











WELCOME TO CHICAGO

Millennium Park Summer Film Series



elcome to Chicago and thank you for choosing the most American of American cities as your destination. I set a goal of attracting 55 million visitors to Chicago by 2020, and you are helping us to reach that milestone.

Among all our great assets, I encourage you to spend some time along Lake

Michigan and take in the view of our incomparable skyline. But don't forget to spend time in some of our neighborhoods. More than 100 countries are represented across 77 communities, and this multicultural fusion means that there is no need to travel anywhere else when you can experience the world just by walking around Chicago's neighborhoods.

With almost 600 parks, stunning architecture, thousands of restaurants, a variety of museums, seven major professional sports teams and great shopping, Chicago's unparalleled activities will keep the schedule completely filled.

Chicago is open year-round and we encourage you to explore our magnificent city resting along 26 miles of lakefront. With so much to experience around the city, Choose Chicago created this guide to make it easier to plan a visit. We appreciate your interest and look forward to welcoming the world with our genuine hospitality.

Rahm Emanuel

Mayor of Chicago



e're a city unlike any other. We share the unique balance of having one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities coupled with the beautiful lakeside parks and beaches of Lake Michigan on the doorstep of the Great Lakes. Downtown has an energy all its own featuring a mosaic of restaurants,

shopping districts, museums, theatre and live entertainment.

There are the must-sees like The Magnificent Mile and "The Bean" in Millennium Park, and there are the big and bold sights new to the scene too: The 606, Chicago Riverwalk and Maggie Daley Park among them.

Choose Chicago is thrilled to present this Travel Professionals Guide. Inside, find a sample itinerary, a seasonal guide to the city, information on our two airports, plus a cheat sheet on all the new and upcoming hotels.

So, whether you are planning a leisure trip for small groups or an international travel package, Chicago is prepared to simplify the planning process and help you showcase this global destination we are proud to call home.

David Whitaker

President and CEO, Choose Chicago

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS' TOOLBOX

Find everything you need to promote and organize your trip to Chicago with our print and digital tools. From more than 20 themed itineraries to translated microsites for international visitors, Choose Chicago and its Travel Professionals website — **choosechicago.com/travel-professionals** — have all the resources that can help you bring the city to life.



MEDIA GALLERY

Wow your groups with stunning visuals of Chicago's unique beauty and iconic sites, perfect to include in your presentation or marketing materials. This carefully curated library of free photos and b-roll showcases the best Chicago has to offer.

ACCOLADES & COPY

Highlight some of Chicago's most recent awards and use our pre-written copy to help promote the city to your clients.

PLANNING TOOLS

When it comes to logistics, we make it simple to plan your trip from start to finish. Fill out one RFP submission form to send to multiple hotels, browse a dynamic events calendar to plan your groups' activities, download motorcoach parking information and more.

Stay on top of the latest news and developments coming out of Chicago with a variety of tools, including a calendar of conventions, new hotel openings, interactive city maps and a travel trade eNewsletter delivered to your inbox quarterly.

Choose Chicago has itineraries for groups large to small with a variety of interests. Themed visitor itineraries on our website, like "Walking Tours," "Gardens in Chicago," "Taste the Neighborhoods" and "Neighborhood Treasures," highlight top attractions to visit, places to eat and sights to see, and are continually updated with fresh content. Or use the Build-Your-Own Itinerary tool on the Neighborhoods page to create a custom version tailored to your groups' unique interests.

Offline Assistance

OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE

To help your groups plan their free time and learn about the city's exciting seasonal happenings, provide them with Chicago's Official Visitors Guide. Request your bulk copies at **choosechicago.com/bulk**.

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NEW HOTELS AND FUTURE DEBUTS

Chicago's hotel scene is ever-evolving and always impressive; the new Marriott Marquis offers 1,200 rooms conveniently connected to the country's largest convention center, while boutique hotels open around the city with beautiful designs and views. Get the latest information at **choosechicago.com**.





2017 OPENINGS

Ace Hotel (Early 2017) 160 Rooms

311 N. Morgan St. - West Loop

Hotel EMC2 (Early 2017) 195 Rooms

228 E. Ontario St. - Streeterville

Viceroy Hotel (Mid 2017) 180 Rooms

1118 N. State St. - Gold Coast

Marriott Marquis Chicago (Mid 2017) 1,200 Rooms

2120 S. Prairie Ave. - South Loop

Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Home 2Suites (Mid 2017) 466 Rooms

111 E. Cermak Rd. - South Loop

Cambria Hotel & Suites (Late 2017)

32 W. Randolph St. - Loop

Nobu Hotel (Late 2017) 103 Rooms 854 W. Randolph St. - West Loop

2018 AND BEYOND

Hotel Zachary (Early 2018) 175 Rooms

3630 N. Clark St. - Wrigleyville

Millennium Park Hotel - Name TBD (Early 2018) 200 Rooms

168 N. Michigan Ave. - Loop

Aloft Chicago Mag Mile (Mid 2018) 394 Rooms

243 E. Ontario St. - Streeterville

Hoxton Hotel (Late 2018) 175 Rooms

200 N. Green St. - West Loop

Navy Pier Hotel - Name TBD (Late 2018) 200 Rooms

600 E. Grand Ave. - Streeterville

Wolf Point Tower Hotel - Name TBD (Late 2018) 450 Rooms

343 W. Wolf Point Plaza - River North

Wanda Vista Chicago (Opening date TBD) 240 Rooms 375 E. Wacker Dr. – Loop

72 HOURS IN CHICAGO

This sample itinerary is packed full of ideas for your group to make the most of three days in Chicago.



Sliced Bread." This tour won't bog you down with dates and names, but will offer creative new ideas on how to look at the city's architecture. The Chicago **Architecture Foundation**'s Historic Skyscrapers walking tour introduces groups to the birthplace of the skyscraper and the city's path to engineering and design excellence. Or catch a hop-on, hop-off tour with Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co. or Big Bus Tours. (1.5 - 3 hours)

Top off the morning with a visit to the Art Institute of Chicago, which houses one of the most comprehensive art collections in the United States. In addition to 300.000 works of art and numerous special exhibits, the Elizabeth Morse Touch Gallery actually encourages visitors to touch the works of art. (2 hours)

AFTERNOON The group's first lunch in Chicago must be the city's famous deep-dish pizza. Try Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, serving award-winning deep dish Cloud Gate, a.k.a. "The Bean"

since 1971, or Giordano's, with locations around the city serving its famous stuffed deep dish. (1 hour)

After lunch, walk to Buckingham Fountain and Grant Park, Chicago's "Front Yard," for sweeping views of the city skyline. From the Lakefront **Trail**, walk along the water toward Museum Campus, where you can visit the world-class Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium or The Field Museum. For those more interested in sports, also nearby is Soldier Field. Even if the Chicago Bears aren't playing, it's worth the time to tour one of America's most renowned football stadiums. (1.5 - 3 hours per attraction)

To round out the afternoon, take it all in from high above the streets at 360 CHICAGO or Skydeck Chicago. Both offer amazing views of the city and Lake Michigan. (1 hour)

EVENING A great meeting place, after your group members have explored their favorite attraction, is next to the Adler Planetarium for beautiful skyline sunset views. From here, it's just a short ride to Prime & Provisions Steakhouse, where simple yet perfectly cooked cuts are center stage. Ernest Hemingway's love for wine, whiskey and all things carnivorous helped inspire this early 1900's-era, yet fresh steakhouse design. Or head to Gold Coast favorite Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, where locals have been savoring USDA Prime Angus beef, fresh fish and classic cocktails for 28 years. (2 hours)

End the evening with a cocktail at Cindy's Rooftop Bar, which offers the best nighttime view in town of Millennium Park and Cloud Gate, a.k.a. "The Bean." A Kick in the Daisy, a watermelon margarita with hints of marshmallow, is just what is called for after your group's first epic day in Chicago. (1 hour)

waffles, will satisfy everyone. Or, go all out with classic yet over-the-top breakfast spot Lou Mitchell's, where the wait comes with Milk Duds and the waffles and omelets come jumbo-sized. (1 hour)

After breakfast, it's time to shop. State **Street** anchors the Loop's legendary shopping area (be sure to visit the second largest department store in the world, Macy's on State Street), while The Magnificent Mile is a 13-block stretch of Michigan Avenue that is filled with luxurious shops, department stores, toy stores and other specialty shops. (2 hours)

AFTERNOON Choose from a variety of attractions, shops and restaurants along 3,300-foot-long Navy Pier. Catch a bite at the new food experience featuring an expanded selection of Chicagobased establishments, alongside classics like Riva, which offers fresh seafood with lakeside views. Then set sail with Shoreline Sightseeing. Or have your group meet for a buffet lunch cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. (3 hours)

Some can enjoy the Crystal Gardens, an indoor, 1-acre botanical garden under a 6-story glass atrium, while others ride the Centennial Wheel, a 196-foot-tall Ferris wheel with unparalleled views of the lake and city, or catch a show at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. (2 hours)

EVENING Time for a pre-theater Italian feast at **312 Chicago**, where groups are not only welcome, they are catered to. Enjoy the homemade Gnocchi Tre Colori with rock shrimp, roasted peppers and arugula pesto sauce. Or kick-start the night over American cuisine sided with timeless cocktails and a little live jazz at the handsome Tortoise Supper Club. (1.5 hours)

After dinner, head to The Chicago **Theatre**. For nearly 100 years, comedians and national touring bands have entertained guests in this historic theater. Or have a blast watching the Blue Man **Group** at Briar Street Theater or catch a hit musical through Broadway In Chicago at multiple venues downtown. (2 hours)





WHAT'S NEW





Chicago is a city that is always reinventing itself with new and exciting things to do.

- ◆ The banks of the Chicago River have been transformed into a pedestrian-friendly urban playground. The Chicago Riverwalk is lined with great dining, sipping and sightseeing and even has kayak rentals and water taxis to get groups out on the water.
- ◆ Navy Pier, the Midwest's most visited attraction, celebrated 100 years in 2016. The recently renovated pier added the 20-story Centennial Wheel and a locally inspired, elevated dining scene.
- ◆ Opening for the 2017/18 theater season, The Yard will be Chicago Shakespeare Theater's third stage and will feature a series of mobile towers that allow the performance arena to be configured in a variety of shapes and sizes, with audience capacities from 150
- ♦ A 2.7-mile stretch of old railroad line has been converted into The 606, a bike-friendly, art-lined path winding through four Chicago neighborhoods and parks. Rent wheels from

- a Divvy bike-share station, and stop for a bite at one of the many new restaurants and bars open along the greenway.
- ◆ The new American Writers Museum opens in March 2017 as the first and only of its kind in the nation. The Chicago museum celebrates American writers through themed galleries, interactive exhibits, educational programs and special events.
- ♦ Wrigley Field's expansion and restoration project includes an open-air plaza outside the ballpark that will serve as a game day beer garden and a venue for non-game day community events such as a winter ice rink, farmers markets, yoga classes and movie nights.
- ◆ Fresh off its 64th season, Theater on the Lake is undergoing renovations to become a year-round program and event facility with larger capacity, restaurant and event space, outdoor seating and a patio by summer 2017.







DAY 3

MORNING Kick off the morning at Remington's on Michigan Avenue. The classic American grill is located right across from Millennium Park. One of its top crowd-pleasers is a breakfast appetizer of monkey bread — a rich and wild way to start the day. (1 hour)

AFTERNOON Explore Chicago's eclectic neighborhoods by riding the 'L' train. Be sure to make it to Wrigleyville and tour the stadium the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs call home or to Guaranteed Rate Field in Bridgeport, home of the Chicago White Sox. For more ideas, connect with the knowledgable locals from Chicago Greeters for free tours of the city's many vibrant neighborhoods. (3 hours)

EVENING All that shopping and touring is going to put everyone in the mood for a big dinner. Diverse dining can be found throughout the city: from grilled South American specialties in Lakeview at Las **Tablas Colombian Steakhouse** to French cuisine at The Blanchard and contemporary Japanese at Naoki Sushi in Lincoln Park. (1.5 hours)

Finish the night soaking up some improv at The Second City or The iO Theater, settling in for a lavish cabaret show at Uptown Underground, or jamming to the city's best jazz at the Green Mill Jazz Club or Andy's Jazz Club. (2 hours)



FREE CHICAGO

Chicago has plenty of free activities to add spice to your group's itinerary without adding price.

- ◆ Animal lovers should head to Lincoln Park Zoo to view the new state-ofthe-art polar bear and penguin habitats. The zoo is open 365 days a year and is free. During the holiday season, animals play second fiddle to the ZooLights spectacle.
- ♦ Visit the Chicago Cultural Center for free music, dance, cinema and art exhibits, and the world's largest Tiffany stained glass dome.
- ◆ Explore the world for free at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen, DANK-HAUS German American Cultural Center in Lincoln Square or Hyde Park's Oriental Institute.

MAJOR CONVENTIONS IN 2017

	MEETING DATES (START)	MEETING DATES (END)	ATTENDEES
Chicago Auto Show	2/10/2017	2/19/2017	1,000,000
Chicago Dental Society Annual Midwinter Meeting	2/23/2017	2/25/2017	30,000
International Home + Housewares Show	3/18/2017	3/21/2017	59,000
America's Beauty Show	3/25/2017	3/27/2017	80,155
ProMat & Automate	4/3/2017	4/6/2017	55,230
Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2)	4/21/2017	4/23/2017	70,000
National Restaurant Association Restaurant Hotel-Motel Show	5/20/2017	5/23/2017	70,216
American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting	6/2/2017	6/6/2017	37,000
NeoCon®	6/12/2017	6/14/2017	40,000
Bank of America Chicago Marathon and Health & Fitness Expo	10/6/2017	10/7/2017	40,000
Society of Manufacturing Engineers Fabtech International/AWS Welding Show	11/6/2017	11/9/2017	40,000
Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting	11/26/2017	12/1/2017	55,000

This is just a sampling of the groups coming to Chicago this year. For more, visit choosechicago.com/ meeting-professionals/ convention-calendar.



STUDENT PERFORMANCE VENUES

These iconic Chicago spaces provide memorymaking settings for your group.



COMPANY	EQUIPMENT TO RENT?	MAXIMUM BAND SIZE	MAXIMUM CHOIR SIZE
360 CHICAGO	YES	30	50
Adler Planetarium	NO	50	100
Auditorium Theatre	NO	10	15
CSz Theater Chicago	NO	N/A	145
Drury Lane Theatre	NO	N/A	50
The Field Museum	YES	110	120
Goodman Theatre	NO	N/A	20
Hard Rock Cafe	NO	30	60
House of Blues Chicago	YES	10	20
Lincoln Park Zoo	NO	100	100
Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline	NO	200	200
Museum of Science and Industry	YES	50	75
Shedd Aquarium	NO	N/A	65
Skydeck Chicago	YES	30	30
WhirlyBall	NO	100	100

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CHICAGO MUST-SEES A SEASONAL GUIDE TO THE CITY



SPRING TRADITIONS

Spring means parks and gardens blossoming, shops filling with airy fashions and diehard baseball fans dusting off their gloves.

Welcome spring with Chicago's famous St. Patrick's Day party. The city celebrates like no other by dyeing the river emerald green and hosting a threehour downtown parade and numerous neighborhood festivals.

In April, opening day of Major League Baseball season in Chicago is as American as it gets. The Chicago White Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field and the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field, kick off the season that runs into September with hopes of making the October playoffs.

Chicagoland's bike share system, **Divvy**, makes it easy to travel between parks and other attractions, with more than 580 stations around the city holding thousands of bikes for rent. Or try **Absolutely Chicago Segway Tours,**

which offers groups a variety of themes from architectural to haunted.

Delight in springtime flowers in the city. The first stop is Millennium Park's Lurie Garden where thousands of hand-planted flowers decorate Chicago's immaculate front yard. Lincoln Park may be better known for the amazing zoo animals at the free Lincoln Park Zoo. but there are wonderful flowers as well at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. Attend the Spring Flower Show for the optimal botanical experience.

Foodies savor the Good Food Festival. the Midwest's premier showcase for local and sustainable food. Beer lovers rejoice during Chicago Craft Beer Week each May. For three weeks in May, the symphony celebrates the classics with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Spring Festival.

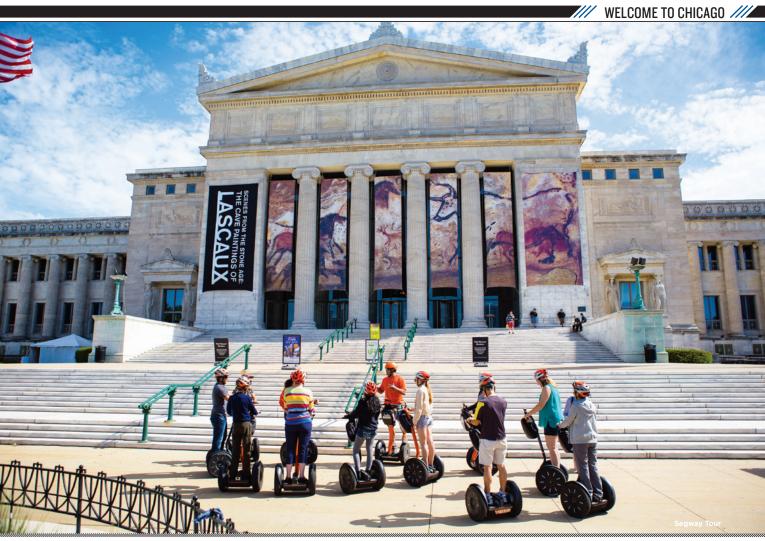
As the weather warms, it's the perfect time to explore Chicago's newest trail, The 606. This 2.7-mile trail is Chicago's first elevated park, utilizing an old 'L' rail-line. The park is lined with some of the city's best bars, public art and restaurants.

SUMMER FLAVORS AND FESTS

Chicago in the summertime is as Frank Sinatra famously sang, "one town that won't let you down." There are simply more festivals and activities than one could experience in a lifetime happening in Chicago during the summer months.

The season kicks off with the Aon Summer Fireworks at Navy Pier. Every Saturday and Wednesday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day there's an after-dark show synchronized to music over Lake Michigan. Enjoy fireworks from the pier or head out on one of the latenight cruises aboard the Mystic Blue, with a DJ and dance floor to accompany your fireworks show.

Chicago is known for its music and festivals, and the choices abound in the summertime. There are several festivals that offer free live music all summer including the Grant Park Music Festival, the Millennium Park Summer Music Series and Chicago SummerDance















Join in the fun at the Chicago Pride Festival and Parade or be simply amazed by the rich and powerful voices at the free Chicago Gospel Music Festival. Also free is the largest blues festival in the world, the Chicago Blues Festival. More than 500,000 blues fans take in the three-day festival.

Running more than 25 years is funky, ultra-modern **Lollapalooza** featuring 170+ bands on eight stages. At the end of summer, the Chicago Jazz Festival in Millennium Park features free performances by modern masters and crucial new voices in jazz.

Farmers markets around the city bustle with Chicagoans picking up fresh summer strawberries and all kinds of direct farm-to-market goods. Try Green City Market or Logan Square Farmers Market for some one-on-one interaction with growers. In the heart of summer, the **Taste of Chicago** brings together

great chefs and music for a five-day celebration in Grant Park.

Summertime is also the time to dine or drink al fresco. Enjoy a cocktail and the cool summer evening breeze at The J. Parker, Sixteen, Boleo or Noyane rooftop bars where Chicago's nightlife scene starts its evenings.

For fresh-air adventures, visit Maggie Daley Park for a rock-climbing wall, Play Garden and great picnicking. Grant Park offers so much to explore in the heart of the city. Snap selfies in front of the iconic Buckingham Fountain at the center of the park.

Head down to Northerly Island for some nature exploration around Museum Campus. The Chicago Lakefront Trail spans 18 miles along Lake Michigan and is lined with parks, beaches, gardens, bustling boardwalks and serene nature sanctuaries.

Get out on the water at the Chicago Riverwalk on a rental kayak, or take a cruise offered by Chicago's First Lady, Shoreline Sightseeing or Wendella Boat Tours. For indoor options, enjoy the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum or Garfield Park Conservatory.

FALL FAVORITES

Autumn in Chicago is time to cheer and tour, discover a new brewery and enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

Fall means football season as the Chicago Bears take to Soldier Field. At Wrigley Field and Guaranteed Rate Field the stands are packed with baseball fans hoping the Chicago Cubs or White **Sox** make the October playoffs. At the **United Center the Chicago Blackhawks** (hockey) and Chicago Bulls (basketball) are launching their quests to bring championships to Chicago. Soccer fans catch the Chicago Fire at Toyota Park for an energized outdoor stadium experience.

There's something about the autumn air that makes beer and spirits taste even better. Chicago has over 60 breweries to choose from, and every neighborhood has its own beer scene. Near the West Loop, stop into Cruz Blanca for some Mexican-inspired taps or Goose Island Beer Co. for Chicago's most famous craft beer. Near Ravenswood, try a flight from **Empirical Brewery** or saddle up to the bar in the tap room at Half Acre Beer Company.

For guided sampling, try the **Chicago** Beer Experience, Chicago's original beer tour company. Sign up for History On Tap to learn the story behind the city's taverns while sipping pints.

Nearly 100 years ago, Chicago was known for its Prohibitionera underground distillers and speakeasies. Today craft distillers are thriving in Chicago. In 2008, Koval became the first distillery to open its doors in Chicago since Prohibition

ended in 1933. Some recent local spirts of note include the Key Gin from CH Distillery, Ceres Vodka from Chicago Distilling Co., and Rhine Hall's Apple Brandy.

Fall colors are stunning mixed in amongst skyscrapers and reflecting on Lake Michigan. Take a bird's-eyeview from 360 CHICAGO. 1.000 feet up in the John Hancock Tower, or head to Skydeck Chicago as you walk the see-through Ledge on the 103rd floor of Willis Tower.

Embark on an architectural tour with the Chicago Architecture Foundation and discover the magnificent designs of Chicago's iconic skyscrapers, historic hotels and legendary Frank Lloyd Wright houses. Or head to Navy Pier and choose from many cruising options on Lake Michigan, including everything from the thrilling high-speed Seadog Cruises to the peaceful Tall Ship Windy.

MORE MUST-EXPERIENCE EVENTS



- **♦** EXPO CHICAGO
- ♦ World Music Festival Chicago
- ◆ Chicago Gourmet
- ♦ Open House Chicago
- ♦ Chicago Restaurant Week
- ◆ Chicago Theatre Week
- ◆ Chicago Flower & Garden Show
- ◆ Chicago Auto Show









Skydeck Chicago



WINTER WONDERS IN THE CITY

Chicago has some of the world's best shopping, luxurious spas, world-class attractions, fine theater and authentic blues and jazz.

Stroll The Magnificent Mile for a wide variety of shops from intimate boutiques to towering shopping centers, including 900 North Michigan Shops and Water Tower Place. In late November, catch the nation's largest evening holiday celebration at The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. If art is on your list, head to River North, the city's densest concentration of art galleries.

If you're in town for Thanksgiving, be sure to catch the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade on State Street. One of the largest department stores in the world, Macy's on State Street, goes all out decorating its windows for the entire season. Head one block down to the German Christkindlmarket for









nearly 60 vendors boasting hand-made holiday ornaments, nutcrackers, toys, jewelry and more. On New Year's Eve, join 90,000-plus partygoers at outdoor mega event Chi-Town Rising. Get in on the citywide Chicago Chinese New Year celebration in late January.

There are few cities in the world that can compete with Chicago's incredible world-class attractions. On Museum Campus, see more than 8,000 aquatic animals at the Shedd Aquarium. Catch the Chicago Bears playing at Soldier Field. Or learn about the world around us at The Field Museum and the sky above at Adler Planetarium.

There are amazing attractions around the city, including the Museum of Science and Industry in Hyde Park. Chicago is home to America's foremost DuSable Museum of African American History as well as an impressive presentation of rich multicultural history at the Chicago History Museum. Art-lovers will get lost

in the Museum of Contemporary Art or Art Institute of Chicago. To celebrate the season, the always-free Lincoln Park Zoo sparkles with 2 million lights for ZooLights.

At Langham Hotel's Chuan Spa, an herb-infused or Himalayan salt stone sauna awaits after enjoying a Chuan Harmony foot massage. At the Four Seasons Spa, relaxing before a Maui Sugar Scrub, wrapped in a cozy robe and sipping champagne alongside the stunningly beautiful indoor pool is practically required.

What would winter in Chicago be without a little theater? Steppenwolf Theatre Company tells thoughtprovoking stories with straightforward acting. Lookingglass Theatre Company breaks down the traditional spectator audience experience with an interactive show of dance, music and occasional circus acts. In an impressive theater, Chicago Shakespeare thrills captivated

audiences. At Goodman Theatre, contemporary and classic productions entertain, and Broadway's best shows unfold through Broadway In Chicago.

Chicago is also home to some of the country's greatest blues and jazz venues and artists. Buddy Guy's Legends books top blues artists, but none better than Buddy Guy himself, who takes over the January lineup. For jazz head to Al Capone's old favorite, the Green Mill Lounge.

To celebrate the season, Millennium Park is a great starting point. Carolers sing holiday songs at "The Bean" sculpture for Caroling at Cloud Gate, as ice-skaters pirouette on the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink, Glide along the Skating Ribbon - twice the length of a lap around a traditional skating rink - then warm up with hot cocoa in the warming house at Maggie Daley Park. At Navy Pier, Winter WonderFest offers revelers ice skating, oversized hot cocoas and live music, all indoors.

STUDENT & YOUTH ATTRACTIONS







maze young and old at
360 CHICAGO at the John
Hancock Center, a 360-degree
observatory on the 94th
floor that also includes TILT, where
everyone can lean 1,000 feet above The
Magnificent Mile. Open year-round, the
Lincoln Park Zoo's Hurvis Center for
Learning provides visitors experiences
that encourage them to be stewards of
their own communities.

From Lincoln Park, trek north to the famed **Wrigley Field** to see the World Champion Chicago Cubs in action, or tour the historic baseball stadium through an educational group tour.

EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES

Intrigued with medicine? View more than 7,000 medical artifacts spanning skulls from ancient Peru to a 1935 Lindbergh perfusion pump at the **International Museum of Surgical Science**.

Engage in hands-on activities at the **Museum of Science and Industry**. Or,

plan an outing to the **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**, which offers group
discounts and science and nature
programs. At the **Shedd Aquarium**,
schedule a field trip or partake in
learning-lab topics like the Great Lakes
ecosystem.

Groups are also welcome at **Adler Planetarium**, which offers sky shows and talks with astronomers. Encourage smart financial decisions and get a behind-thescenes look at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago with a visit to the **Money Museum**. Go back in time together at **The Field Museum**, which explores natural history and has state-of-the-art innovative programing for youth.

At the **Art Institute of Chicago**, art experiences run the spectrum from students to seniors with specialty tours, workshops, gallery talks and lectures.

ART AND CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

A visit to Chicago is a chance to learn from some of the best actors, musicians,

painters and dancers in their fields through master classes, backstage tours and educational talks. Meet with the enigmatic performers of the **Blue Man Group**, stay for a post-show Q&A with cast members at one of **Broadway In Chicago**'s many musical theater productions, or see a play reserved for student audiences at **Chicago Shakespeare Theater**.

For a peek at Chicago's comedy scene, see ComedySportz at CSz Theater Chicago, which caters to all ages audiences and high school groups. The Lyric Unlimited school-based programing at the Lyric Opera of Chicago provides indepth knowledge of both opera and classical music. At the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, grades nine through 12 have the opportunity to listen in on an open rehearsal. Or visit Kidbilly Music, a songwriting workshop where groups create a tune together.

MOTORCOACH MAP

LOADING ZONES, SIGNAGE AND PARKING LOCATIONS

RESERVE AND PRE-PAY FOR MOTORCOACH PARKING

Want to pre-pay and reserve a space for your motorcoach?

For the McCormick Place Marshalling Yard located at 31st and Lake Shore Drive or the 18th Street Lot at 18th Street and Lake Shore Drive, simply visit truticket.com/busparking for the online pre-pay option.



Other motorcoach parking options include Lincoln Park Zoo, Soldier Field/Museum Campus and Museum of Science and Industry. Visit chicagoparkdistrictparking.com/ **bus-parking** or call 312-742-7667 to learn more and reserve spaces.

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Motorcoach Parking & Loading Zone Signage:

All approved motorcoach loading zones or on-street motorcoach parking areas will be indicated by one of these signs. If you do not see these signs, do not load/unload or park at that location.

Look for this sign at all approved motorcoach loading zones.



Look for this sign at all approved on-street, motorcoach parking areas.



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Illinois Department of Transportation Hotline:

800-452-4368

City of Chicago Routing Information:

312-746-8630

Chicago Special Events Hotline: 312-744-3370

Police or Fire emergency:

Police non-emergency: 312-744-4000 or 311

GETTING TO & AROUND CHICAGO

What you need to know about traveling to Chicago, plus tips for how to navigate the city

By Plane

GETTING HERE

Getting to and from the city from O'Hare International Airport or Midway International Airport is quick, easy and convenient.

GETTING AROUND

By taxi: Credit cards are accepted in all cabs and tolls are charged to the passenger.

Base rate: \$3.25; \$2.25 for each additional mile; 20 cents for every 36 seconds of elapsed time.

Passenger fee: \$1 for the first additional passenger between ages 13 and 64; 50 cents for each additional passenger after that.

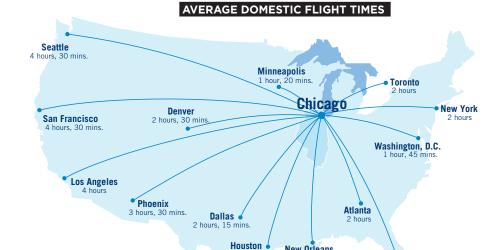
Illinois Airport Departure Tax: \$4, applies only to taxi fares leaving the airports.

Standard tip: 15-20 percent of the fare, plus \$1-\$2 per bag if the driver helps with luggage.

CHICABS allows passengers to electronically hail a taxi and pay the fare through mobile apps: Download ARRO or CURB from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Rideshare: Lyft and Uber services are available throughout the greater Chicago metro area. Download the Lyft or Uber app for fare quotes and booking.

Car rentals are also available; plus, groups can use public transportation to get into the city from both airports via Chicago Transit Authority rail lines.



New Orleans

Orlando

2 hours, 30 mins.



AVERAGE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TIMES

FROM	TIME	FROM	TIME	FROM	TIME	FROM	TIME	FROM	TIME
Abu Dhabi, UAE	13 hours	Delhi, India	14 hours	Hong Kong, China	16 hours	Munich, Germany	9 hours	Shanghai, China	14.5 hours
Amman, Jordan	11.5 hours	Doha, Qatar	13 hours	London, United	8 hours	Paris, France	8.5 hours	Tokyo, Japan	13 hours
Amsterdam, The Netherlands 8 hours	Dublin, Ireland	8 hours	Kingdom	8 nours	San Salvador, Salvador	5 hours	Toronto, Canada	1.5 hours	
	Frankfurt, Germany	9 hours	Mexico City, Mexico	5 hours	São Paulo, Brazil	10.5 hours	Vancouver, Canada	5 hours	
Beijing, China	14 hours	Guadalajara, Mexico	5 hours	Montreal, Canada	2 hours	Seoul, South Korea	14 hours	Zurich, Switzerland	9 hours

CHICAGO'S AIRPORTS

Chicago leads the way when it comes to accessibility. We are conveniently in the center of the country and boast two first-class airports with thousands of daily inbound and outbound flights to more than 240 destinations. Visit **flychicago.com** for more info.



O'Hare International Airport

O'Hare serves as an important hub for domestic and international travelers. The airport has more than 1,100 daily direct flights to 157 U.S. destinations and 120 daily direct flights to 65 international destinations. Fifty-five airlines serve O'Hare.

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Domestic flights arrive at Terminals 1, 2 and 3, and nearly all international routes arrive at Terminal 5. Each terminal features outstanding dining options, a number of Chicago's unique restaurants, several national food franchises, boutique shops and kiosks, and plenty of lounges where travelers can relax. O'Hare provides power stations throughout the terminals and Wi-Fi in most public areas of the airport (available for a small fee). Other features include an indoor urban garden, three spas, public art displays and, most recently, a yoga room, rooms for nursing mothers and a pet relief room.

In 2015, O'Hare commissioned a new Runway 10R-28L and a new South Air Traffic Control Tower, making it another historic year for the airport. The new runway has improved O'Hare's capacity and efficiency as Chicago continues to grow economically.

Midway International Airport

A mere 10 miles from downtown, Midway is a premier point-to-point airport, offering leisure and business travel with more than 270 daily direct flights to 64 U.S. cities and 12 daily direct flights to nine international destinations.

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Midway has three concourses, each filled with a wide variety of dining options and shops. Find a place to grab a bite in your concourse, or check out the food court at the Midway Boulevard (located just past security), where you can pick up a sandwich from Potbelly's Sandwich Works or a famous Chicago burger at Illinois Bar & Grill.

Public art displays throughout the airport feature sculptures, paintings and murals. Midway also offers a yoga room and a room for nursing mothers in Concourse C, and a service animal/pet relief room in Concourse A.



LEAVING THE AIRPORT

- ◆ BY SHUTTLE OR PRIVATE CHARTER: GO Airport Express provides daily shuttles that leave frequently from all terminals and do not require a reservation. Door-to-door service to a hotel is also available. Arrange a ride online at airportexpress.com or call 888-284-3826 (fares vary).
- BY TAXI: Taxi stands can be found on the lower level outside baggage claim.
 Tell visitors to wait in the designated
- taxi line; warn them not to accept a solicited ride (\$40-\$50 to downtown).
- → BY 'L' TRAIN: O'Hare: Blue Line trains to the city can be reached by following the marked signs from the baggage claim in Terminals 1, 2 and 3. International travelers arriving at Terminal 5 will go up the escalator to take the Airport Transit System shuttle to Terminal 2, then follow signs to "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City." At the train station, your visitors will find

fare card kiosks and plenty of city maps (\$5 Ventra ticket).

Midway: Orange Line trains to the city can be reached via an enclosed walkway. Follow the signs in the airport that read "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City." An orange line painted on the ground will guide you to the Midway Transportation Center located just east of the airport terminal building (\$3 Ventra ticket).

CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Domestic Terminals 1, 2 & 3

TERMINAL

· Air Berlin Air Choice One Alaska

 American (domestic) international departures only)

Japan Airlines (JAL)

(departures only)

Spirit

JetBlue Airways

Virgin America

- Frontiel
- Iberia

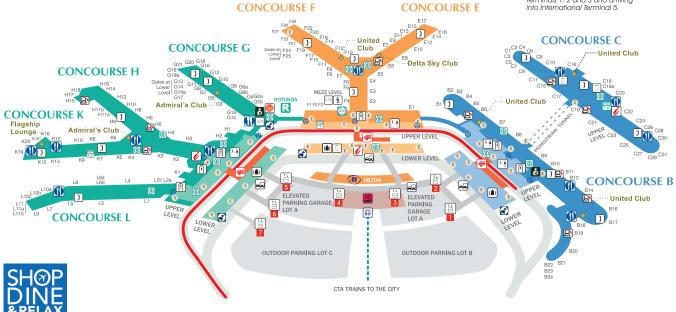
TERMINAL

Air Canada Delta (domestic) Paris, France departures in Terminal 5) Delta Shuttle

TERMINAL

ANA

- Lufthansa (departures only)
- United (domestic) international departures only) United Express (all check-in and baggage claim)
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* SHOP

Barbara's Bookstore Brighton Brookstone Brooks Brothers CNN Newsstand Chicago Coach Duty Free Store by Nuance Erwin Pearl Field Museum Store Harley-Davidson Headphone Hub Hoypoloi Gallery Hudson News & Gifts

InMotion Entertainment Johnston & Murphy **MAC Cosmetics** Montblanc Oakley Sarah's Candies Spirit of the Red Horse Sunglass Hut Vosges Haut-Chocolat

DINE

America's Dog Argo Tea Auntie Anne's Pretzels Beaudevin Wine Bar Berghoff Café Billy Goat Tavern & Grill BJ's Market & Bakery Brioche Doree B-Smooth Smoothies & Salads Bubbles Wine Bar Burrito Beach Cafe Zoot! Carry-Out-Carry-On Chicago Cubs Bar and Grill Chicago Style Hot Dogs Chili's Too Ciao Gourmet Market CIBO Express Gourmet Market

B10 C15 E5 G1B H4 B9 C17 F5 K5 B8 K1 K1 T1 T2 T3 T C18* F4* B7 H2 K12 К2 B8 H1 C9 F8 K5 B6 H4 T5

E5 H1 L2A C18 E4

C26

K15

K4

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C19

C21

19 G1 K15*

Garrett Popcorn Shops Gold Coast Dogs Goose Island Beer Company Great American Bagel Company Green Market ICE Dishes & Drinks Jamba Juice Jazz Bar La Tapenade Mediterranean Café Macaroni Grill Manchu Wok McDonald's Nuts on Clark O'Briens Restaurant & Bar Prairie Tap Publican Tavern Reggio's Reggio's Chicago Style Pizzeria Reggio's Chicago Style Pizzeria/ Hot Dogs Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Rush Street Salad Works Sky Bridge Bar & Grill Skyscrapers Bar Smoothie King/The Grove Stanley's Blackhawks Kitchen & Tap Starbucks Subway Summer House Santa Monica Tortas Frontera by Rick Bayless Tuscany Cafe

Uno Chicago Grill/Pizzeria

Wicker Park Sushi & Seafood Wolfgang Puck Café

Connect to Chicago

Dunkin' Donuts Eli's Cheesecake

Farmers Market

Fresh Attractions

Galileos Bar & Grill

Fresh Market On the Go

Facade's Bar

B9 K15 Н6 023 • B8 H2 B1 C10 L10 **B14 R H10 K1** B4 E9 F20 H14 C19 H5 R B11 C10 F7 H5 • H9 K9 L4 C19 E4 H8 G8 C19 K4

T1 T2 T3

B10 K4 T5

B18 E5 R

B7 K12

SERVICES Shoe Hospital R14 H5 H14 C19 K9

RELAX

Brioche Doree

Starbucks

Ciao Gourmet Market Hilton Hotel

Hudson News & Gifts

Uno Chicago Grill/Pizzeria

Terminal Getaway Spa B12 H1 H6

PRE-SECURITY SHOP, DINE

T1 T2 T3 LL 1

B10 T1 Tunnel C23 F8 K2

Bus/Shuttle Center

*Concessions with extended hours

· Concessions open 24 hr Dunkin' Donuts Fresh Market On the Go C23 McDonald's Н5 B9 E2 K4 Starbucks

Airport Information

Airport Transit System (ATS)

Animal Relief Area Automated Teller Machine

(\$) (ATM)

Baggage Claim **Bus Shuttle Center**

į Chapel **Charging Station**

Dine (Seating Available)

Elevators

Mothers Room **Security Checkpoint**

Taxi, Livery Pick-up Zones, Rental Car Shuttle

Telephones

Ticket Counters

TTY (Teletypewriter)

Yoga Room

C8 E5 R B14 F8 G10 H2

INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL 5 AIRLINES

Aer Lingus AeroMexico

- Air Ber**l**in Air France Air India
- Alaska Airlines Alitalia
- American (international arrivals only)
- ANA Asiana Airlines Austrian Airlines Avianca British Airways Cathay Pacific Cayman Airways China Eastern Copa Airlines
- Delta (Paris, France only for departures and arrivals) Emirates
- Etihad Airways EVA Air Finnair
- Frontier Hainan Airlines
- Iberia Icelandair Interiet
- Japan Airlines (JAL) KLM Royal Dutch Korean Air LOT Polish Airlines
- Lufthansa Qatar Airways Royal Jordanian

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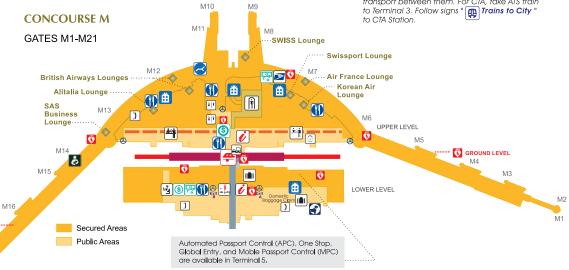
- Spirit Airlines **SWISS**
- Turkish Airlines
- United (international Virgin Atlantic Airways Vo**l**aris

WestJet XTRA Airways

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Please Note:

The International Terminal is separate from Domestic Terminals 1, 2 & 3 and the Airport Transit System (ATS) is the only means of transport between them. For CTA, take ATS train



Animal Relief Area Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Automated External Defibrillator Baggage Claim

Airport Information

Dine (Seating available)

Foreign Currency Exchange Mail Box Drop Location

Elevator

Airport Transit System (ATS) fi 曲)

Mothers Room Relax Rental Car/Hotel Info

Security Checkpoint Shop

Telephones **Ticket Counters**

TTY (Teletypewriter) U.S. Customs & Border Protection

M17 👸

M18

SHOP

Brookstone **Duty Free** Emporio Armani Hudson News & Gift M7

M8

M7

M8

M7

M12

M12

M₁₀

M9. M14

M6, M10/M11,

M14, LL

I Love Chicago Luxury Watches Michael Kors Salvatore Ferragamo Swatch Vosges Haut-Chocolat Xpres Spa

DINE

M7 Big Bowl Hub 51 M₁₀ Kofe Powered by Intelligentsia **M8 RJ Grunts Burgers and Fries** M₁₀ Тоссо M7 Tortas Frontera by Rick Bayless M12 Urban Olive M₁₀ Wow Bao M10

PRE-SECURITY DINE

The Goddess and Grocer UL Hudson News & Gifts LL McDonald's LL LL Nuts on Clark

RELAX

XpresSpa M10







Barista Express
Ben & Jerry's
E@t&Drink.com
Get Snacked
Gold Coast Dogs

Halsted Street Tap Harry Caray's Seventh Inning Stretch

Hudson's Euro Café Illinois Bar & Grill King Wah Express Lalo's Mexican Restaurant

LandingsLet Them Eat Cake

A4a Midway Boulevard A15 A4b Midway Boulevard

A5 Midway Boulevard

Midway Boolevare

Midway Boulevard Midway Boulevard Midway Boulevard Midway Boulevard

Baggage Claim (24 hr) B5 (24 hr), C1 Luigi Stefani Pizzeria Manny's Deli Manny's Express McDonald's Miller's Pub Nuts on Clark

Oak Street Beach Café
Pegasus on the Fly
Potbelly Sandwich Works
Red Mango

Reilly's Daughter Sprigs Taylor Street Market Tuscany Café

RELAX

Mothers Room Yoga Room Midway Boulevard A5

B14 A7, B14 B11

Midway Boulevard B19

Midway Blvd (24 hr) Midway Boulevard B19

Midway Boulevard B14 B14 A7

Concourse C

Concourse C

B SHOP

Aero Mart Chicago Sports Chicago Treasures Discover Chicago George's Music Room Hudsons Booksellers Hudson News & Gifts Kidsworks Life is Good Marketwalk Chicago Relay

Spirit of the Red Horse Viva's Hallmark C1
A5
Midway Boulevard
A5, B17
Midway Boulevard
B8, Midway Boulevard
A11, B19
Midway Boulevard
Midway Boulevard
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Midway Boulevard
A4a, A5,
MDW Blvd, B8, B17
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SERVICES

ATM

Chapel
Get Plugged In (Charging)
Seaway Bank and Trust Co,
Currency Exchange
Shoe Hospital

A1, A5, A10, B12, B20, Midway Blvd, Ticketing, Baggage Claim Concourse C Mezzanine A10, B20, Midway Blvd A1

A5, B12 C1

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VIP ENTRY 5 ADMISSION TICKETS

Shedd Aquarium

Skydeck Chicago

The Field Museum

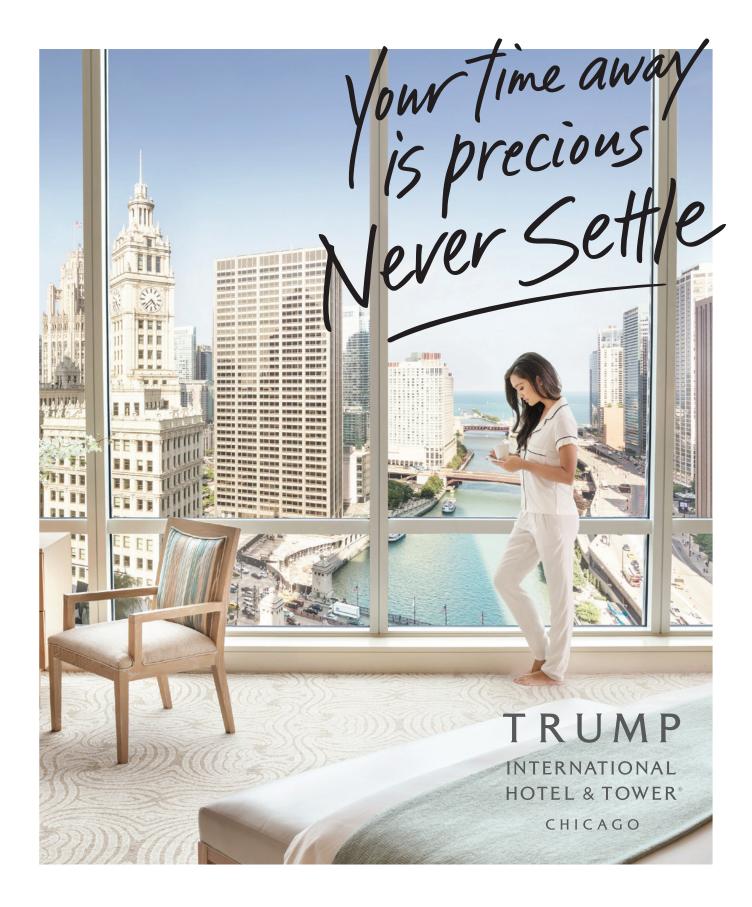
Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

360 CHICAGO (formerly John Hancock Observatory)

Adler Planetarium

Art Institute of Chicago

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