean.

I mean it's crazy clean here.

Okay, now the fifth thing to shock you when you're here is how safe it is here in Minnesota.

I mean honestly, the crime levels are a lot lower here and when you go around you don't really feel too worried when you're walking through town.

Now of course there's Minneapolis and some other places you might not want to go.

But in general, in this state, you feel so safe you're like, I'm more worried about a bear attack than a Minnesotan doing anything bad to me.

And the thing is, that people really do look out for people when they are here and they'll say, "hey be careful of that you know, that, that hiking trail there, that's gonna be a little dangerous".

And don't go to that part of town and stuff like that.

But honestly, how safe you feel in Minnesota, that's one thing is we love, coming up here and now bringing the kids up here, because you really do feel safe when you are here.

And it is shocking how safe you feel compared to other parts of the US.

Now the sixth thing that is going to shock you is when you're driving around Minnesota, you're going to notice people are hauling stuff all the time.

You don't see a lot of semi trucks. but you will see a lot of trucks, peoples trucks, hauling a snowmobile or a four-wheeler.

Or, you know, we we saw so many weird things people were hauling.

A school bus had a hauler on the back of it.

And, it is kind of funny, when you drive around, like no semis but they're hauling things.

It is kind of cool, you see it you're like, "oh look, there's another person hauling something, you know, a VW hauling something".

Okay. it is kind of funny all the stuff you do see on the highway in terms of people hauling.

Another shock that comes from the highway is when you're in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the shock of their stoplights to get onto the highway.

Like, when we came out of the airport, we had rented our car, we came out of the airport, we're going down the entrance ramp and there's stoplights on the entrance ramp.

We're like, wait, what are we supposed to do here?

And it says, oh, one car on green.

You're like what?

One car on green, you think about it.

Oh, I see, when the light flashes green one car can go from each side to get on the highway.

And it is kind of, for a first-time visitor in Minneapolis, you're kind of like sitting there, like what's going on?

Don't worry, no one's gonna honk at you to hurry up because they are very friendly.

I guess another shock with that driving thing here is that people drive like really close to the speed limit, which, when you come from faster driving states, it gets a little frustrating sometimes.

Okay, now the eighth thing that is going to shock you when you come here is look, I'm here in October and it is beautiful.

But I know in November and December and January and February and March there's going to be a lot of snow.

Like there is insane snow in Minnesota.

In Minneapolis they have, you know, 50 to 55 inches of snow a year.

Here in Duluth 86 inches of snow.

And the thing is, they're so used to the cold here, when you talk to people in the winter, and talk about the temperature, they'll say, "oh it's above today", not above freezing, but above zero Fahrenheit so it's 50 above because that's how the related sometimes the to the weather how cold it is because it gets freezing cold here. In International Falls, Minnesota, don't go there in winter it's a little chilly.

Now a cool thing is Minnesota does a great job of getting rid of the snow, whereas, yeah, I'm from Illinois, when we get a little bit of snow it takes forever for people to get the roads clean.

The roads here in Minnesota, when it snows you can go down the highway right away.

In 20 minutes it seems like it's cleared off.

And that's the difference.

Here they're prepared for it so the snow gets out of the way fast but it doesn't change the fact that there's a lot of snow.

And it is really cold when you are here.

Okay, but they do have the Skywalk systems and in Minneapolis you're walking underground all the time or up above here in Duluth as well so you don't have to deal with the cold so much but it is there.

Okay, now the next thing that's going to shock you when you come here, is the fact that you can't buy liquor on Sundays.

Yes, they have restricted liquor laws here in Minnesota so you can't actually go to the liquor store and get liquored up.

You've got to do your shopping on Saturday, or if you're here in Duluth, you just take the bridge over the river and go to Wisconsin and go get your liquor in Wisconsin on Sunday.

Okay, so when you get ready for that Vikings game on Sunday make sure you buy all the liquor on Saturday so you're ready for Sunday, funday.

Okay and the 10th thing that's going to shock you come to Minnesota is, you know we make fun of that Minnesota accent.

Actually you do hear that accent quite a bit.

Because I've been in New York and Chicago lately and those traditional accents you hear about Chicago and New York and stuff like that you don't hear so much anymore.

Here in Minnesota you still hear the Minnesotan accent.

Now it's not as much as it used to be, but you do actually hear it and the people are really cool about it.

But you probably don't want to make your own Minnesota accent when you talk to them.

But you do hear it when you are here, so anyway, so those are just 10 little quick fun shocks that we had when we've been here in Minnesota having a great time.

This place is fantastic, so bring your family.

Whether you're hitting the Twin Cities, Minneapolis-St. Paul, you come up here to Duluth or farther up to Two Harbors, I mean there's so many great natural beauties here in this state.

And we really do and recommend you come up here.

We've got a video on what to see and do in Duluth and all kinds other stuff on our website at Walters World dot Com.

We're also on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, of course YouTube, and we really appreciate your likes and subscriptions.

If you're thinking about going to Minnesota it is a good choice, this place is fantastic.

Anyway, I'm gonna go check out some more of the cool stuff here.

Have a great time and don't be shocked if you fall in love with Minnesota because this place is great it actually got my wife to say, "you know what, we could move to a cold-weather place if it's in Minnesota". Anyway, bye from Minnesota.

Oh and there's one more shock: the smoked fish.

There's smoked fish.

If you haven't had it it will be shocking the first time you have it and how much they do eat it here.

And, like, it not everybody likes it, but just know the smoked stuff is available.

So try some of it if you can, lutefisk, you could be shocked on your own for that one.

Bye from Minnesota.
