

710 Marquette Av. S.
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Forget the dinner jacket (we're not that fancy) and your winter jacket, too. Park underground in the IDS' heated underground parking (\$12 to \$20 overnight) and take the elevator to the Crystal Court. Take a right to the lobby or a left to upscale shopping in Gaviidae and restaurants with great views.

Rates/deals: Best available rates as low as \$89 to \$119 per night, which vary from weekend to weekend. A few rooms are released on Priceline for about 30 percent below the best available rates.

Amenities: Rainforest showerheads. Generous complimentary bar and hot hors d'oeuvres served from 5 to 10:30 p.m. for guests staying on the concierge floors (a slight upgrade). Full room service from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Pizza Lucé's menu available after midnight. Basil's restaurant has beautiful views as the Crystal Court soars above and the waterfall cascades below. Ask for the Mary Tyler Moore, Harmon Killebrew or Barbara Flanagan table for best seating.

Notes of distinction: Sunday brunch (\$26) on the 50th floor of the IDS Center in Windows on Minnesota from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the best views of the Twin Cities. Best panorama: rooms facing the Foshay Tower.

Sour notes: No pool. The rooms' decor speaks more business than leisure. The shoeshine machine next to the beds, while a nice touch, is tacky on display. Flat-panel TVs not expected until February. Cheesy evergreen floral displays in the lobby.