

2017 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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Huzzah & Cheers for 47 Years!

What: The 47th Annual Minnesota Renaissance Festival, one of the largest themed events in the country, is just around the corner. Journey back in time as more than 250 merchants contribute to the atmosphere of this charming 16th century village featuring 22 acres of entertainment, shopping, fun, and food fit for a king!

2017 Theme Weekends:

- Highland Fling - Aug. 19 & 20
- Once Upon a Time – Aug. 26 & 27
- International Bazaar – Sept. 2, 3, & 4
- Wine, Chocolate & Romance - Sept. 9 & 10
- Pets & Pirates - Sept. 16 & 17
- Shamrocks & Shenanigans - Sept. 23 & 24
- Festival Friday – Sept. 29
- Oktoberfest – Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

2017 Highlights:

- **Wizard's Flight School Zip Line-** Soar over the kingdom on the new zip line! Guests have a chance to see the historical grounds from above and maybe spot the queen or king!
- **Whisky and Scotch Tastings-** Learn about the distilling process while sampling five varieties of whiskey and scotch!
- **Bust Duster Bingo-** Enjoy Bloody Mary's and brunch while playing this classic game with a chance to win prizes!
- **Craft Beers-** The new cocktails include favorites like Bloody Mary's, Margaritas, Pirate Booty Rum Punch, Sparkling Gin, and a Mermaid Island Rum.
- **Mural Competition** – Show off your artistic skills by painting and submitting a unique Renaissance-themed mural for the chance to win \$250!
- **Fairytale Princess Party** – You are cordially invited to attend our Fairytale Princess Party. Come and mingle with the Princess Court who will be hosting the party. Enjoy a light snack, craft, and entertainment with a photo opportunity at the end.
- **Renaissance Romance** – Enjoy a private one hour rendezvous in a unique garden setting with your loved one while sipping wine and nibbling on light snacks. Package includes two admission tickets into the festival, a private server, a bottle of wine, two wine glasses, a light snack and musical entertainment for one hour. Must be 21+ with valid ID.
- **Fairy House Competition** – All patrons big and small are invited to make your own unique fairy house and share it during our Once Upon a Time Weekend on August 26 & 27.
- **Mermaid Cove** – Watch as they dive, twirl, and swim majestically through the water. If you are lucky, they may share a piece of their magic with you!
- **Fantasy Mask Competition** – Get creative with paint, beads, feathers, latex, and clay to create a unique mask. After you have created your masterpiece, be prepared to model it for prizes!
- **Kid's Craft Corner** – Enjoy arts and crafts activities with your kids in the fun craft area at the Festival. Crafts include pirate hat and fairy wand making, coloring contests and much more!
- **Throne of Swords Tavern** - You are invited to sit upon the Throne of Swords at the Embassy of Arden, where the many tales of George R.R. Martin are blended into a saga of ice, politics, and dragon fire! This free photographic opportunity is fun for the entire family!
- **Cock-a-Doodle Zoo** – Come to our exotic petting zoo and stand face-to-face with kangaroos, porcupines, lemurs, and more!
- **Live Unicorn** – Walk around the Festival grounds and you'll encounter Magic, the Live Unicorn!

When: Weekends Aug. 19 to Oct. 1, plus Labor Day and Friday, Sept. 29
Gates open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - rain or shine!

Where: Located seven miles south of Shakopee, MN on Hwy 169

Cost: Adults.....\$23.95 Children (5-12) \$14.95 Children (0-4) Free Free Parking!

*Advanced purchase discount tickets available at participating SuperAmerica, Walgreens, and Menards, Cub, and Whole Foods locations. **For more information contact:** Annia Cardozo: Marketing Coordinator 952.445.7361 or pr@renaissancefest.com