



Familiarization (FAM) Application Form – INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

Thank you for your interest in visiting Minnesota. Explore Minnesota is committed to assisting International Media in developing content that promotes travel to Minnesota.

We require all individuals of the media to complete the form below and return it to Explore Minnesota via submission information at the end of this form at least 8 weeks before the desired visit date. Please allow Explore Minnesota up to 14 days to respond to your request for a visit.

If the visit is approved, we expect all press trip participants to:

- Meet with and tour host destinations or attractions at pre-approved scheduled times.
- Complete an Explore Minnesota post-fam evaluation form.
- Send published articles and related media resulting from the visit to primary contact at Explore Minnesota.
- Consent to be added to our client database and receive future correspondence and email updates from Explore Minnesota.

Expenses

Explore Minnesota does not generally provide reimbursement for airfare or self-drive rental cars.

Explore Minnesota will work closely with travel and tourism partners within the state to secure complimentary or reduced rates for lodging, admissions, and meals.

Any services/meals not covered by Explore Minnesota or its partners, including hotel expenses outside of room and tax, gratuities, and incidental expenses, are the responsibility of the FAM participant.

All expenses for travel companions are the responsibility of the FAM participant.

Participant Information

First and Last Name (*as it appears on your passport or ID*) _____

Title _____ Company Name _____

Company Website _____

Airline and/or car rental sponsor (*if applicable*) _____

City and Country of Residence _____

Email _____ Phone / WhatsApp _____

Social media handles _____



Background

Purpose for the visit _____

Brief bio of self _____

Are you on assignment? Yes No

Publication/Affiliation _____

Key Metrics (circulation, number of impressions, etc.)

Audience _____

Overview of Media to be published

Anticipated publish date _____

Topic/focus _____

What partners may be covered in media (cities, attractions, hotels, restaurants) _____

If producing an article, will the article contain a travel fact box (including airline, hotel, or other information)? Yes No

How will promotional consideration be given to hosting businesses or communities?

Have you visited Minnesota or written about Minnesota or the region previously? If so, please provide details on when and the focus.

Will you be shooting video or photography during your visit? Yes No

Media (photos, b-roll, etc.) needed from Explore Minnesota or destination partners:

Any other information on needs or requests from Explore Minnesota _____



Travel Intent

Requested arrival date _____ Requested departure date _____

Cities, attractions, and activities requested to visit/experience _____

What is your preferred style of travel? Independent Escorted

Preferred itinerary style:

- Flexible (hotel nights booked but free to explore on your own)
- Complete itinerary (hotel and attractions set on a confirmed schedule)

Will you be traveling alone or with others? Alone With Others

Please list all members of traveling party and their relationship to you.

Please note that Explore Minnesota will not host a companion. All expenses related to companion travel are the responsibility of the applicant/hosted guest.

Completed forms are to be emailed to **Jennifer Schak, Market Development Manager at Explore Minnesota, at jennifer.schak@state.mn.us.**

Thank you for your interest in visiting Minnesota!