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AICEP MISSION TO MINNESOTA: PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Suggested flights

- **Lisbon → Minneapolis (via Amsterdam)**

KLM KL1578

Departure: 05:00 | Arrival: 14:50

Duration: 15h50 | 1 stop

- **Porto → Minneapolis (via Amsterdam)**

Delta DL9379

Departure: 06:30 | Arrival: 14:50

Duration: 14h20 | 1 stop

Arrival at:

Minneapolis–Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)

Suggested hotel

[Rand Tower Hotel, Minneapolis, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel](#)

Address: 527 South Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, 55402

Estimated nightly rate: €160 – €200

Total for 4 nights: €640 – €800

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – CONTEXT AND NETWORKING

- Mission opening session
 - Presentation of Minnesota and the US' innovation and health ecosystem with thematic sessions on:
 - Regulatory framework (FDA and others)
 - Legal environment (incorporation, taxes, fundraising)
 - Payment and reimbursement landscape
 - Networking Lunch with Local Stakeholders
 - Presentation on the Portuguese Ecosystem and Lifesciences Landscape
 - Evening Cocktail Reception “*Doing Business With Portugal: Lifesciences*”, with presentation about Portuguese ecosystem with local stakeholders.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – COMPANY VISITS (to be confirmed)

- **Medtronic**

Global leader in medical devices. Meetings with innovation and product development teams.

- **Solventum** (formerly 3M's Health Division)

Focused on sustainable, accessible medical solutions, including surgical, dental, and hospital disinfection products.

- **Ecolab**

Reference in hygiene and infection prevention for the hospital sector. Known for its innovation and sustainability practices.

- **University of Minnesota – Bakken Medical Devices Center**

Center of excellence in applied research and prototyping. A model for academia–industry collaboration.

- **Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation**

Non-profit focused on cardiovascular research, clinical trials, and translational innovation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – [MAYO CLINIC](#), ROCHESTER

Travel to Rochester (approx. 1h30 drive)

Transfer approx. cost: \$100

Full-day program hosted by [Destination Medical Center \(DMC\)](#) including:

- Presentations by Destination Medical Center, Mayo Clinic Business Development, Mayo Clinic Platform, Innovation Exchange, Mayo Clinic International, and the Surgical Innovation Group
- Networking lunch with Mayo Clinic staff and presentation on the Portuguese Lifesciences Ecosystem. Business exchanges.
- Guided tour of Mayo Clinic facilities.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – RETURN TO PORTUGAL

Suggested return flights

- **Minneapolis → Lisbon (via Boston)**

Delta/KLM DL2558

Departure: 13:20 | Arrival: 08:00 (Nov 7)

Duration: 12h40 | 1 stop

- **Minneapolis → Porto (via Paris)**

Air France AF3574

Departure: 16:25 | Arrival: 10:30 (Nov 7)

Duration: 12h05 | 1 stop