



Minnesota

Northwoods Winter Adventure

Tour Leader: Eric Ripma

January 22-27, 2027

Itinerary Overview:

January 22: Arrival in Duluth - Transfer to Hotel
January 23: Sax-Zim Bog
January 24: Superior National Forest
January 25: Sax-Zim Bog
January 26: Wildcard Day
January 27: Departure from Duluth

Detailed Itinerary:

January 22: Arrival in Duluth - Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival at the Duluth airport, you'll be transferred to our hotel in Duluth where we will be spending the next five nights. We will have a fantastic welcome dinner and plenty of time to rest up for our adventures that will begin early the following morning.

-Overnight: Hampton Inn Duluth Canal Park or similar



Evening Grosbeak

January 23: Sax-Zim Bog

An early departure from Duluth will put us in Sax-Zim Bog around sunrise. Our day will start with a search for one of our biggest targets of the trip, Great Gray Owl. After our search, we'll spend time visiting different feeding stations in search of the typical winter residents. Depending on the year, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, Canada Jays, Boreal Chickadees, and Redpolls can all be common at the feeding stations. Our morning will also include time to look for Sax-Zim specialties such as Black-billed Magpie, Northern Hawk Owl and Northern Shrike. We'll order a carry-out lunch and make our way to the visitor's center. In the early afternoon, a visit to Warren Nelson Memorial Bog will be

made in search of Black-backed Woodpeckers. After this stop, we can make the most of any remaining light and then head back to Duluth to warm up and go out for a wonderful dinner.

-Overnight: Hampton Inn Duluth Canal Park or similar

January 24: Superior National Forest

We'll start the morning by exploring the Superior National Forest in hopes of seeing Spruce Grouse. Once we are finished in the forest, we'll continue on to Two Harbors. This area has the potential for more waterfowl and gulls (Iceland and Glaucous are possible). The area can also be a good rarity magnet for species like Townsend's Solitaire, Boreal Owl (if an irruption year) and Bohemian Waxwings. Once we are done in Two Harbors, we'll make our way back to Duluth and bird the lakefront there, if time allows.

-Overnight: Hampton Inn Duluth Canal Park or similar



Boreal Owl

January 25: Sax-Zim Bog

Today will be similar to our first day in Sax-Zim Bog. The idea today will be to target any species that we may not have seen on day one and to get better views of our target species.

-Overnight: Hampton Inn Duluth Canal Park or similar

January 26: Wildcard Day

The guide/s will decide what to do today. If we are still missing any of the main targets for this tour, we will likely go off in search of those. If not, we might go for better views of some species that we have already seen. We will also consider driving to the Gunflint Trail where we would have a good chance to see a moose! The day will end with a nice farewell dinner in Duluth.

-Overnight: Hampton Inn Duluth Canal Park or similar

January 27: Departure from Duluth



Boreal Chickadee



Pine Grosbeak

Trip Details:

Cost:

Price per person (double occupancy), from Duluth, Minnesota: \$3,299

Single Supplement: \$450

Minimum Participants: 3

Maximum Participants: 3

Price Includes:

Expert Guide

Ground Transportation in Minnesota

All Lodging

All Meals

Park Entrance Fees

Price Does Not Include:

Airfare to and from Duluth, MN

Airport Taxes

Visa and Passport Fees (if applicable)

Alcoholic Beverages

Personal Items

Tips

Travel Insurance

Deposit:

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold your spot on this tour. The remaining balance is due no later than 3 months prior to the scheduled start date of the tour (October 24, 2026).

If you have any questions about this tour or would like to sign up for it, please contact us at info@sabrewingnaturetours.com, by phone at 317-324-8505, or register through our website at sabrewingnaturetours.com.

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